

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**November 15, 2015**

Today the gospel asks us to look for signs of God. This year we have had the phenomenon of blue moons and we are all conversant with eclipses of the moon and planets that darken the land, that let us know of the vast machinations of the universe. How Great is our God! In our community today we have 16 First Communicants, (12 last week). What is the sign for us as these beautiful young people come forward to receive Jesus for the first time...it is the presence of Jesus within our community feeding us and leading us to bring about the kingdom in our world! Congratulations to the families who in faith have brought their children to this day, many thanks to the generosity of Sinead Kent and Sarah Bluestone who have facilitated small groups. Congratulations to all our first communicants and their families.

Jonas and Scarlett Cook. (8am)

Rachael Misquitta, Josephine Lasia, Seamus Giveen, Jacinta Lazum, Jairus Redugerio, Maxene Ocampo, Sophie and Nicholas Andreacchio, Gianluca Da

Pozzo, April Moar and Lloyd Mussap. (10am)

Melissa Cunanan, John Matthew Austria and Christina Pell. (6pm) *Marguerite Martin*

Two thousand years later we no longer have an expectation of the immediate end of the world—except in science fiction. But we can certainly live in expectation and awareness of God's presence in our lives. We can live each day alert to discovering God just around the corner. How will I meet God today? Will it be in the face of an upset child? The listening ear of a friend? The unwanted interruption to my plans? The quiet reflective moment in my day? God comes to us in so many various ways—if we can read the signs. The ancient world looked to cosmic signs to announce God's coming, but Jesus' parable of the lowly fig tree suggests we look to the ordinary

## Sydney Alliance Training

The next 2 day training session for the Sydney Alliance will take place on 9-10 December at Settlement Services International Ashfield (2/158 Liverpool Road, Ashfield NSW 2131). This training represents a wonderful opportunity to acquire some skills in the area of community organization. Please contact Fr. Alan Gibson on [alan@vinash.org.au](mailto:alan@vinash.org.au) or go to the Sydney Alliance website [www.sydneyalliance.org.au](http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au) for further details.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Monday 16th November at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

## Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Then you would be made most welcome to an inquiry session in the Parish House. This week **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November evening at 7pm**. Bring a friend. For further information call Marguerite 9798 2501.

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,194.95** so if you still want to make a donation, please place your donation in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and place it either on the collection plate or drop it in the Parish office.

## Catechists/Scripture Teachers

Part of the Parish responsibility is to support Catholic parents to bring their children up in faith and community. We do that in varied ways. One of the ways is to visit the children in the local Public schools during Scripture time. Many beautiful friendships have been forged this way. Would you like to join our very happy band of Catechists/Scripture teachers who visit Ashfield Public School and Ashfield Boys High in 2016? We particularly need High School catechists as well relief catechists.

It really is a rewarding ministry. Ashfield Boys is once a fortnight on Thursday midday for forty minutes and Ashfield Public every Wednesday at 2:10pm for half an hour.

Please pray and consider whether you are called to do this Special Ministry.

**Fr. Alan** will be away on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November and will be back on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

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**Columban Calendar for \$9.00 and Catholic Weekly for \$2.00 available at the back of the church.**

**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

**People’s Climate March—Sunday Afternoon  
29 November 2015, Sydney CBD**

Have you been inspired by Pope Francis and his teachings in Laudato Si’? Now is the time to stand with the Catholic community and show you care. As world leaders meet in Paris for the COP21 climate summit, you are invited to gather in Australia walk alongside millions of people in hundreds of major cities around the world. By marching together we will show that we want an end to fossil fuels and a planned transition to 100% renewable energy. For more information & to sign up today visit [www.catholicearthcare.org.au/](http://www.catholicearthcare.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.

**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

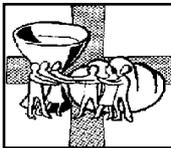
**Sunday:** 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



**I Need Your Help!**

**CAKE WRAPPING**

- Advent is a special time of PREPARATION for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.
- It is a time for us to PREPARE our homes, our families, food, gifts, cards and OURSELVES!
- What May I suggest....have you planned for your personal journey to Christmas this year?

*The CANA Community in companionship with Jesus and inspired by His Gospel, recognises the unique and mysterious value and beauty of each person.*

*Cana Constitutions.*

*Their focus is on people who are most in need, who are suffering from loneliness, mental illness, addictions, homelessness and other factors which alienate them within society. Those with the fewest options and who are most alienated are our special care.*

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**On Tuesday 17th November — All Day!**

I will be organising a great Cake Wrapping Day for the CANA Community. There is NO COST to you, your family or the school. I am just asking for you to DONATE YOUR TIME!

- We have 5 boxes of 16 cakes which need to be wrapped in brown paper and ribboned. All that comes as part of the deal and a sample to follow.
- One box of 16 cakes takes a small group 1.5 hours approximately.

You are invited to come anytime between 8 and 5 - just call Sinead on 0420653637

**Annual Mass Reunion — St. Vincent’s Westmead Old Boys Association.** Members of the association are invited to the Annual Mass and reunion. **Sunday, 22 November 2015, 11:30am** at Sacred Heart Church, 14 Ralph Street, Westmead followed by a BBQ lunch @12:30pm. Enquiries: Christine McGee at 0400 881 779.

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**FIRST READING:** When that time comes your own people will be spared (Daniel 12:1-3)

**PSALM:** Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope (Ps 15:5, 8-11)

**SECOND READING:** By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** He shall gather his elect from the four winds (Mark 13:24-32)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



**Next Sunday’s Readings**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Daniel 7:13-14**

**Ps 92:1-2, 5**

**Revelation 1:5-8**

**John 18:33-37**