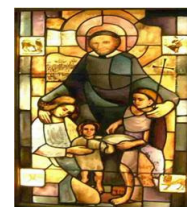


St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

January 24, 2010

A Prayer After the Earthquake in Haiti

Lord, at times such as this, when we realize that the ground beneath our feet is not as solid as we had imagined, we plead for your mercy. As the things we have built crumble about us, we know too well how small we truly are on this ever-changing, ever-moving, fragile planet we call home. Yet you have promised never to forget us. Do not forget us now.

Today, so many people are afraid. They wait in fear of the next tremor. They hear the cries of the injured amid the rubble. They roam the streets in shock at what they see. And they fill the dusty air with wails of grief and the names of missing dead. Comfort them, Lord, in this disaster. Be their rock when the earth refuses to stand still, and shelter them under your wings when homes no longer exist.

Embrace in your arms those who died so suddenly this day. Console the hearts of those who mourn, and ease the pain of bodies on the brink of death. Pierce, too, our hearts with compassion, we who watch from afar, as the poorest on this side of the earth find only misery upon misery. Move us to act swiftly this day, to give generously every day, to work for justice always, and to pray unceasingly for those without hope. And once the shaking has ceased, the images of destruction have stopped filling the news, and our thoughts return to life's daily rumblings, let us not forget that we are all your children and they, our brothers and sisters. We are all the work of your hands. For though the mountains leave their place and the hills be tossed to the ground, your love shall never leave us, and your promise of peace will never be shaken.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

Australia Day Prayer

'Dear God, Thousands of years ago,
You created this land Australia.
Thank you for such a special gift.
keep this land Australia safe and peaceful,
help us all to care this land Australia,
to be kind to all who live in this land
Australia, and to welcome those who come
from other countries to make their
home in this land Australia.
Please, God, keep this land Australia
a good and beautiful land
for all to love and to enjoy. AMEN

The Catholic Weekly, 23.1.05

Australia Day Mass
January 26
changed from 7:00am
to 9:00am



**HAPPY AUSTRALIA
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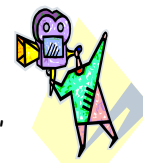
**Special thank you from Fr. Michael
and our Parish Staff for all the good
wishes, blessings and presents
given over the Christmas period.**

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 4th
February from 9:30am to 4:00pm Our prayers are for
Priests and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood
and religious life.

Before we had the lights, the tree and the Christmas star down,
Hot cross buns and Easter eggs appeared in the supermarket!
Ash Wednesday, February 17, is less than a month away. YOU
are invited to assist in the planning for Lent and Easter. We will
have a meeting on Monday 1 February at 7pm in the Parish
Meeting Room. Look forward to seeing you there!

From 2010, we had a glimpse back to the early
1950's last Tuesday. The front of the church
was used as a backdrop in an ABC drama that is
being filmed presently in Bland St. Called 'I Spy'
it will be aired in October!



PARISH STAFF:

*Fr. Michael Walsh CM
Carmen Yap*

Marguerite Martin

The Misto Family

In late 1936 the Misto family moved from Alpha, a very small Central West Queensland town, to Sydney. Jemellia a widow with five daughters and two sons, was reluctant to leave her beautiful Queenslander home but the older girls yearned for the city life.

With four of her five daughters and her youngest son they chose Ashfield, due to its proximity to Croydon where Jemellia's younger sister and a brother had a small store. Their first home was a flat in Grainger Avenue but not long after they moved to 29 Bland Street. It was here that Millie spotted the charming Californian bungalow across the street. The house was not for sale but that didn't stop Millie Misto. She threw a Miraculous Medal over the brick fence into the garden and the rest is history.

Jemellia bought 32 Bland Street in June 1941 and the family moved into the home they would occupy for almost 70 years.

The Misto family have been part of Ashfield and in particular St. Vincent's Parish since that time. Dorothy (Dot) and Vince were members of the St. Vincent's Tennis Club and for approximately 30 years Millie served as the Church Sacristan, even acting a 'Altar Boy' for Father Gerry Scott in his early days in the Parish. Mary was the quiet one of the family, a superb cook and an avid reader. The family attended Sunday mass together and Millie was to be found every morning at 6:30am and 7am Masses.

In 1961 Jemellia's eldest daughter Julia moved to Ashfield from Gladstone, Queensland becoming a familiar face at Sunday mass with her mother and sisters.

Agnes was a member of the Ashfield Catholic Club from 1966 until her death in 2009. A beautiful ballroom dancer, she spent many a Saturday evening at the dinner dances held at the Club in the years gone by.

The lives of the Misto family have been intertwined with St. Vincent's with a marriage, christenings and sadly, funerals taking place within the Church. Jemellia's grandchildren and great grandchildren have been educated at St. Vincent's Primary School, Bethlehem College and De La Salle.

On January 25, 2010, the younger members of the Misto family will say farewell when 32 Bland Street passes into the ownership of another family.

Urgently Wanted: Volunteers Workers—Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers—couples and singles—to serve within the Diocese. There are various important voluntary tasks, from cooking, gardening, administration, to pastoral care. For further details and an application form please contact: Mrs Vicki Baudry at 08 9192 1060 or email admin@broomedioocese.org PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 Noon
Tuesday, 9:00am
Wednesday 12 Noon
Thursday 9:00am
Saturday 9:00am

Sunday : 8am, 10:00am, 6pm
Polish Mass 12 noon

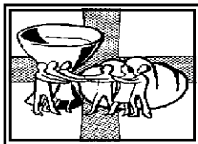
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday, Sat 9:00am



Will you be doing The Reflection next Easter?

In preparation for Easter 2010, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference invites you to partake in an exciting and unique journey. Each week during Lent, the Bishops of Australia will share their thoughts and reflections on Sunday Gospels leading to Easter.

The Reflection, is a free, Internet-based resource that will follow a *lectio divina* exploration of the Scriptures, and will commence 15 February 2010—the Monday prior to Ash Wednesday.

The innovative program is a wonderful opportunity to share your Easter journey with family, friends, parish or family groups.

As the Church family welcomes its new members with open arms at Easter, let's take up the challenge and invite others to come to our table.

The website <http://thereflection.vivdas.com> will go live 1 January 2010, keeping you informed of this exciting program. For further information please contact Annie Carrett, Diocese Broken Bay, 02 9847 0724 or news@dbb.org.au

We received a letter from Cana Communities Incorporated thanking us for our generous support to their appeal especially supporting people with mental illness and people considered most in need.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.

FIRST READING: The people understood the book of the Law as it was read to them.
(Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

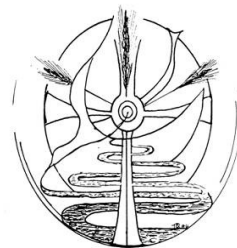
PSALM: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life (Ps 19.7, 8, 9, 14)

SECOND READING: You form the Body of Christ, yet each of you is a different part of it.
(1 Corinthians 12.12-30)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Today this scripture has been fulfilled (Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look up at the Lord with gladness and smile; your face will never be ashamed.



Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Ps 71.1-2, 3, 5-6, 15+17
1 Corinthians 12.31—13.13
Luke 4:21-30