

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

November 6, 2016

When I was at school, we had a question box. One day a week, our poor teacher would subject herself to the torments of opening the box and answering some of the questions 'anonymously' placed in there. The questions reflected the changing culture of the time. With great scenarios imaginatively created to test the teacher. At the same time what we understood about God was contained in the rules of the Church that controlled us, kept us safe from the evils of sin and equipped us for heaven. I don't think we knew much about the God beyond rules.

The Sadducees knew all the rules, but in their creative question they indicated to Jesus they didn't know too much about God. They wanted to know Jesus' opinion on the rules of the afterlife. The end times has always held a fascination because of the unknown element...if only someone would come back and calm our fears! Jesus answers the question with two answers. Life will be changed, not ended. The familiar frameworks of life won't exist as we know them except our relationship with God. For us we know our God is love and what will exist will be the loves that we have started in this life, for it has been in those loves that we have been able to glimpse the glory, mercy and love of God. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection. And about someone coming back from the death to share with us... Jesus was the model of the resurrection. It is into this resurrected life that we are dipped at Baptism. *Marguerite Martin*

Charitable Works Fund on Sunday 6th November

Charitable Work Fund Appeal will take place this Sunday 6th November. Thanks to the generous donation from Club Ashfield. Our quota for this last appeal for the year is reduced to **\$ 2,149.99**.

Workshop for New Readers

A workshop for those in the parish wishing to become readers both on Sunday and weekdays will take place this Tuesday 8th November in the Church from 7pm-8pm. **Fr. Alan**

First Holy Communion First Holy Communion will take place at 10am and 6pm masses over the next two Sundays (November 13th and November 20th). Next Sunday 21 children will be making first holy communion at the 10am mass.

Therefore the front seats will be reserved to allow these children and their families to sit together. Parishioners are kindly requested to please leave these seats free for this special occasion.

Fr. Alan

First Communion

Over the last few weeks our focus particularly at the 10am Mass has been where we find Jesus in our celebration of the Eucharist.

- We meet Jesus in each other as we gather as the Body of Christ,
- We meet Jesus in the Word as we hear his great message of love and mercy,
- We meet Jesus in our Priest, when we assemble and he leads us in prayer and proclaims the Gospel
- We meet Jesus in Communion

This Sunday we focus on the gifts, the many grains of wheat that are used to become the bread, the many grapes squeezed to become the wine, represent the many parts of the Body of Christ. Some grains will be hard, others soft, some grapes sweet, others bitter like us. We carry them to the altar for our priest, Fr Alan, to bless them so that that they can be returned to us as the Body and Blood of Jesus. We share this simple meal as we carry out Jesus' command. **Do this in memory of Me.** When we do this we are in communion with God and each other.

We, the Parish community of St. Vincent's, with a genuine sense of belonging, strive to follow the example of Christ and spread the Vincentian spirit throughout the Ashfield district.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

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

Experience Croydon Park Festival

There are limited number of information booklets for this festival on 12 November in the foyer of the church.

FOR SALE!

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

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.



Parish Men's Group will meet next Tuesday night (November 8th) at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome



Miraculous Medal Novena Mass **Saturday 12th November** **9:00am Mass**

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

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.

We currently have two prayer books in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The first book remains in the chapel for any parishioner who wishes to write a prayer petition. The second book which is clearly marked is parishioners to take any other parishioner in the parish who are sick at this time so that they can add their prayer petitions as well.

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: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14)

PSALM: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15)

SECOND READING: May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say (2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: He is not a God of the dead but of the living (Luke 20:27-38)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



Next Sunday's Readings
Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Malachi 3:19-20
Psalm 97:5-9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19