

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C**

**August 14, 2016**

Passion. Passionate people are to be avoided. I mean they are so blinkered about their passion...that's all they can see! Passionate people have energy and can influence others with that energy. They can disturb complacency. I heard Peter FitzSimons, the author speaking about his latest book on Fromelles and Pozieres, WW1 battles. He has written most passionately about the huge waste of life that was inflicted on the Australian troops in those battles so long ago. As he presented his case one couldn't help be caught up in his passion and that great sense of loss and waste. Hindsight is clear sight because of the availability of all the facts and really there is nothing now that can be done. Jesus was a passionate man. He also had that complete vision of what his passion was to cost and also the kingdom it will create. What was uncharacteristic of Jesus was his great distress as his passion was falling on apathetic ears and he knew just what this passion could create. It is of a fire blazing....changing the landscape, bringing division even amid families. The warning of Jesus' passionate message is that it will disturb the status quo as it seeks to bring about that kingdom of God. So how is the message of Jesus bringing disturbance and unease in today's climate, what is it that we need to have passion about? How can we bring just a small part of the kingdom to someone else. Surely the news this week of the mistreatment of refugees, particularly children on Nauru should have disturbed us. Has the news lit that fire and created that energy or are they just too far away that we can turn our heads the other way? Can we afford not be involved?

*Marguerite Martin*

## Ordination of New Auxiliary Bishops

The Episcopal ordinations of Mgr Tony Randazzo and Fr. Richard Umbers will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 24 August in St. Mary's Cathedral. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend to welcome the two new bishops who will serve us in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

## Feast of the Assumption Monday 15th August

As this is a holy day of obligation there will be two masses on this day - 12pm and 6.30pm.

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,384** if you still want to make a donation, please place your donation in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and place it either on the collection plate or drop it in the Parish office.



## Fr. Alan Absence

Fr. Alan will be away on retreat from Monday afternoon 15th August until Friday afternoon 19th August. The parish weekday programme for this coming week will be as follows:

Tuesday 16th August 7am Communion Service  
Wednesday 17th August 12pm Communion Service  
Thursday 18th August NO Mass or Communion Service

Next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August at the 10am Mass, Bishop Terry Brady will celebrate the Club Ashfield Annual Mass. We warmly welcome him.

**Monday 22nd August 2016** Mass will take place at **9:00am** instead of the usual time of midday on Monday 22nd August.

**Parish Pastoral Council** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 22nd August at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

**First Reconciliation** will be celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm. We ask you to keep these families in your prayers.

## Bunnings Barbeque

We have been granted a Bunnings Barbeque on October 16th at Ashfield Bunnings. We will require helpers to assist in this fund raising activity for our community. If you can help please contact Jane Lee 0413 977 748.



**PARISH STAFF:** Fr. Alan Gibson CM  
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin  
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

### DATES FOR DIARY

<b>21<sup>st</sup> August (10am)</b>	Club Ashfield Annual Mass
<b>24<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	First Reconciliation
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September (6pm)</b>	Visit of the Philippine Consul General
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Vincent's Feast Day
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	E Conference Year of Mercy
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Ashfield Bunning's Barbeque

### **Visit of the Philippine Consul General to St. Vincent's Ashfield**

Anne Jalando-on Louis, the Philippine Consul General in Sydney will visit the parish on Sunday 11 September at 6:00pm. Part of the reason for her visit is to thank God for the 70 years of official relationship between Australia and the Philippines and to visit the many parishioners from the Philippines. We will warmly welcome her.

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.

### **Parish Masses this week:**

Monday	12 noon
	6:30pm
Tuesday	Communion Service
Wednesday	Communion Service
Thursday	NO Mass or Communion Service
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am
Morning Prayer:	Saturday 8:40am
Saturday	9:00am Rosary after Mass
<b>Sunday:</b>	8am, 10:00am 6:00pm
Polish Mass	12 noon



### **Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Sunday 9.00 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:00pm.  
Friday 9:00am Communion Service.

### **Mass for Pregnant Mothers:**

*Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 21st of August at 10:30am. Morning tea will follow in St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. **RSVP and enquiries** and can be directed to [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8404.*

### **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).**

### **Br James Maher New CD - Concert Launch.**

The concert launch for Hidden Within the World, the new album from James Maher msc will be on Friday, **02 September at 7.30pm** at OLSH Church Randwick, 193 Avoca Street, Randwick NSW 2031. Please join us for an evening of celebration in song. Website:

[www.msccmusic.com.au](http://www.msccmusic.com.au) Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/msccmusic.jm](https://www.facebook.com/msccmusic.jm) Twitter:  
[@brjamescdlaunch](https://twitter.com/brjamescdlaunch) Ph: **(02) 9315 2244.**

### **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).

### **Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**FIRST READING:** You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10)

**PSALM:** Lord, come my aid! (Ps 39:2-4, 18)

**SECOND READING:** Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us (Hebrews 12:1-4)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** I have come not to give peace, but discord (Luke 12:49-53)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



### **Next Sunday's Readings**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 66:18-21  
Psalm 116  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30