

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-nine Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

October 16, 2016

Why don't you tell someone who cares! This is Jesus invitation to us. In the year of Mercy we need to be open to hear and feel the experiences of those who are crying out for our help.

Jesus tells the story of the relentlessly pleading widow, who with no male protection turns to an uncaring judge for some support. She would embody the asylum seeker of today who cries out for mercy and resettlement. Whether in the widows case that support was for housing or food or for her children or whatever the needs, they caused her to be desperate; and she pestered, annoyed and nagged the judge to achieve her end. The widow knew that she could only achieve what she wanted through the judge who really didn't care about her or her problems, however she knew what she wanted and she didn't back off. It is the widow's persistence that Jesus is showcasing in the gospel story. She wears down the judge, who gives in as the method of least resistance.

In today's terms, how deaf are we to the needs of so many who plead for a better life for themselves and for their kids. Maybe we should, with them make our voices louder so that mercy is granted to those in need.

However Jesus is showcasing the need to place our real needs in front of God.

Fr Michael Tate suggests this :

Prayer is about changing us- and there are two simple rules.

1. Come as you are...Your real concerns are your starting point. God wants you to pray. He wants your prayers to be up front and personal. Your concerns.
2. Pray the Our Father because this starts to put you on the wavelength of Our Lord. We may find the urgent widow lurking there!

"Give us this day our daily bread" Us the human family! To do nothing would be blasphemous.

Prayer is relationship with someone who cares.....so tell him! *Marguerite Martin*

Fr. Alan's Absence this week

Fr. Alan will be away attending a Clergy Conference from 17-20 October. Fr. Kevin Canty will be celebrating the masses in his absence.

First Communion Enrolment Today!

We warmly greet the 36 children and their families who are enrolling and committing to the First Communion program at either 10am or 6pm today. The program is over the next four weeks and First Holy Communion will be celebrated on 13th and 20th November.

Finance Committee Report Members of the Parish Finance Committee will be giving a report of the last financial year at all of our Masses this Sunday 16th October.

RCIA Last Wednesday our RCIA did not meet as planned at 7pm. Apologies to any one who was inconvenienced by this. However we do plan to meet this coming Wednesday evening, 19 October at 7pm in the Parish House. The RCIA is for people who have never been baptised, or are interested in the Catholic tradition, or want to revive their faith. Maybe you know someone who is waiting for your invitation. All are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 24th October at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

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.

Charitable Works Fund

The next CWF Appeal will take place on Sunday 6th November.

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.

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

Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW invites you to a Formation Day "Building in the Spirit" Speakers: Joseph and Julie Chircop.
Date: Saturday 22nd October 2016, 10:00am - 4:00pm. (Parish Mass at 9:00am)
Venue: St. Joseph's Hall, Gordon Street Rozelle

Registration Essential by 19th October
Phone 9810 2499 email@ccrnsw.org.au

ST. FIACRE PARISH LEICHHARDT – POSITION VACANT. We are looking for a new parish secretary for our parish. It is a part-time position 20 hours per week. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or Fr Joshy on Joshyarappu@gmail.com.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Monday, 31 October 2016.

Position Vacant – Pastoral Associate, Leichhardt North Parish. Applications are being considered for the position of Pastoral Associate. Part time role working 15 hours per week. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting **Anthony Spata** at REACH Human Resources on **0402 210 055**.

POSITION VACANT—CATHOLIC EDUCATION, DIOCESE OF PARAMATTA
Applications are being considered for the position of **HR Administration Officer**. There are three positions available. Contact position with immediate start to 23 December 2016. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting **Anthony Spata** at REACH Human Resources on **0402 210 055**.

Piety Stall

We have new stock of lovely items suitable for sacramental gifts or just for yourself, available at very reasonable prices in the Parish House. Most welcome to come and see.
Mon-Fri 9am -3.30pm

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.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage (Exodus 17:8-13)

PSALM: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Ps 120)

SECOND READING: This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: God will see those who cry to him vindicated (Luke 18:1-8)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Psalm 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14