

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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

**July 10, 2016**

So who is my neighbour? We all have it, that line that we are uncomfortable to cross. You know the one. Us and people like us; and them, the others; who ever they are for you. We have that way of demonising the other for strange behaviour, strange appearance, strange customs, maybe strange demands; so not us! So is my neighbour 'one of us'?... and I can feel comfortable with that. In telling this well known story Jesus uses as his main character 'one of them' a Samaritan, and called him the 'Good Samaritan', a contradiction of terms for those who were listening. I mean the Samaritans were never good! Their 'otherness' was offensive to Jewish polite society. It was a Samaritan that Jesus held up as the God fearing man who practised the good neighbour policy. Remember it was Jesus' main message preached, that to God, everybody matters, absolutely.

So is there someone you wouldn't accept help from in a time of need? Jesus doesn't fill out the character of the victim on the road to Jericho, only those who passed him by, two men of the synagogue, priests, men who should know God, yet they put their own needs and their own laws first. They hadn't entered into the spirit of 'love God and love your neighbour' as was quoted in the law! It was the letter of the law not the spirit of the law that was their concern. As people of belief, do we show ourselves as hypocritical like this? Do we turn the other way with excuses of busyness, leave it to others who seemingly have the time and resources...or do we recognise God's love in the other, however their strangeness confronts, knowing only their humanness; and that everyone matters, absolutely!

Marguerite Martin

## **HOLY FATHER'S ANNUAL APPEAL.**

We give our heartfelt thanks to everyone for supporting our parish on last weekend's Holy Father's Appeal, which links us directly to the global charitable mission of Pope Francis. Your generosity gives hope to many.  
Thank you.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday 18th July at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

## **Apostleship of the Sea Sunday**

Our global society still depends on commercial shipping. Goods are imported and exported around the world by ship. Today seafarers still face isolation and some unscrupulous practices in their work as they face the dangers of the seas. This Sunday we asked to pray particularly for all seafarers and the Apostleship of the Sea/Stella Maris.



## **Ministers of the Eucharist**

Fr. Alan will be conducting two training sessions for those who wish to be Eucharistic Ministers to parishioners who are either in their own homes or in a Nursing Home. These sessions will take place on Tuesday 26th July at 7pm and Wednesday 27th July at 12.30pm in the Church. Attendance is required at only one session. Please contact Fr. Alan on 97982501 or [alan@vinash.org.au](mailto:alan@vinash.org.au) if you are interested.

## **Movie presentation of Chasing Asylum - AUS**

If you would like to join a party of parishioners to see this highly recommended movie at Top Ryde Cinemas (followed by a Q & A session) on Wednesday August 3 between 7 and 8.30pm please contact the Parish 97982501 to express interest. The cost is \$20... transport can be arranged.

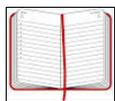
**Chasing Asylum** exposes the real impact of Australia's offshore detention policies and explores how 'The Lucky Country' became one where leaders choose detention over compassion and governments deprive the desperate of their basic human rights. The film features never before seen footage from inside Australia's offshore detention camps, revealing the personal impact of sending those in search of a safe home to languish in limbo. **Chasing Asylum** explores the mental, physical and even the fiscal consequences of Australia's decision to lock away families in unsanitary conditions away from media scrutiny, destroying their lives under the pretext of saving them.

**Parish Men's Group** will meet next Tuesday night July 12th at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome.

## DATES FOR DIARY

18th July (6.30pm) Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

20th July (6.30pm) Penitential Rite for Reconciliation.



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

26th July(7pm) and 27th July (12.30pm) Training for Ministers of the Eucharist.

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

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

20th September E Conference Year of Mercy.

**A Chorister Celebration.** The boy-choristers of The Temple Church, London, the boy-choristers of St Mary's Cathedral and St Andrews Cathedral, Sydney.

**Tuesday, 26 July 11.30am-12.45pm.** A rare opportunity to see the world-famous English boy-choristers of The Temple Church in the beautiful St Mary's Cathedral including the boy-choristers of St Mary's Cathedral & St Andrew's Cathedral. Works include music especially written for boys' voices by Benjamin Britten, and others including Vaughan Williams and John Rutter. Also the first time in history that the Cathedral Choirs, two oldest continuing musical institutions in Australia are singing together. Tickets range between \$5-\$15 and can be purchased from <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/39442>.

### 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 9.00 am



**ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN - 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.** This year St Gregory's College Campbelltown is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year since opening. On Friday, **02 September 2016** the College will be holding a Celebration Mass at 9am and Dinner at 6.30pm. It would be wonderful to see many Old Boys and friends of St Greg's attending this special event. **RSVP and payment due by Friday 29 July 2016.** To find out more, please contact: **Catherine Jeffcoate** St Gregory's College Development Officer on **02 4629 4133** or email: [rsvp@stgregs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@stgregs.nsw.edu.au).

**PROCLAIM 2016 – Conference on the New Evangelisation. "On a Mission of Mercy: Evangelising Parishes", 1-3 September 2016** PROCLAIM 2016 is for priests and key lay people who want to grow and build their parish through outreach and evangelisation. The theme of this year's Conference embraces the challenge of Pope Francis for the joyful and pastoral conversion of our parishes. The Keynote Speakers (to date) include **Cardinal Donald Wuerl** (Washington) **Bishop Nicholas Hudson** (Westminster) and **Dr Susan Timoney** (Washington), who will focus on parishes as oases of mercy and centres of missionary outreach. Workshops will provide practical ideas and tools for participants to take back and apply in the parish. For more information on PROCLAIM 2016, please contact **Natalia Moutia** on **(02) 9847 0504** /email [proclaim2016@dbb.org.au](mailto:proclaim2016@dbb.org.au) or visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au).

### Collections at Sunday 10am Mass

I have noticed at different times that there is a shortage of people taking up the collection at the Sunday 10am mass. The parish definitely needs more people who are willing to help in this particular ministry. Please see Fr. Alan if you can help.

**POSITION VACANT – Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.** Applications are being considered for the position of **Bookshop Manager, Mustard Seed Bookshop.** For further information please visit [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055.** Applications close **Sunday, 24 July 2016.**

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.

## Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** As for me, in justice I shall behold you face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**READING:** Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you. (Deuteronomy 30:10-14)

**PSALM:** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live. (68:14,17, 30-31, 33-34,36-37)

**SECOND READING:** All things were created through him and for him. (Colossians 1: 15-20)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Who is my neighbour ? (Luke 10:25-37)

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



### Next Sunday's Readings

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Genesis 18:1-10  
Psalm 14: 2-5  
Colossians 1:24-28  
Luke 10:38-42