

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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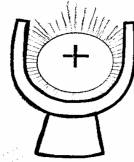
**Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C**

**July 24, 2016**

Today the gospel speaks to me of our connectedness with each other. We all share in the parenthood of God that connects us as brothers and sisters in that "family way." This week we celebrated the full life of our oldest parishioner Winifred Lynch, who at 104 went to God. We feel joy in the death of this woman of great faith, with the absolute certainty that she is being held in the arms of her beloved God as she was in the arms of her beloved daughter here on earth just before she died; but we also feel the loss of a wonderful mother and grandmother, friend and neighbour. Being born and dying are the common destinies for all humanity. For most of us it's that bit in the middle we call life that is the challenge. Jesus talks of that closest of relationships, the family, when he asks us to address his Father as Father, **our Father**. It stresses the family aspect of all humanity. And what Father would respond to his child's request with what is not nourishing or fulfilling or bad. That fellowship also spreads to us, as co inheritors of '**your kingdom come**'. How do I contribute to bringing the kingdom to reality? Jesus also speaks of the persistence that we need to keep asking, searching and knocking not just of God but in the name of his kingdom. Do we speak out about injustice that we see being perpetrated in our name? Do we get up to ask for 'bread' **give us each day our daily bread** for unexpected travellers from our friends with a persistent attitude? Do we welcome? Do we offer hospitality? Or do we keep our door shut! And refuse to share and break bread with brothers and sisters. It's a tough call to understand what is asked by Our Father. However, look to Jesus, he didn't hide from making the kingdom a reality for people ....he didn't build walls or tow boats back... he went to the borders to bring people in !

Marguerite Martin

We have been receiving a generous contribution over the last 2 weeks in an envelope and have no records on our system of the same. If you would like us to allocate a plan giving envelope to you, please contact the parish office on 97982501.



## Holy Communion

Holy Communion In Australia standing is the most common posture for receiving Holy Communion. The customary manner of reception is recommended to be followed by all, so that Communion may truly be a sign of unity among those who share in the same table of the Lord.

When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal No 160)

**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 7pm 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.

## **Fr. Alan Absence**

**Fr. Alan will be away attending the Sydney Alliance 6 Day Training Course from Sunday afternoon 31st July until Friday 5th August.**

## DATES FOR DIARY

- 25 July (9.15am)** St. Vincent's Primary School Grandparent's Day Mass & morning tea.
- 26th July(7pm) and 27th July (12.30pm)** Training for Ministers of the Eucharist.
- 7th August** Charitable Works Fund Appeal.
- 21st August (10am)** Club Ashfield Annual Mass.
- 18th September(10am)** St. Vincent's Feast Day.
- 20th September** E Conference Year of Mercy.



### St. Vincent's Primary School

You are invited to join our children as we celebrate all our Grandparents, relations, friends and neighbours from whose life experience, we have so much to learn. On 25th July for Mass at 9.15am followed by Morning Tea.

### **WATCH WORLD YOUTH DAY LIVE ON Xt3!**

From the 27 July to the 31 July the main events of World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland (including the Australian Gathering) will be streamed live on the Catholic youth website Xt3. There will be an online chat portal during the WYD main events and viewers can join the global conversation whilst watching the events live. Visit [www.xt3.com/live](http://www.xt3.com/live) for all the webcast times and details.

### **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

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.

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**READING:** Lord, do not be angry if I speak. (Genesis 18:20-32)

**PSALM:** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Psalm 137:1-3,6-8)

**SECOND READING:** He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins. (Colossians 2: 12-14)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Ask, and it will be given to you. (Luke 11:1-13)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



### Next Sunday's Readings

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23  
Psalm 89:3-6,12-14,17  
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11  
Luke 12:13-21

"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP".

Have you considered participating in the National Pilgrimage?



In this Sesquicentenary Year, the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to participate in this pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Dates: 9 to 19 Nov 2016.

Cost Ex Sydney: \$2,860.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).  
Single Supplement: \$590.00. For further information please contact : Sister Annie Bond rsj on 02 89124818, or [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au).

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2016-2017.**

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on **25 September** this year. The title of the 2016-2017 Statement is "A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society." The Statement will be **launched on 06 September**. Copies of the Statement can be ordered from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council by using the attached order form. The Statement will be available to download from the following websites from 06 September – Australian Catholic Bishops Conference [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au) or Australian Catholic Social Justice Council [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

### Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Our next Charitable Works Fund Appeal takes place in the Parish on Sunday 7th August 2016.

### **Could you be a friend to someone in need?**

Compeer mental-health friendship program matches volunteers in friendship with someone in their community who is lonely and living with a mental illness. Compeer currently needs female volunteers in their 50's and 60's to spend an hour a week catching up with a new friend. Friends meet for simple activities such as having coffee, going for a walk or visiting the library. Training and ongoing support is provided. Visit [www.compeer.org.au](http://www.compeer.org.au) (part of SVP society) 95680262.

