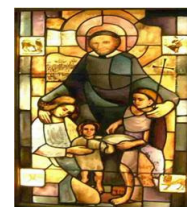


# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**February 7, 2010**

## CATECHIST SUNDAY

**“Put out into the deepwater and let down your nets for a catch”**

Peter followed that command and rich abundance followed. The command was to go out into the deep. The deep is the area where you either sink or swim. It is the place where the most effort has to be put in to keep your head above the water. It is out of the comfort area near the shore.

Peter and his journey with the Lord always reflects a little of my own journey.

Peter is the flawed humanity that Jesus chooses. Peter wasn't in the crowd that was following Jesus, he was a casual bystander...and yet it was to Peter, Jesus asks for support, with the boat firstly and then with this miracle of abundance. He calls Peter to repeat this going into the 'deep' and catching people to draw them in to God's love.

So where is the deep around here? And are you ready to put out into the deep with Jesus aboard?

We have a brilliant team of catechists who do this regularly on our behalf. With Christ on board they step out into the local State schools to drop the nets. They have answered Jesus command by giving the most precious commodity... time, to serve the catholic children in the local state schools. Like fishing it can be hard work, but with Jesus the catch is abundant!

**Thank you to Anne Marie Sayah, Mary Hudson, Mary Guerin, Teresa Horvath, John Kinnear and Solange Dib and the girls from Bethlehem College for accepting the challenge of the Deep!**



### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

February 17, 2010

9:00am, 12 noon & 7:00pm



*Do you Love Me?* is the name of our Lenten program. To join a Lenten discussion group, that will start next week, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church or ring the Parish office 9798 2501.

#### **Men's Group recommences for 2010**

First meeting this Monday 8th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

A group of men from the parish coming together to share everyday experiences, prayer and how our faith challenges us into action.

We meet every 2nd and the Monday of the month.

**Little Black Book for Lent now available from Lillie in the foyer for \$4.00**

Little Black Book is a six minutes a day reading from Sunday before Ash Wednesday to Easter. You will walk through the whole Passion a little bit at a time, and offer some reflections with each piece.

### **Opening Masses for the Schools**

Opening Masses for St. Vincent's Primary School, Bethlehem College & De La Salle College will be celebrated next week. We wish Staff and Students every blessing as they commence the new school year 2010.

### **SHROVE Tuesday (Pancake day)**

16th February 6pm to 8pm

School Grounds.

Come and enjoy

Freshly cooked Pancakes

with maple syrup, cocky's joy (golden Syrup, Lemon & Sugar). If you want more of an adventurous topping then why not byo.

There will be "Nostalgia" Games for the children and light entertainment for the rest of us.

Mark it in your diary...lets celebrate as a community before the Lent period begins...



The Youth Committee

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