

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## First Sunday of Advent Year A

November 27, 2016

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into  
ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2: 1-5

In these uncertain and troubled times these prophecies bring to me that great sense of longing and hope for this style of rational peace that the light of Christ brings. This baby for whom we await to be born again in our hearts this Christmas, will be the leader who, without condemnation, will listen to warring parties and adjudicate with fairness and authority so that all weapons will be put down and all efforts will be put into nurturing the land. This Advent let us prepare ourselves to walk in this light of the Lord so this peace can be accomplished.

*Marguerite Martin*

**Mass on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** will take place at **9.15am** instead of the usual time of 9am. It will be St Vincent's Primary School End of Year Mass. As it is also the parish mass for this day parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Thank You Party** All parishioners are invited to a Thank You Party at the Parish Office on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

**St Vincent's Youth Group!** On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, STV Youth Group will be fundraising for the Youth Group by selling cupcakes after the 10am Mass. Cupcakes will be \$2 each! If you wish to help please contact Jessica on 0435 003 350.

**Advent** In this season of Advent as a parish we will be reflecting on the readings as to how they affect our lives socially as well as individually. As a result we will have the opportunity to reflect upon a number of current social issues. This Sunday night at the 6pm mass we will have Mrs. Anne Lanyon who currently works with the Columban Missionary Institute speak to us on the Papal Encyclical "Laudato Si." On Sunday December 11th Stephen Fenn, a parishioner who is a member of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference, will speak to us on Affordable Housing at all masses. On Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> Kimberley Doyle from the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office will speak to us at all masses on the recent Australian Catholic Bishop's Statement entitled "A Place At the Table" which deals with care of the elderly.

### **Farewell Kasimero and Kennedy**

Kasimero Bule and Kennedy Keni'uhana conclude their pastoral placement here at St Vincent's Ashfield this weekend. They will both continue their studies for the priesthood in Fiji next year. We thank for them for their presence and contribution to the parish during their stay here and wish them every blessing for the future.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** is the feast of St. Catherine Labouré, to whom Mary gave the Miraculous Medal. Midday Mass will be said for St. Catherine if members of the Association of the Miraculous Medal would like to attend.

Fr. Kevin Canty

**Sydney Alliance City Wide Leaders Meeting** will take place on Monday night 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at St Stephen's Uniting Church, 197 Macquarie Street, Sydney. It will be dealing with a number of issues Penalty Rates for Weekends and Public Holiday, Just urban transitions( a new project to tackle climate change, housing and transport and a welcoming city for people seeking refuge and asylum. I will be attending. Please contact me if you would like to attend as well.

Fr. Alan

**Parish Census** Parishioners will shortly receive a parish census. Could you please fill it in and return it to the Parish Office so we can update our records.

*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)

# CHRISTMAS 2016



## Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December

6:00pm	Christmas Eve – Children's Mass
8:00pm	Christmas Eve
10:00pm	Polish Mass
12:00am	Midnight Mass

## Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December

8:00am	Christmas Day
10:00am	Christmas Day
12:00pm	Polish Mass

There will be **NO evening Mass**  
in  
**English or Polish on Sunday night**

Please note there will be **9:00am Mass**  
on **Christmas Day**  
at **Cardinal Freeman Village**  
(137 Victoria Street Ashfield)

**Readers** The 2017 book Break Open the Word is now available for sale for \$20.00 each. It contains all the Sunday Readings for the next 12 months from the First Sunday of Advent this year.

### **Parish Masses this week:**

Monday	12 noon
Tuesday	7:00am
Wednesday	12 noon
Thursday	9:00am
<u>Reconciliation:</u> Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am	
Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am	
Saturday	9:00am Rosary after Mass
<b>Sunday:</b>	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.

## **Vinnies Christmas Hampers Request for Food Donations**

The local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will again be delivering Christmas hampers to individuals and families in need throughout the Ashfield area.

Donations of tinned and other non-perishable food can be left under the Advent tree from next week. Any other gifts should be left unwrapped so they can be given to the appropriate recipients.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

### **Vinnies' Christmas Appeal**

The local Conference of SVDP will again be holding their annual Christmas appeal at all Sunday masses next weekend. Donations will help individuals and families in need. The ongoing generosity of the Parish is appreciated.

Please note that Christmas cards will not be sold this year.

### **Annual Men's Group (FREE) Parish Christmas**

**BBQ** will be held on Sunday December 11 after ALL masses in the school playground or hall depending on the weather. So all parishioners are asked spare a small amount of extra time after mass to come and enjoy.

**Reconciliation** A Reconciliation Service including the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in the Church on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.**

This represents a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's love and mercy as a parish family.

There will be **no Novena for Miraculous Medal** on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and January 2017. Novena will recommence in 11th February 2017.

## **First Sunday of Advent Year A**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**FIRST READING:** The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God (Isaiah 2:1-5)

**PSALM:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9)

**SECOND READING:** The time has come, our salvation is near (Romans 13:11-14)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Stay awake, you must be ready (Matthew 24:37-44)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



### Next Sunday's Readings Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12