

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

February 7, 2016

“Put out into the deepwater and let down your nets for a catch”

Peter followed that command and rich abundance followed. The command was to go out into the deep. The deep is the area where you either sink or swim. It is the place where the most effort has to be put in to keep your head above the water. It is out of the comfort area near the shore.

Peter and his journey with the Lord always reflects a little of my own journey. Peter is the flawed humanity that Jesus chooses. Peter wasn't in the crowd that was following Jesus, he was a casual bystander...and yet it was to Peter Jesus asks for support, with the boat firstly and then with this miracle of abundance. He calls Peter to repeat this going into the 'deep' and catching people to draw them in to God's love.

So where is the deep around here? And are you ready to put out into the deep with Jesus aboard?

We have a brilliant team of catechists who do this regularly on our behalf. With Christ on board they step out into the local State schools to drop the nets. They have answered Jesus command by giving the most precious commodity... time, to serve the catholic children in the local state schools. Like fishing it can be hard work, but with Jesus the catch is abundant!

Thank you to Mary Hudson, Jessica Manganaro, Teresa Horvath, Tania Fernandes John Kinnear, Marc Tapson and Lorna De Jesus for accepting the challenge of the Deep!

Marguerite Martin

The Little Black Book Six-minute reflections on the weekday Gospels of Lent, available at the back of the church for \$5.00.



Gong Xi Fa Cai

Gong Hey Fat Choy



To all Parishioners who are celebrating Chinese Lunar New Year....Best wishes and have a prosperous and good year!!!

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.

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.



St Vincent's Primary School will attend the 12pm on Wednesday 10th February (Ash Wednesday) and will prepare the music and take up the offertory on that day.



Miraculous Medal Novena Mass Saturday 13th February

9:00am Mass Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Monday 15th February at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Parish Finance Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th February at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

LENT: Getting things into perspective. At those times in our lives when we experience the death of someone who is dear to us or face our own imminent death, it takes only a moment to realise what really matters in life. That is what Lent is about. It is about getting things into perspective. It is a time to focus on what it is that is really worth living for, on what life is about and where we are heading. Part of this can be joining with others to deeply reflect on God's word in a Lenten group. At the back of the church we have a few options for Lenten groups. It's not too late to join.

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PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

LEARN TO DANCE.... We teach a range of Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop & Modern Dance to suit all ages from 3 years to adults & all levels of dance.

NEW: Adult Ballroom Class Tuesday 7:00pm

BEGINNERS MOST WELCOME!

Term Commencing: Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th February 2016

Time: Classes Tues + Wednesday from 3.45pm

Where: Club Ashfield Auditorium

2nd Floor Charlotte Street, Ashfield & St. Vincent's Parish Hall: Bland St., Ashfield

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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

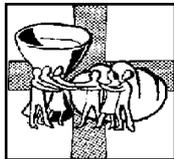
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



POSITION VACANT: The Parishes of Balmain and Rozelle are inviting applications from suitably qualified persons interested in taking on the role of Housekeeper/Cook. This is a casual position and will be based between the Balmain or Rozelle parishes. Please contact the **Parish Support Team** on **9390 5233** or parish.support@sydneycatholic.org for further information. Applications close: **Monday, 22 February 2016**. Only candidates with the right to work in Australia may apply for this position.

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.

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

Liturgical time

The church has its own calendar of feasts and seasons. You may have noticed the Christmas season has ended and now we are back to the Sundays of Ordinary Time. This is a strange title for a season that is anything but ordinary. Ordinary in church terms comes from the word 'ordered', and it marks the way we order our days in relation to beginning of the week, the day of the Lord that commemorates his resurrection and our gift of salvation. Each Sunday we gather in thanksgiving as Christ's body to celebrate the gift of life made possible by God's graciousness.

Sr. Carmel Pilcher R SJ

On Sale at the Back of the Church

- FRANKLY magazine — \$3.00
- Catholic Weekly — \$2.00

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Here I am! Send me (Isaiah 6:1-8)

PSALM: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Ps 137:1-5, 7-8)

SECOND READING: I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: They left everything and followed him (Luke 5:1-11)

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

First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13