

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time B

August 23, 2015

Part of the Reconciliation program is the song Choices. The children and the parents sing and dance out the letters in a similar way to how we sang and danced with the Village People's song YMCA. It is a fun way to point out that really life is just one choice after another, and making good choices is a responsibility for a good life following Jesus. This week I was privileged to hear Fr Aloysius Mowe SJ, from Jesuit Refugee Services also talking about Choices and how we let our creature comfort zone overrule that sense of responsibility that can cause us to become indifferent and remote from situations that need us to make choices. We can legitimise turning our faces from people who are foreign and different; and places that are over there and out of sight. He illustrated this with pictures of Pope Francis saying Mass, very early in his Papacy, at a place called Lampedusa, the Christmas Island of Europe, calling on the world with God's words to Cain.

**"Where is your brother, your brothers blood is crying out to me."** The gospel today has disciples walking away, they couldn't accept the spirit and life that Jesus was offering. This spirit and life draws us to feel the compassion of Christ, to feel intensely the pain and plight of others, to see, touch and smell our brothers and sisters. It all comes down again to choices; to walk away or to feel that solidarity with our sisters and brothers who have had all choices taken from them. The Pope prayed this .

*Lord we beg forgiveness  
for our indifference to so many of our brothers and sisters.*

*Father, we ask your pardon  
for those who are complacent and closed  
amid comforts which have deadened their hearts.  
We beg your forgiveness for those who by their  
decisions on the global level  
have created situations that lead to these tragedies.  
Amen.*

Marguerite Martin

## **Got some spare time, looking for something to do ????????????**

The parish would welcome one or two volunteers to help maintain the gardens at the front and back of the Parish House and at the side of the church only.

No committee meetings, no schedules or rosters, just turn up when whenever you can. Gardening tools can be organised.

## **Sunday 30th August 2015 is both Migrant and Refugee Sunday and Mission Sunday:**

**Propagation of Faith Appeal** This particular Sunday is a celebration of the dignity of people who are refugees and migrants and the contribution they have made to life in Australia. Praneeti Cyril from Catholic Mission will be speaking at all masses on that day. Praneeti is also a member of our parish community.

**Pastoral Year Student** Benjamin Paka arrived in Australia on 12th August 2015 and will stay until 10th November 2015. Benjamin is from the Solomon Islands and has been working in a parish in Fiji for the past few months. He will be doing similar work here at St Vincent's Ashfield. He will be introduced to the parish community at the 6pm mass on this Sunday 23rd August. Please make him welcome.

## **Expressions of Interest for Parish Pastoral Council**

December will mark the end of the terms of a number of current members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Council is seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who wish to contribute to the leadership and pastoral guidance of the parish. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested in joining the Council, please advise Father Alan or contact the Parish office.

*"My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is."*

## **Is there anyone you could invite?**

We are holding two inquiry sessions for those who are interested in the Catholic Faith. Maybe you have never been baptised, or were baptised Catholic but never brought up in the faith or baptised into another Christian tradition. Maybe you have a catholic partner and/or catholic children and would like to make that step. You would be most welcome to our inquiry nights in the Parish Offices (12 Bland St) on either Wednesday 9 September or Thursday 17 September at 7pm.

Slowly the plans for the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel** are being put into place. This smaller space is ideal for small community worship i.e early morning mass, adoration etc. So far the chapel has been painted, cushions have been made to seat children and the kneelers on the prie-dieu are to be recovered and a small table /altar for Mass and some comfortable chairs sourced.

Since the return of the Stations of the Cross last year a thought had been to make a wall hanging/painting depicting "Resurrection" that would hang behind the tabernacle. It would be very special if this design, in what ever medium, came from our own community. To this end we are asking for submissions re: design from the very talented Ashfield Parish Community, including the Zimbabwean and Polish community, St Vincent's Primary, Bethlehem College or De La Salle College.

You are invited to view the space.

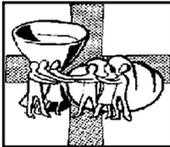
**Catholic Women's League Summer Hill** invites you to a "Reflection Day" on Friday, August 28th at St. Patrick's, Drynan Street, Summer Hill beginning with Mass at 10:00am followed by a Reflection by Sr. Michele Connolly RSJ. BYO lunch. Tea/Coffee supplied. RSVP: Cecily Ristuccia at 9798 5059.

**Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 noon  
 Tuesday 7:00am  
 Wednesday 12 noon  
 Thursday 9:00 am  
 Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am  
 Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am  
 Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass  
**Sunday:** 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm  
 Polish Mass 12 noon

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am  
 Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



Most Reverend Terry Brady DD warmly invites the whole community to attend the **Mention My Name Remembrance Service** 7pm Wed 2 Sept St Mary's Cathedral.

The service will honour and remember the names of those who lost their lives through suicide or misadventure. RSVP Wed 26 August Patricia Thomas 96496423 patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au

**The University of Notre Dame Australia Open Day**

9am-3pm, Saturday 29 August 2015.  
 104 Broadway, Chippendale

Experience life on campus, attend information sessions & workshops, meet academic staff and enjoy free entertainment. **Saturday 29 August 2014, 9am-3pm**, [Broadway](#) and [Darlinghurst](#) Campus. Applications will be accepted on the day.

**2015 YOUNG LASALLIANS CONFERENCE: "GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO DO HIS WORK"**  
*An invitation to all young Lasallians aged 18-35 to come together to explore what it means to be Lasallian today: **From 6.00PM Friday 20 November – 11AM Sunday 22 November, 2015***  
 Keynote addresses, panel, workshops, liturgy & prayer, Conference Dinner and recognition night. To be held in the city of Melbourne, Australia.  
 Conference cost: \$220.00  
 For further information or for a registration form, contact Br Tony Cummins [anthonycummins@delasalle.org.au](mailto:anthonycummins@delasalle.org.au)

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land.

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

**FIRST READING:** We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18)

**PSALM:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Ps 33:2-3, 16-23)

**SECOND READING:** This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:21-32)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life (John 6:60-69)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
 Ps 14:2-5  
 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27  
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23