

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time C

November 10, 2019

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 and reaffirm with each Communion.

Marguerite Martin

**CWF Pastoral Appeal** Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$2,933**. If you are able to help the Parish meet its quota please place your donations in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and can be placed on either of the collections. Our Parish is committed to raise this amount. Any shortfall will be made up from our Second Collection monies. So we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

Dates for your diary: **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December** Parish Christmas BBQ after ALL masses in the playground.  
**Friday, December 13** Youth Group Trivia Night in the hall @ 7pm. Money raised will go towards Youth Group Expenses and church maintenance. All details on the brochure in the foyer of the church.

## Congratulations First Communicants!

This Sunday, 17 families are celebrating the First Communion of their children. 6 more families will celebrate in December. It has been a delight and a privilege to accompany them as they have participated in our program over the last four weeks, both on Monday evenings and at Sunday Mass. Much of the emphasis has been to follow Jesus' orders....Do this in Memory of me (Last Supper)....and Feed them Yourselves (Feeding of the 5000) The children will present a basket today with gifts for next Sunday's Brekkie Van which will go out with hot breakfast for the many homeless in Sydney. We assure them of our delight in sharing this day with us!  
*Joaquín, Max, Julianna, Samuelle, Koby, James, Rafael, Kasey, Casper, Gabriel, Jessica, Luane, Glenzzy, Noah, Zachary, Luca & Thomas.*

## HOLY HOUR with the BLESSED SACRAMENT 11am to 12 noon

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

## Sydney Street Feast for the World Day of The Poor. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 11-3pm at St Marys Cathedral Forecourt.

Last year our team had a wonderful time serving those we serve so often through Vinnies Night Patrol and Brekki Van on white tablecloths at a sit down meal. Totally awesome and dignified! If you are interested in joining us give me a call, text or email ASAP. Thank you Sinéad [Skent00@gmail.com](mailto:Skent00@gmail.com) or 0420 653 637

**Walk with Christ Sunday 24th November at 2:30pm** 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 for 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.

**Religious Christmas Cards** will be on sale on Sundays, November 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> or until sold out. They will be available at the side door and in the foyer of the church on the first weekend and then only in the foyer on the other two weekends. There are two different sets - \$5 for 8 cards, or \$10 for 10 cards.

**St. Vincent's Ashfield Brekkie Van Food Service 17th November Sunday BBQ 9:00am to 11am at Prince Alfred Park.** If you have donation please drop off to the Parish House Monday to Friday between 9:30am to 3:00pm. I am happy to come and collect your donations if this suits you better, my details are below. Please call me if you have any questions or need me to collect your donation. Sinead Kent 0420 653 637 sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au.

### **Social Justice Corner**

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November is *World Science Day for Peace and Development* and on this day in 1995 nine Nigerian environmentalists and human rights activists were executed
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance (Armistice) Day commemorating the end of World War 1 in 1918 and on this day in 1975 the Whitlam Government was dismissed
- Tuesday 12 November; on this day in 1991, more than 271 people were killed in the Dili Massacre, Timor-Leste
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November is *the International Day for Tolerance and World Philosophy Day* and on this day in 1989 six Jesuit priests and two co-workers were murdered in El Salvador.

The Social Justice group meets on the **3rd Saturday** of the month in the **parish centre** at **9.45am**. Our next meeting is **next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

### **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: 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am

**Sunday:** 8am 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

### **Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Sunday 9.00 am First Wednesday of the Month, 3:30pm Reconciliation, 4:00 Mass & Anointing, First Friday of the month 9:00am Communion Service.



**Building Maintenance:** After 12 months, the various works that had to be done after the church was flooded in October, 2018, have almost been completed. The main works carried out over the past 12 months started with drying the carpets, then progressed to repairing the skylights above the altars and having the transparent roofs over the skylights replaced. The church roof has been inspected and I'm awaiting quotes for the work the needs doing to it, but it is water tight now (I hope). The final work, which has been carried out over the last month or so, was the cleaning and repair of the paintings at the front of the church. With the removal of the scaffolding, this brings that last work to completion – almost. We await the replacement of the Nativity painting in a couple of weeks. This will be done from ladders.

Mention has been made over the last few weeks of what to do with the 120 year old painting which was uncovered when the painting of the Nativity with which everyone is familiar was removed. Yes - it was in bad shape - bits missing, covered in dirt and watermarked. Some parishioners said 'Rip it down', others 'Not so sure...'

The decision was taken, on expert advice, to preserve it. The white covering you now see is Japanese Archival paper, applied with a gelatine solution, which will now hold the old painting in position for the next 50 years or so.

The old painting, according to the church's archives, was removed in 1906 due to the dislike of it by the then parishioners, the new Nativity painting was installed, but, for some reason, the old painting was not removed just covered over. Thus, it forms part of our church's history and can remain in position for the next 50 years or so when future parishioners may appreciate it more than the parishioners of 120 years ago did. The Japanese Archival paper can be washed off with soap and water which will not damage the painting itself.

So - what next? Serious discussion will have to take place about the removal of the Black Mould on the outside walls of the church and the sealing of those walls. The parish hall roof will have to be looked at and also the lighting and sound system in the church, plus other continued maintenance. Our church is 125 years old and in parts, it is showing its age.

*Michael Clay*

**Columban Calendars: are now available @ \$9.00**

### **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**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, 8-14)

**PSALM:** Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 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 or Luke 20:27, 34-38)

**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**