

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.  
12 Bland Street, Ashfield 2131 www.vinash.org.au E-mail vinstaff@vinash.org.au  
Phone: 9798 2501; 9798 2503 (for urgent matters 0410 894 651) Fax: 9798 2504  
Parish Office Hours: 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**January 24, 2016**

***Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil. Graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.***

In the previous translation this prayer asks to free us from all anxieties, but include in that all our insecurities that freeze us from being the person of the kingdom of Hope. There are so many fears, fear of getting involved, fear of being tired, fear of having no time for self. Just imagine if **safe from all distress** what peace could be achieved for the kingdom. We have the assured Hope of Jesus. Jesus our hope, today gives his Mission statement, what is being fulfilled today even as we listen. His Mission is to turn our world upside down. To restore justice and bring peace to the oppressed and down trodden. It is the Mission of the Hopeful to the Other not to the self.

The Work of Christmas.

"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers  
To make music in the heart."

*Howard Thurman*

## **The Archbishop Fisher OP Syrian Refugee Appeal**

The Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP Syrian Refugee Appeal is the official appeal of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It's an opportunity for all Catholics to respond generously to the needs of Syrian refugees fleeing persecution. If you can offer support, large or small, please call the appeal hotline on 1800 690 302 or visit catholiccare.org/Syria.

## **On Sale at the Back of the Church**

- FRANKLY magazine is a high quality, 128 page book, covering various topics to celebrate the big and small ways each of us can live life better maybe and doing that, make the world a merciful, generous and peaceful place — \$3.00
- Catholic Weekly — \$2.00

**Mass on Tuesday 26th January**  
will take place at **9:00am** instead of  
the usual time of 7:00am.

**Liturgy Meeting** A Liturgy Meeting to prepare for Lent and Easter will take place in the Parish Meeting Rooms on Thursday 4th February from 7pm-8.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

## **Lenten Groups**

We have all seen them! The Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs in the supermarkets! Well it's not as ridiculous as it may first look as Ash Wednesday will be here in a couple of Weeks ...February 10. We have ordered a special program this Lent that has an emphasis on the Year Of Mercy. We encourage you to get together with some friends....if not friends to start with, they will be after a few weeks, either in your homes or in some Parish space. Involvement sheet will be at the back of the church next week!

***Dear friends, once again I thank you for all the prayers and messages of support. I will need your prayers for some months to come but I am pleased to say that I have started walking again and am making several other improvements. This is due to the excellent care that I am receiving here at St Vincent's and the power of your loving prayers. Please ask God not just for healing but also for patience, courage and hope. I miss you all.***

**Archbishop Anthony**



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

Marguerite Martin

## Vinnies Brekki Van Donations

An enormous thank you to everyone who has contributed for the **BREKKI** Van so far.

If anyone would still like to contribute for our final BV on **January 30th**, the following items would be terrific:

Bacon  
Sausages  
Eggs  
Poppers  
Cereal  
Bread  
Milk

I will give a final round up of St. Vincent's contribution in February, it has been an awesome response.

Many thanks,  
Sinead  
0420 653 637

A **parishioner** is looking for a permanent part-time house cleaner for at least one day a week. She would prefer a more mature lady to fill the position. If suitable, this could become a permanent role. Please contact her mobile number at 0438 409 121.

### Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon  
Tuesday 9:00am  
Wednesday 12 noon  
Thursday 9:00am Mass

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

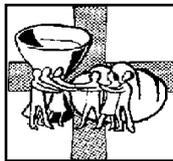
**Sunday**: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

### Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



## Celebrating Australia Day at the Cathedral

St. Mary's Cathedral will celebrate Australia Day 2016 with a host of activities, including: Organ Recitals; Light Opera Recitals; Guided History Tours; Crypt Tours and a Harp Recital. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon to pray for the God's blessing on all Australians. Tours and Recitals are free. ALL WELCOME. For more information please ring 9220 0440.

### Preparing For The Vocation of Marriage?

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for **6 & 7 February 2016**, \$250 per couple. For more information, ring **9646 9010** or go to [www.caec.com.au](http://www.caec.com.au). \*A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime\*

### Position Vacant - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Applications are being considered for position of Manager, Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office. Further information about this role can be viewed on [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055. Applications close Friday, 5 February 2016.

### Communion is eating and drinking

*The Eucharist is a special meal where we eat and drink in memory of the death and resurrection of Christ. Wine is always shared at special meals and Jesus spoke of such celebratory meals as a foretaste of the joy of heaven. The wine is Christ's blood poured out for us. To drink from the one cup is a powerful sign, not just of the unity in the Body that communion brings but that all our suffering becomes Christ's holy sacrifice. When we drink we are challenged to reach out to the suffering Christ in the poor and lonely, the sick and frail—especially at this time of the year. Each Sunday Christ invites us to drink from the cup of salvation. Are we prepared to share the cup of suffering and joy with our sisters and brothers?*

*Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ*

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.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**FIRST READING:** They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read (Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10)

**PSALM:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life (Ps 18:8-10, 15)

**SECOND READING:** Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it (1 Corinthians 12:12-30)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** The scriptures were fulfilled on this day (Luke 1:1-4; 14-21)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Look forward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



### Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time C

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17

1 Corinthians 12:31 –13:13

Luke 4:21-30