

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-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time B

October 11, 2015

Reconciliation/confession has gone out of vogue. "But I don't get the opportunity to do any wrong things" is a comment often heard in my discussion circles. It is always said with reason and with a sense of personal justice but it resonates today in the Rich Young Man. So if we don't sin anymore, what more do we have to do to inherit eternal life?

Like the Rich Young Man so often we look at relationship as what I do or what I put in and what I get out. We count the costs and the benefits. Yet in our relationship with God, it is the desire to do God's will that really counts. God's love counts no costs, don't we know how He gave his all. So what is God's will? That we look on each other and creation with His eyes: the look of Jesus was steady and "he loved him." This is the look that our God wants us to apply to our world.

That brings us to the Rich Young Man's problem... his wealth! God blessed his people with wealth, so what Jesus said about discipleship was so radical that it even astounded the apostles. God's desire is that we share all we have with each other, not just give affordable amounts but really join in solidarity and true sharing. It is from this he assures us that we will learn to count our blessings. I was once told that Christianity should be evidenced on our bank statements.

For many of us it is not our wealth that is our stumbling block, it is our time. We struggle with time for all our relationships, but our basis for doing God's Will is always to love God and to love each other, with our model of Love being Jesus.

Marguerite Martin

Brekki Van:

Many thanks to everybody who contributed their time, gifts of food, toiletries and prayers. We had a wonderful day and our friends at Prince Alfred Park were very grateful. *Sinead Kent*

Request for help from Cardinal Freeman

Village The Catholic residents of Cardinal Freeman Village are asking if anyone in the Parish would be willing to come and drive their mini-bus to transport some of the less-mobile people to 9am Mass each Sunday Only an ordinary driver's license is required. If you are able to help please contact Fr. Alan at the Parish Office on 97982501 or email alan@vinash.org.au

Jesus in the Body of Christ

This Sunday we warmly welcome into the Body of Christ our children who are preparing for First Holy Communion. We have over half of the children registered in the program who began their immersion into the Body Christ, through the waters of Baptism, here in St Vincent's! Our promise as the St Vincent's community, the Body of Christ in Ashfield, is to welcome and support the children and their families by prayer and supporting the First Communion preparation. It is through us that the Body of Christ is coloured! For some the Body of Christ is colourless.....it is only through our Word and Deed, our joint purpose that we reveal Jesus alive.

Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee will present this year's financial report at all masses this Sunday.

Mass on Monday 12th October

Mass on Monday 12th October has been changed from 12pm to 9am as Fr. Alan will celebrate the life of Eileen McCole at 11am on that day.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday 12th October at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Parish Men's Group will meet next Tuesday night (October 13th) at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome.

Vincentian Q and A Enquiry Evening

Ever wondered about living in community as a Vincentian Priest or Brother? You are invited to a Vincentian Question and Answer Evening on Wednesday 28th October 2015 from 7pm—8:30pm. Light Supper provided. Please contact Fr. Alan for further details on 0410 894 651 or email alan@vinash.org.au for further details.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Then you would be made most welcome to an inquiry session in the Parish House. This week on **Monday 12th October @ 11am and Wednesday 14th October @ 7pm**. Bring a friend. For further information call Marguerite 9798 2501.

Parishioner Search for Employment

A parishioner is currently working in childcare where she is looking after children from age 0 - 5 yrs. She is currently searching for a weekend baby sitting job or any other available (preferred admin/data entry work). Parishioner has good literacy in computer skill (MS Office) and has Certificates in Working with Children and First Aid. Please contact Fr. Alan if you are able to assist.

St John of the Cross:

Ascent of Mt Carmel & Dark Night of the Soul

Presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre for Christian Spirituality, 14 Frances St Randwick.

Dates: Wednesday's 14,21,28 October & 4,11 November 2015, 7.00-8.30pm. Course Cost:\$50

Limited Spaces- Bookings Essential.

To register: <http://trybooking.com/IVKR> or Ph: 9398 2211

Pastoral Students Parish Visitation

Benjamin Paka, a student from the Solomon Islands who was introduced to the Parish a couple of weeks ago, has expressed interest in doing some visitation around the parish during his stay which will conclude on November 10th. If you would like to receive a visit from him would you please put your name down on the list which is in the foyer of the Church or alternatively contact Fr. Alan on 97982501 or email alan@vinash.org.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 9:00am

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

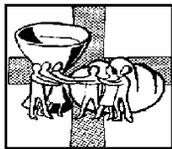
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



Bethlehem College Class of 1995..20 year reunion Friday 16th October 7pm. For all details please go to [www. http://www.trybooking.com/157105](http://www.trybooking.com/157105).

All students and teachers are invited.

Overseas volunteer opportunities

Communities in **East Timor, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa and elsewhere** are asking for volunteers to **assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction.**



They believe **this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development** and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer.

2016 positions close soon! Please contact palms@palms.org.au or call 02 95189551.

A memorial mass to celebrate the life of Tony Adams will take place on Saturday 17th October at Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel at 11am

The Justice and Peace Office is once again hosting the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Gathering

This year's theme is "For those who have come across the seas," from the 2015 National Social Justice Statement about seeking justice for refugees and asylum seekers. The Gathering will feature guest speakers, opportunities to reflect and share experiences, and learn about the work of the Archdiocese and other Catholic organisations and find out about practical steps your parish can take to care for those who have come across the seas.

When: October 17, 10:30 (for 11am start) - 3:30pm

Where: St. Patrick's Parish, 5 Drynan Street Summer Hill

This free event is open to all interested parishioners. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Registration is essential as there is limited seating. To register, email ipoinfo@sydneycatholic.org or contact the Justice and Peace Office on 9307 8465 by Thursday 15 October.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing (Wisdom 7:7-11)

PSALM: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 89:12-17)

SECOND READING: The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart Hebrews 4:12-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me (Mark 10:17-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Isaiah 53:10-11

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20,22

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:45