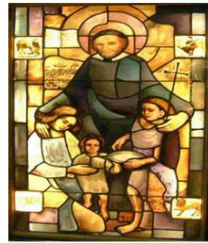


# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

May 29, 2016

On this feast, the Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, we celebrate the gift given so freely to us, to support and nourish us, and to connect us so completely with each other and with our God. The beauty of God's gift became so much more to me one day when I was a Minister of the Eucharist. You see it was the hands that came forward to receive communion that I was drawn to. The old and gnarled, the young and podgy, the smooth and elegant, with the variants of the colours of the skin; all reaching out in a commonness of purpose to receive Jesus. This is the communion with each other. To the arthritic hands, I am, in my communion, with you and share your pain. To the young hand, I, in my communion, share in the responsibility of your faith foundations. To the worn out, calloused hand, I am, in communion with you as you work for your families. And so on! As we reach to receive Jesus into us we become more like him and we are given the building block to build the kingdom of God. Our greatest challenge!

The beauty of the hands embodies that aspect of the *action* of Eucharist. This is the meal that was given to nourish and support *action* and no other part of our body can do what hands do, they can break and make, caress and care, they can reach and give, they can share and serve. By our communion with each other we leave our Eucharist reflecting not our individuality... but Jesus in action.

**Marguerite Martin**

### Before and After School Care

I am pleased to advise that the Parish will be offering a contract to Extend for Before and After School Care commencing from the beginning of 2017. This service will be offered to families who have children at St Vincent's Primary School from Kindergarten to Year 6 in 2017. The contract will be signed in Term Three and a meeting with parents planned for Term 4.

**Fr. Alan**

### St Vincent De Paul Ashfield Winter Appeal

Will take place at all masses Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Envelopes will be placed on the seats for people who wish to contribute to this appeal. Thank you for your support.

### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the Charitable Works Fund Appeal.

We came very close to making our target.

### Eat, Talk, Listen

Join us for fellowship at Men's Breakfast organised by menALIVE the National Catholic Ministry for men. This breakfast will take place on Saturday 4th June from 8am-9.30am at St Joseph's Enfield Parish hall (enter via Baker Street). The theme is "Fathers Matter- being a better Dad." The guest speaker is Robert Falzon acclaimed author, successful businessman and the founder of menALIVE. The cost is \$20.00 at the door or \$15.00 early bird registration. To register please email [sydneycatholicmen@outlook.com](mailto:sydneycatholicmen@outlook.com) or text Kevin 0470284590. Please contact either Stephen on 0412667657 or George on 0407927787.

### Sydney Alliance Table Talks

Will take place in the Parish Meeting Rooms on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 5pm -7pm and 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 7pm-9pm. A presentation and conversation will take place on the plight of Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

### Reconciliation Sunday

This Sunday is Reconciliation Sunday and we will be installing the very beautiful Aboriginal Cross that has been gifted to us. The Cross has this inscription from the artist Vicki Clarke upon it.

***Aboriginal people share the suffering of Jesus and hope for true reconciliation.***

As we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood, we know that we are not complete and whole as the Body of Christ unless we stand together to right injustice.

In this year of Mercy, we pray for true Reconciliation.

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. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

## The Parish of St Columba, North Leichhardt

Is looking for a part-time Parish Secretary to work 15 hours over three days each week. For further information please contact Caroline Hill on 0400 790 312 or Email: [caroline@carolinehill.com.au](mailto:caroline@carolinehill.com.au)

### **Pilgrimage Of Mercy St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door.**

"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life". Pope Francis. Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. For more information see [www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy).

### **CANONISATION OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF KOLKATA** with Father Terry Bell.

In the Jubilee Year of Mercy the Archdiocese of Sydney with Domus Australia are offering a 7-night Rome Pilgrimage **30 August – 06 September 2016** to attend the Canonisation of Mother Teresa priced from \$1,990 pp twin share plus airfare. For full details of the Holy Doors, tours and other inclusions phone 1800 753 959 or [www.romepilgrimages.com](http://www.romepilgrimages.com).

#### **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



### **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**FIRST READING:** Melchizedek brought bread and wine. (Genesis 14:18-20)

**PSALM:** You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 109:1-4)

**SECOND READING:** Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 11: 23-26)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** They all ate and were filled. (Luke 9:11-17)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### **FR. RONALD ROLHEISER OMI IN SYDNEY.**

Catalyst for Renewal warmly invites you to join Fr. Ronald Rolheiser in Sydney as he presents two topics: "*Seeking Mature Discipleship and Beyond*" and "*Carrying Ecclesial Tensions Today.*" Fr Ron, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, is a popular speaker with an international reputation. Saturday, **2 July 2016.** Doors open 9:00 am, First Session 10:10 am, Concludes at 2:00 pm. The Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney (alongside St Mary's Church). BYO Lunch. Morning/Afternoon Tea Provided. Tea/Coffee Available. Entry: \$15 per head. Tickets available via [www.trybooking.com/195424](http://www.trybooking.com/195424) or **02 9990 7003** or Email: [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au)

### **3D MOVIE INVITE.**

The Sydney Archdiocese is hosting screenings of the new movie '**St Peter's and the Papal Basilicas of Rome 3D**' at the Dendy Theatre Circular Quay on **20 June** at **1pm and 3pm**. Tickets available in advance at \$10 each by phoning **1800 753 959**. (Please Note: Tickets cannot be purchased directly from the cinema).

### **DATES FOR DIARY**

**29th May** Reconciliation Sunday.  
**19th June (10am)** Ashfield Council and Bethlehem Ex Students.  
**21st August (10am)** Club Ashfield Annual Mass.

### **THE ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING**

is on again, with expert speakers and practitioner-lead workshops, this enjoyable day will be on caring for creation and caring for our common home. Come along and learn how you could be living Laudato Si'. Renew old acquaintances, meet new friends and enjoy the great tucker! Registration essential.

**When: Saturday, 4 June, 2016**

**Time: 10:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Where: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick Street, Leichardt North.**

Cost: FREE, including the lunch and refreshments provided. **For more information and to register** go to [www.justiceandpeace.org.au](http://www.justiceandpeace.org.au) or call **9307 8465**.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1 Kings 17: 17-24**

**Psalm 29:2,4-6,11-13**

**Galatians 1:11-19**

**Luke 7:11-17**