

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

August 21, 2016

Doorways ...the openable part of the wall that permits entry. We all have those walls around us, some have wide doors and some narrow doors. Who do we let in? and what are we protecting? It has always been the way with humanity to want to enclose and protect. So the question is posed to Jesus, who can come through the door to the Kingdom. The Jews thought they were a shoe in, I mean weren't they the chosen people. But Jesus responded with the shocking and most provocative news! That the people who think they have shares in the kingdom in fact may be the last considered and the people who consider themselves as no hopers will be the first! In Jesus words "*those from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of heaven.*" In Jesus words, it is the foreigners, those we are suspicious about that may have the key to the door of the kingdom. For the Jews of the time this was really threatening stuff, so what about us? Many of us are smug about who we are, that in fact, we hold the truth to who God is and that for sure we have reserved tickets for the best seats in the kingdom. Maybe in our smugness we hold prejudices about others who may not share our religion, our politics, our ethnicity...those from the east, west, north and south. It is to these people that Jesus challenges us to go and see and discover God.

Marguerite Martin

Vincentian Burse Day will take place at St. Anthony's Marsfield on Sunday 11th September at 2:00pm. The Vincentian Burse supports the training of our seminarians in the Fiji Islands. Anyone wishing to donate to the Vincentian Burse can do so through the Parish Office or seeing Fr. Alan in person after any of the Sunday masses. Also please contact, Fr. Alan if you would like to attend this day but need help with transport.

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.

This Sunday 21st 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.

RECONCILIATION 2016

You are all invited to celebrate First Reconciliation with thirty young parishioners and their families on Wednesday and Thursday (Aug 24 and Aug 25) at 6.30pm.

We particularly thank the families who have participated so generously to the program and made the Reconciliation program both meaningful and fun. It's hard being a parent in today's economic climate but time was taken and given to share faith. We also thank Sarah Bluestone, the religious education co-ordinator, Sinead Kent, Family and Faith Educator both from St Vincent's Primary and Tania Fernandes for their assistance.

Catholic Mission Speaker from Catholic Mission will be present at all of our parish masses on Sunday 28th August 2016. Envelopes will be available for those who wish to donate to this particular appeal.

Cana Communities Speakers from Cana Communities will be present at all of our parish masses on Sunday 4th September 2016. Once again there will be opportunity to donate to this particular appeal for those who wish to do so.

DATES FOR DIARY

24 th & 25 th August	First Reconciliation
11 th September (6pm)	Visit of the Philippine Consul General
18 th September	St. Vincent's Feast Day
20 th September	E Conference Year of Mercy
16 th October	Ashfield Bunning's Barbeque



We have reached our quota!
Thank you to all those who have generously supported this appeal.

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.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 9:00am
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

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



Receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the Financial Year 2015 – 2016 are now available at the back of the church.

Many thanks to all those who continue to support the Parish through the weekly planned giving envelope.

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.



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

CANONISATION OF BLESSED MOTHER

TERESA – SUN 4 SEP. All are invited to join in commemorating this great event in the life of our Church in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Archbishop Fisher OP will be celebrating 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral followed by a webcast of the Canonisation ceremony from Rome in the Cathedral College Hall. BQ Dinner, Mustard Seed Bookshop and an exhibition on the life of Mother Teresa will be available on the night.

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.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: They will gather all of your people from all nations (Isaiah 66:18-21)

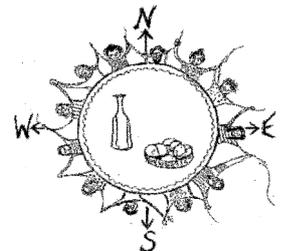
PSALM: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Ps 116)

SECOND READING: The Lord disciplines those he loves (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Blessed are you who have believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord will be fulfilled.



Next Sunday's Readings
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Psalm 67:4-7, 10-11
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14