

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

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At the moment we have a political joust in the U.S where candidates for the presidency are doing their best to destroy each other's character rather than proposing policies. It reminds me a little of the character in this gospel who is into self promotion and it reminds me of children who really need to have approval from an authority figure.

'Miss! Miss! Mary is using her pen, when you said to use a pencil.'

Children love to 'dob' on each other when they feel some indiscretion in the class room has not been noticed. Of course it isn't so much the crime it is the comparison that they want. She is so bad and I am so good...therefore notice and praise me.

In Jesus' story the Pharisee is seeking God's approval by telling God how great he is and drawing a comparison between himself and the tax collector...

The tax collector went to God recognising his need for God's mercy. His was a prayer of true humility. It was a prayer from the heart with no pretence. It was the prayer of a man who seeks relationship not reward.

Over last few weeks Jesus has been giving us insights to prayer. Persistence, gratefulness, humility, honesty and above all, form a relationship with a loving Father using all these traits.

Jesus in this story points out whose prayer won the approval?...say no more.

Marguerite Martin

First Holy Communion. Jesus in the Word

Preparation has started. Wheat has been planted. We have celebrated our involvement in the Body of Christ. We further meet Jesus as we hear His Word read and broken open in the sermon. Before Father reads the Gospel there is an invitation to make a sign of the cross on our forehead, lips and heart whilst we say
Jesus may your words be In my mind on my lips and in my heart.

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

RCIA will be meeting next Wednesday 26th October at 7:00pm in the Parish house.

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.

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

Charitable Works Fund

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

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

FOR SALE!

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

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Bunnings Barbeque

Who would have thought it? The Bunnings BBQ turned out to be such a happy event on all levels. Firstly we raised funds....exact figure still a little hazy but in the vicinity of \$2000. and secondly we made friends with so many from within and without our community. The name St Vincent's attracted people from butchers, who gave us a very good price on sausages to customers who made donations, why? We are St Vincent's! Too many people to thank by name but thank you to all those who came and did a spell of serving and cooking "over the hot plate" on a beautiful warm Spring day. We would be remiss not to mention Jane Lee who oversaw every minute detail and Michael Clay who tirelessly sought out the bargains to increase our profits. Well done St Vincent's!

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
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.



Walk With Christ Completing The Year Of Mercy

The annual CBD Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession will take place this year at 2.00pm on **Sunday, 20 November**; the Feast of Christ the King. As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter's Basilica, Rome, it will be the completing event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. Participants will gather for the start in a closed section of Pitt St, between Hunter St and Martin Place. The Blessed Sacrament will be brought to meet us there from St Patrick's, Church Hill. For more details visit www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist.

Position Vacant—HR Officer: Professional Standards, Sydney Catholic Schools. Applications are being considered for the position of HR Officer: Professional Standards. Full time role based in Leichhardt. For further information please Visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by Contacting Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on **0402 210 055**.

St. Patrick's social Club, Church Hill (City) for Single Seniors (including widows and widowers) will meet monthly on 2nd Sunday at 1:45pm. Enquiries after 6:30pm phone 9953 4909 or 9858 2094.

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19)

PSALM: The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23)

SECOND READING: All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not (Luke 18:9-14)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 11:22—12:2
Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
John 3:16