

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C**

**June 26, 2016**

***Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.***

This troubling and stark quote from the gospel today echoes both that great sense of loneliness and yet that sense of blinkered purpose that Jesus had on the road to Jerusalem, before he is *to be taken up to heaven*. This last week was dedicated to Refugee Week... a week to focus on what it is to have nowhere to lay your head and that sense of focus; for safety and freedom, shrouded with a sense of loneliness and mistrust. The theme for this Refugee Week was "With courage let us all combine". Taken from the second verse of the national anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees. During this last week we had occasion to listen to that struggle from an asylum seeker from Afghanistan, who spoke to us during the Table Talks in the Hall. He spoke of his immense fear of losing his life especially after his father, the doctor, was taken by the Taliban never to be seen again and his brother was beheaded. His mother organised for his escape and even when the odds were explained to her that he may not survive the arduous and dangerous journey, she gave her all to pay for it because the odds were better for his survival than staying. The story left all that heard it feeling inadequate. It has occurred to me, that like the disciples who were called, we all need to change priorities from our busyness to what really matters, if we truly follow Jesus. Spending time on revenge and stewing on disappointments is not going to make the vision of the way forward clearer. Fussing over what is not life giving also is not the answer. We are called to bring the kingdom to all. The kingdom of God does not stop at borders or religions or those who are different to us. We know everyone matters, absolutely. Jesus came to give life and that is also what we are called to do.

Marguerite Martin

**Vinnies' Winter Appeal** Thank you to all parishioners who donated to this year's St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. For those who haven't donated and would like to, contributions can be left in the Poor Box at the front entrance of the Church.

## **New planned giving envelopes for July 2016 to June 2017**

Are now ready for collection in the church foyer. Planned giving envelopes from 231 to 245 (for financial year end July 2015 to June 2016) has now been given new numbers.



## **BAPTISMS**

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016**

CONNOR PATRICK MACKIN  
NICOLAS MICHEAL GRIMA  
RIVER BYRON PUANCO  
YANNA MILLEN MABULAY

## **Studies in Caring for the Elderly**

I have some information regarding courses in relation to Caring for the Elderly from Holy Family Services in Marayong. Please see me if you are interested. **Fr. Alan**

## **Profiling.....Children's Liturgy 10am Mass**

What is Children's Liturgy?

The children assemble with their leader bringing their candle and the Children's Book of the Gospels just before the first reading. They leave with our blessings to hear the readings and respond meaningfully with a more age appropriate discussion or activity.

Who can join?

Any child who would like to take part! Parents are most welcome to accompany their child. Parent's, Grandparents, Friends are encouraged to be part of this faith sharing with the youngest members of our Community.

For any further information Sinéad 0420 653 637

## **Bird proofing of St Vincent's Ashfield Church**

A few months ago I announced that we had received funding from the State Government to bird-proof the front of our Parish Church. This work will now commence in the holidays on Monday 4th July. It is anticipated the work will only take a few days and there will be no disruption to our weekday masses. **Fr. Alan**

**First Reconciliation.** First Reconciliation preparation starts on the 28 and 29 June .

**HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL** This is an annual appeal which will be held next weekend. Through this appeal you will be joining our beloved Pope Francis in his mission to deliver corporal works of mercy to where they are needed the most anywhere in the world. Please consider giving your generous support. Thank you.

## DATES FOR DIARY

**25 July (9.15am)** St. Vincent's Primary School Grandparents Day Mass.

**21st August (10am)** Club Ashfield Annual Mass.

**18th September(10am)** St. Vincent's Feast Day.

### **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. Monte Sant Angelo, Miller Street, North Sydney (down the hill a little). 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)

### **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**  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:00pm  
Friday 9:00am Communion Service.  
Sunday 9:00am



## **Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows**

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Terence Brady. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with: Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org). Registered couples celebrating 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

## **PROCLAIM 2016 early bird registration ends 27 June.**

This national conference on parish evangelisation hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay will run from **1-3 September** at Chatswood. The theme, '**On a Mission of Mercy: Evangelising Parishes**', embraces the challenge of Pope Francis for the joyful and pastoral conversion of our parishes, so that our practices, resources, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world (Evangeli Gaudium 27). Keynote speakers include **Cardinal Donald Wuerl** of Washington, **Bishop Nicholas Hudson** of Westminster and **Dr Susan Timoney** from Washington. Program details and early bird registration at: [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au).

## **ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2016.**

You are invited to join a Jewish-Christian-Muslim conversation on **Hate Speech and Violence** at the Abraham Conference 2016 from **2.30pm - 6.00pm on Sunday, 21 August** at Parramatta Mission Fellowship Hall, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta. Cost: \$20.00 can be paid online or at the door.

For **enquiries** contact: [abrahamconf2016@gmail.com](mailto:abrahamconf2016@gmail.com). Register online at: <http://bit.ly/1WyWYC1>.

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.

## **Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**READING:** Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant. (1 Kings 19:16, 19-21)

**PSALM:** You are my inheritance, O Lord. (Ps 15:1-2,5,7-11)

**SECOND READING:** My brothers, you were called to freedom. (Galatians 5: 1, 13-18)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! **Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go. (Luke 9:51-62)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



### Next Sunday's Readings

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 66:10-14  
Psalm 65:1-7,16,20  
Galatians 6:14-18  
Colossians 3:15,16