

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

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Last weekend the world was in shock! We are desperate for good world leadership. Beirut, once known as the Paris of the Middle East was attacked by two fanatics killing over 41 innocents going about their daily lives; and Paris, the city of love and liberty, was attacked in three places, planned attacks, again of 129 ordinary people just going about their lives. How this made our blood boil! Those who held the guns and took lives became so extremely *other* to us. ...and a whole sense of '*who are these people?*' who have declared themselves our enemy.

Today we celebrate Christ the King! It sounds like a most triumphant feast for the Ruler of the World. Really our notions of Kingship are formed by visits from royalty to our shores; royal jets, big cars whisking royal couples to special events, big hats, speeches etc. Royalty is so far removed from our lives, rarely speaking out on things that truly matter. But what of the kingship of Christ? and how does he rule? and especially how does he rule for us Christians through this time of atrocities and terrorism. "*Mine is not a kingdom of this world.... I am a king....I came into this world for this: to bear witness to the truth....*" Jesus' witness to truth was to love us to death and that everybody matters, absolutely. There is no them and us. It is He who washed the feet of all his apostles and then shared His hospitality at the table, with the knowledge of the ones who were to betray him and deny him. This is the witness to the truth of God's kingdom and the nature of the King of the Universe!

*Marguerite Martin*

### The First Communion Celebrations

After 5 frantic weeks of First Communion groups, sharing food and memories, making special bread, praying for others and generally remembering the hospitality of God; wheat growing, flour making, grape squeezing, altar cloth making and practising ALL our 4 First Communion ceremonies were very special. Thank you to our parent body who accompanied their children to this special day. We thank all the musicians who enhanced these celebrations. We also thank Sinead Kent and Sarah Bluestone from St. Vincent's School who freely gave of their own time to participate in our Parish program. Also, thank you Fr. Alan who called in to most the groups and shared in the activities but most of all thank you to the 28 wonderful children whose excitement was contagious. Already I have seen 2nd and 3rd communions!!!

**PARISH STAFF:** *Fr. Alan Gibson CM*  
*Carmen Yap*

### Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$440** 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.

### Ashfield St. Vincent De Paul Hamper Giving

The Conference is again giving hampers to those who need for Christmas. People can donate items of non perishable food and gifts towards the hampers by placing them under the Christmas tree a the front of the church from Sunday 29th onwards.

### Ashfield St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards

The Conference will be selling Christmas cards at all Masses on Sunday 29th November. Cost is \$5 per pack of 10 cards.

### 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.

All parishioners are invited to a  
**THANK YOU PARTY**  
at the parish office on  
**THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
at 7:00pm

**FOR SALE!**

Columban Calendar for \$9.00,  
Frankly Magazine for \$3, Blue books  
for \$5 and Catholic Weekly for \$2.00  
available at the back of the church.

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## Parish Plan Update — Draft Vision & Mission Statements

As Part of preparing a draft Parish Plan, the Parish Pastoral Council has prepared the following draft vision and mission statements. Comment is now sought from the broader Parish. The vision statement aims to capture the essence of the Parish, with the mission statement seeking to encapsulate what the Parish does and hopes to do.

Anyone with any comment or feedback is encouraged to contact Fr. Alan or the Parish office.

### Draft Vision Statement

*We, the parish community of St. Vincent's, with a genuine sense of belonging, strive to follow the example of Christ and spread the Vincentian spirit throughout the Ashfield district.*

### Draft Mission Statement

*Our mission is to:*

- *nurture and enrich Catholic values within the St. Vincent's faith community;*
- *encourage and promote a connected, inclusive and welcoming parish; and*
- *Embolden and empower the faith community to respond to the needs of our parish and the wider community.*

### Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon  
Tuesday 7:00am  
Wednesday 12 noon  
Thursday 9:00 am  
Friday 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

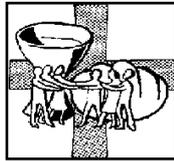
**Sunday:** 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

### Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

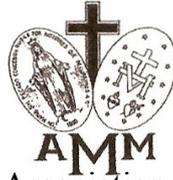
Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

## Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal



This is an important feast for the Vincentian Family, although not celebrated in the universal Church.

Members of the Miraculous Medal Association invite parishioners to JOIN WITH THEM for the celebration of Mass on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** and to a morning tea in the parish office immediately following Mass. To assist anyone who may wish to undertake an at-home retreat, during the week prior to the feast, a handout is available at the front entrance to the church.

Also, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the Annual AMM Mass to celebrate the feast of the manifestation of the Miraculous Medal to a Daughter of Charity, St. Catherine Laboure, will take place at 10am at St. Anthony's Church, Marsfield. This will be followed by morning tea in the parish hall. Any parishioners wishing to attend this gathering also, can be assured of a very warm welcome by AMM members at Ashfield.

The **6pm Choir** would like to thank all those who helped make the One Heart Many Voices concert last Saturday evening such a success.

However from the Parish perspective we would like to thank the 6pm Choir, including the children, youth and Zimbabwean choirs, for such an engaging concert that displayed the dedication and talent that they always so freely share with us. The music, the singing, the lighting and sound, the hospitality (great to have our wonderful men's group who always make themselves available for the BBQ) and the general friendly ambience was outstanding! Thank you for the gift!

*Thank you to all parishioners who assisted in the most elegant wrapping of Christmas cakes to assist the Cana community Christmas fund raising. We wrapped 400 cakes! Sinead Kent*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING:** His sovereignty is eternal (Daniel 7:13-14)

**PSALM:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Ps 92:1-2. 5)

**SECOND READING:** The ruler of the kings of the earth....made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God (Revelation 1:5-8)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** You say that I am a king (John 18:33-37)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



### Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday of Advent  
Year C

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36