

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

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The small-town people of Nazareth thought they had Jesus pigeon-holed. He was Joseph's son, an artisan, a carpenter! They had given him an identity with which they could cope, with which they could feel comfortable.

But, each of us has an identity far, far, deeper than can be seen by those who think they have known us forever. The life project is to discern the identity willed for you for me, by our creator, from all eternity.

God speaks to me, God speaks to you, as he spoke to Jeremiah:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you came to birth I consecrated you. I have appointed you as..." As what? To do what?

Some of you have discovered the **what** of your identity desired by God. Some of you have suppressed that identity, know it in your heart, and are sad. Some of you are still searching. The fact is, that you are not made in the imagination of other people. You are made as a particular and unique image of God.

Try to discern this by reading the gospels and by being open to the bountiful mercy of God to heal, to liberate and to love.

God is speaking through his Holy Word:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you came to birth I consecrated you. I have appointed you as..." As? That is the question!
Fr Michael Tate

Ashfield's Senior Citizen 2016

Congratulations to our own Sheila Gooding for being the Ashfield Senior Citizen 2016. These honours are not given lightly and we share in the reflected glory of one of our own parishioners being honoured in this way. Sheila doesn't think her ability to quietly lend a hand is all that marvellous and has said " like Mary Mackillop... if I see a need I just do something about it!" Nominated for the Young Citizen of the Year was John Egurolla. Congratulations!!!!

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.

The **Evening Ashfield Charismatic Prayer Group** wish to advise that they will resume at 7:30pm this coming Monday 1st February at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All parishioners welcome.

Catechist Meeting and Lunch - 2 February @ midday in Parish Office.

Next Tuesday, the catechists of this Parish will meet to plan the year ahead, over lunch. Anyone who would like to be involved, even as a relief catechist, come along and join us.

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.



BAPTISMS

Saturday, 6th February 2016

ARTHUR KEVIN LITTLE
DANIEL QUIACHON

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

10th FEBRUARY 2016

There will be 2 Masses in the parish for Ash Wednesday, 12 noon (midday), 6:30 pm and 9:00am at Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel.



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!

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.

Archdiocese Of Sydney App – Update Now Available. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. An updated version is now available please download the new version of the App for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAYS 2016 at St Benedict’s Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Tel: 9653 1159. **Sundays: 21 February, 15 May, 21 August and 20 November.** Arrival: 10am for 10:30am. Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Conclusion: around 3pm. Books and CDs are available for sale, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self-catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry on 0438 282 318. Enquires: Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com or **9498 2625**

Parish Masses this week:

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



A lay Ursuline associate group, The Companions of St Angela, invite you to participate in their 2016 program ‘A Serviam response to Pope Francis’ encyclical letter *Laudato Si’*. The first session for 2016 will be Thursday 18th February from 5-6.30 pm at Ashbury. If you would like to participate, but the time or day does not suit, you may like to suggest an alternative. It may be possible to convene a second group.

Email for reflection materials and further information: info@stursulaskingsgrove.catholic.edu.au

YOUTH MINISTRY EQUIPPING SCHOOL /24 - 28 FEBRUARY, CANBERRA Are you aged between 18- 40 and searching for an adventure in 2016? If so, then join us for the Youth Ministry Equipping School. This 4-day live in school calls young people from across Australia and overseas to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Short term missions available to PNG, Fiji, Nth QLD & Bali! Be renewed in your own faith, equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith – you won’t regret it – it’s an adventure! Email Sr Therese for more info therese.mgl@gmail.com

PREPARING FOR THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places available for **14 & 15 May** and **27 & 28 Aug**, \$250 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

Bread breaking
Do you know why the priest breaks the bread during the communion rite? This is an important symbol. We bring the bread that becomes the sacrifice of Christ. It is broken so that it can be shared. This is a strong reminder that we though many are one body fed and formed by the Body of Christ. Therefore the bread should be large enough so that at least some of us can share in this one sacrifice. This was such a significant sign in the early Church that many Christian communities called the Mass ‘the Breaking of the Bread’.
 Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ

- On Sale at the Back of the Church**
- FRANKLY magazine — \$3.00
 - Catholic Weekly — \$2.00

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: I have appointed you as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19)

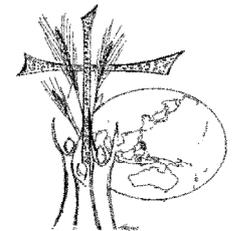
PSALM: I will sing of your salvation (Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17)

SECOND READING: There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: They left everything and followed him (Luke 4:21-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



Next Sunday’s Readings
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C
 Isaiah 6:1-8
 Ps 137:1-5, 7-8
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Luke 5:1-11