

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-eight Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

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Gratitude, the psychologists can tell you, is not a natural instinct. A simple 'Thank You' is one of those phrases that place humanity above the rest of creation. 'Thank You' greases the wheels of relationship. It acknowledges the actions of another. It marks us as communal beings that have a co-dependence for existence. Yet 'Thank You' is the mark of humanity's superior intellect and is an acquired and taught response.

Jesus loved to travel the borders, meeting the fringe people. It was on the edge of society he met the lepers. These were the hopeless people. It wasn't just the leprosy that made them desperate; it was their lower than low status that denied them humanity. They lived not by intellect but by instincts, grabbing what life they could. Their instinct was to recognise what Jesus could do for them. Their appeal was to Jesus' humanity and compassion. "Take pity on us." They recognised Jesus by his compassion. It was this higher intellectual development of compassion that marked Jesus as different from the rest of society. Jesus was the face of the compassionate God. God's plan is for us to connect in care and concern revealing his compassion and mercy modelled by Jesus. Of the ten lepers cured, only one returned to Thank Jesus singing God's praise. The Samaritan was not only healed and restored but also raised to the new consciousness of what it is to be fully human in the sight of God.

Our Eucharist is our celebration of Thanksgiving. We gather connected by our humanity and our dependence on God for our healing and restoration. From this Thanksgiving we can go out into our society with that new consciousness modelled by Jesus, given by God. Gratitude and Compassion.

Marguerite Martin

Pastoral Students Both Kasi and Kennedy wish to visit around the parish. Please see Fr. Alan if you wish them to visit you.

FOR SALE!

Columban Calendar for \$9.00,
Catholic Weekly for \$2.00
available at the back of the church.

WELCOME ELINA

This Sunday during the 6pm Mass, Elina Grauzdule will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Elina has been a delightful member of our 6pm community with others from the L'Arch community for some years, and we have experienced her prayerfulness and deep spirituality in her involvement with the RCIA. We congratulate both Elina and Luke on their marriage that will be blessed in a few weeks time in this church. Most of all Elina you honour us. May God bless you, as you join us at the Lord's table.

Parish Men's Group will meet next Tuesday night (October 11th) at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome

Reconciliation Tuesday 11th October

Next Tuesday we are celebrating with some of the families a penitential rite/reconciliation as part of the preparation prior to First Communion. In this year of Mercy, there can be no better way to celebrate God's Mercy than with the sacrament of Reconciliation. Traditionally Catholics would prepare for any of the other sacraments by celebrating confession or reconciliation. Many of us have become uncomfortable with this sacrament, yet in my experience I have witnessed many joyful faces of people who have availed themselves of any of these opportunities. The parish is more than welcome to attend this coming Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Church .

RCIA The RCIA Inquiry sessions will be next Wednesday 12th October in the Parish House at 7:00pm. These sessions are for people who have never been baptised, or who are interested in the Catholic tradition, or want to revive their faith.

Maybe you know someone who falls into one of these categories and they are waiting for your invitation. All are welcome!

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS FOR BUNNINGS

BBQ We need parishioners to commit to our fund raising venture for the works of St Vincent de Paul, the Ashfield Bunnings BBQ on Sunday Oct 16. We have been gifted with this fund raising activity that demands just volunteers to serve. We ask you to volunteer for a minimum of one hour in a time slot of your choice on this day. We need to start serving at 7:30am and finish at 4.40 pm so its a very full day. PLEASE IF YOU INTEND TO VOLUNTEER PUT NAME ON THE LIST AT THE BACK SO ROSTER CAN BE COMPLETED.

If anyone has a large esky's that they can loan to the Parish for this bbq.

Sydney Alliance The next two day training course for the Sydney Alliance will take place on 27-28 October 9:00am to 5:00pm at Jannali Uniting Church, 527 Box Road Jannali NSW 2226. Please see Fr. Alan if you are interested in attending.

DATES FOR DIARY

- 11th October 6:30pm** Penitential Rite
(Reconciliation)
16th October Ashfield Bunning's Barbeque
13th & 20th November First Holy Communion

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

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



The Community of
St Vincent's Ashfield
Praying Together

Father God

As our friends at Bethlehem, De la Salle and other high schools sit for their HSC exams, We, as community, thank you for their gifts and talents.

We ask that You help them remember all they have learned.

Calm their nerves and anxieties and be gracious with what they have overlooked.

We ask the Holy Spirit to guide their way and to journey on with them. Amen

A PLACE AT THE TABLE – Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering

The Justice and Peace Office invites you to join us as we celebrate this year's Bishops' Social Justice Statement, 'A Place at the Table – Social Justice in an Ageing Society'. We will explore what it's like to grow old in Australia and in our Church and be challenged to recognise and act in ways that demonstrate the value, dignity and contribution older people make to ensure they do not become part of a throwaway culture. There will be guest speakers, workshops and time to connect with people from parishes across Sydney working for social justice. We will also offer a very special lunch prepared by our friends from Parliament on King – a social enterprise run with recently arrived refugees and asylum seekers. **15 October 2016 11:00am-3:30pm. St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. Free event. RSVP: Essential by Oct 13. Register: Eventbrite.com or visit justiceandpeace.org.au; or ring 9307 8465.**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord
(2 Kings 5:14-17)

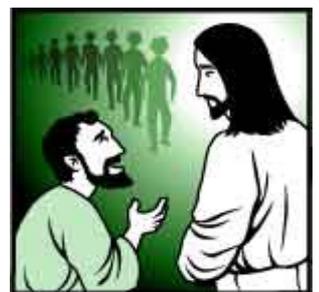
PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Ps 97:1-4)

SECOND READING: If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner
(Luke 17:11-9)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



Next Sunday's Readings
Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm 120
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8