

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

October 18, 2015

The Gospel fits in well with the start of the program for First Communion. As we look around at the beautiful, young faces, so eager to further their sacramental journey, we can hear the echo of Jesus question.

Can you drink the cup that I must drink?

No doubt all the children will give the answer of the brothers John and James, *We can* with the joyful optimism that surrounds the excitement of preparing for first Holy Communion. This gospel is the reminder that the call to share in Jesus' cup is to share in his life of service. We are the flesh on the Body of Christ, today! For many, Jesus is a shadowy figure out of history, that is celebrated by Christians with quotes like, 'Do unto others as you would have done,' but for true followers of Christ the call to discipleship is enacted and renewed each time we physically encounter Jesus in the bread and wine.

When we respond 'Amen' we are, like James and John, saying, '*We can and we will enter into your life of service O Lord*' There is a beautiful book by Henri J.M.Nouwen, "Can you drink the Cup" which shares some absolutely beautiful reflections upon the symbolism of sharing the cup.

*Drinking the cup of life involves holding, lifting and drinking.
It is the full celebration of being human. Can we hold our life,
lift our life and drink it, as Jesus did.
(Henri Nouwen p21)*

How does this real food and drink affect us? We now are called to be truly part of the living Jesus, sharing with him the demands to bring God's kingdom of justice, equality, and love to each other and beyond.

Marguerite Martin

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The third and final Charitable Works Fund Appeal for the year will take place at all masses on Sunday 2nd November.

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.

Jesus in Holy Communion.

Over the weeks of the first communion preparation we have the focus of where we encounter Jesus in the Mass. Last week we focussed on meeting **Jesus in the Body of Christ**, as together we "flesh out" and make real the person of Jesus to each other and the people we meet.

This week our focus is on meeting **Jesus in Communion.**

This week in our program we have planted some grains of wheat. We are like those grains, with the hope of growth and productivity. It is to the simplest symbol that Jesus gives the most significance. Grains, Flour, Bread; Taken, Blessed, Broken and Shared: to become symbols of our brokenness and his completeness. "This is my body. This is my blood." Jesus physically enters into our lives to feed us, to encourage us and to be with us.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Then you would be made most welcome to an inquiry session in the Parish House. This week on **Monday 19th October @ 11am and Wednesday 21st October evening @ 7pm.** Bring a friend. For further information call Marguerite 9798 2501.

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 on 0410 894 651 or email alan@vinash.org.au for further details.

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.

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

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

Following the success of "Sisters in Glitter" the 6pm Choir in collaboration with the Zimbabwean Australian Catholic Community choir presents:-

An evening of joy and surprise as we celebrate our many voices and the heart that connects us all!

When: Saturday, November 14th, 2015 (7pm- 9pm)

Where: St Vincent's Church, Ashfield

Entry: By donation \$10

PS: All donations received will be used for the enhancement of the music ministry

XIV ORDINARY SYNOD OF BISHOPS, ROME

Canonisation of first couple saints at Synod. On Sunday 18th October, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux. They will be the first spouses in the history of the Church to be canonized as a couple. And let's continue to keep this Synod in our prayers.

Luke's Portrait of Jesus (Day Retreat)

A day to understand and savour the Gospel for 2016

When: Nov 7 from 10am – 4pm

Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, Cost \$20

Deadly Sins (Weekend Retreat)

Presenters: Fr Greg Homeming, OCD and Mr Geoff Stumbles, Cost: \$220 (discounts apply)

When: Nov 13 – Nov 15

At: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566

Ph: 02 8795 3400 or Email: retreats@carmelite.com

Web: www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

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



Marriage Preparation Weekend. Preparing for the vocation of marriage? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for **07 & 08 November 2015**. \$230 per couple. For more information, call **9646 9010** or go to www.caec.com.au
A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime.

Fundraising Concert by talented musicians performing songs of "BUILD ON ROCK" in support of project "Built on Rock of Verbum Dei Missionaries. on November 15, 2015, 3-5pm . At St Therese Parish Hall MASCOT. Tickets are now available through verbumdeisydney@gmail.com or Kylie on 0403 453 620

Reverencing each other

We are used to the entrance procession that usually includes those who will serve the assembly with particular ministries. At St. John's Collegeville in the United States the monks also process into the church. As the procession approaches the sanctuary the monks, two by two, stop, turn and bow to each other and then they bow before the altar. This is a strong reminder to us that we reverence Christ not only at the altar and in the tabernacle but also in each other because we, too are tabernacles- tabernacles of Christ and the Holy Spirit. We gather as the Church in this place, the living sacrament of Christ's Body.

Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have Long life (Isaiah 53:10-11)

PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22)

SECOND READING: Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:14-16)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all (Mark 10:45)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Ps 125

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52