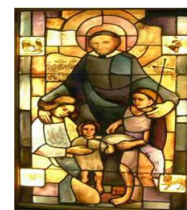


St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Second Sunday of Lent C

February 28, 2010

I have started Lent in the rawest way, with the death of my dear Mum. Never before have I viewed this time of turning back to God, examining one's motivations, actions and thoughts with such clarity and sadness. My mother was a typical Irish woman, the type whose faith was intermingled with the everyday. Not long before she became ill, we contacted one of her remaining peers, who had suffered a loss in the family, and in that conversation every second sentence was concluded with 'God Willing' or 'Please God' and 'Thanks be to God'. At the time I was slightly amused and amazed by how she could drop right back into the old friendship of 90 years and also the old lingo...but I dwelled on the faith that was so immediate and on 'the tip of the tongue' for both of them that I wondered about my own faith. Do I include God in all my activities and conversations like that? It is a culture of faith that rests in the assuredness of the Resurrection.

But not to beat myself too hard, I can look to the apostles, particularly the eminent ones Peter, James and John. It is upon the faith of these men our church is founded. Jesus included them in his prayer time (I would think that would be special); Jesus is transfigured and exposed in brilliance and glory as God shows the extent of his love and connection with his Son. Meanwhile our very human church founders are heavy with sleep and confusion. I have wondered why Jesus asked them to share such an intimate moment knowing of their frailties. So as much as Peter did not know what he was saying, God did. His proclamation needed to be heard. *"This is my Son, the chosen one. Listen to him."*

So often my prayer time is all about my prayer, yet God has asked me **to listen**, in the light of His Son, the Chosen one, and I can in the assured faith of the Resurrection.

Marguerite Martin

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in this Parish on Pentecost Sunday 23 May at 10am. Bishop Brady will be the celebrant. If you would like your child to be involved in the program of preparation for confirmation please return the registration form obtained from the back of the church ASAP. The first meetings will be on either the 16 or 18 March in the Parish Meeting room at 6.30pm.

Congratulations to Grace & Lawrence Lau...to their new baby Amber born last Tuesday. Lawrence is part of our RCIA group and we share the joy!!!!



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thank you for all the support I have received at this sad time of my Mum's death. Each phone call, each hug, each card and the amazing arrangements of flowers received deeply touched me. Thank you for your care. I ask you to continue to remember her and us in your prayers. God Bless Marguerite

RECENTLY DECEASED

Silverio Cabillon Snr, Patrick Connell, Kathleen Booth & Sr. Jenny Buckley RSJ

Do you know.....

CONGRATULATIONS to our **Year 7—9 'Scientist in Schools' project team who have commenced working in 2010 with CSIRO Scientists** and gifted students across four of our Primary feeder schools (St. Vincent's Ashfield, St. Ambrose, Concord West, St. Michaels Stanmore & Holy Innocents Croydon), Our students will continue researching our carbon footprint and developing a proposal to reduce our carbon emissions and also make recommendations for federal grants to create a more environmentally friendly Bethlehem College. Well done girls!!!!

- ◆ To Elizabeth Mora (Yr 12) for her excellent public speaking skills at **Burwood Lions Youth of the Year Competition**.
- ◆ To our students for their participation in the **Hiroshima Peace Poster Competition**: Chantelle Ferrer (Yr 9), NuNu Lamung (Yr 9) and Caroline Pollock (Yr 11) received awards of Honor, Carla Corte (Yr 9) received an award of Merit and Lauren Nasr (Yr 9) received an award of Distinction.

PARISH STAFF:

*Fr. Michael Walsh CM
Carmen Yap*

Marguerite Martin

St. Vincent's Primary School

Construction is expected to commence on 29th March 2010 of development of St. Vincent's Primary School and hall as part of the Nation Building & Jobs Plan Act 2009.

Prayer Group

An intercessory prayer session in a group every 2nd Saturday of the month from 2.30pm. Next meeting will be on Saturday 13th March. Please come and join us.

Venue: George and Elsa Tel: 9716 6676
19 Goodwin Avenue
Ashfield

A New Beginning

Beginning Experience is a personal encounter weekend for those who are grieving the loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce. Closing the door to the past gently by getting in touch and dealing with the feelings resulting from the end of a relationship is an important part of making a new beginning.

The Next Beginning Experience Weekend is on
April 9—11th 2010

For information & an application form please contact: Lee (02) 9449 5317, Lynne (02) 4627 2084 or Kevin (02) 4984 2738

Parish Masses this week:

Monday	12 Noon
Tuesday,	7:00am
Wednesday	12 Noon
Thursday	9:00am
Saturday	9:00am

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

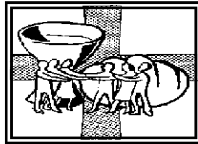
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

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



As Christians we are called to walk with those who are in need. This week's story introduces us to Teneille, from Derby in Western Australia. Limited job opportunities, low family literacy levels and poor health and housing are some of the issues affecting poor school performance amongst Indigenous children in the area. Teneille participates in a Caritas Australia supported program that is empowering children to attend school, have healthy and nutritious food and improve the school performance amongst the area's children. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to work towards the goal of ensuring primary education for all children.



PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

The De La Salle Brothers are offering young men (20 - 35yrs) an incredible volunteer opportunity in the remote indigenous community of Balgo Hills in Western Australia. Spend 2 weeks (15 - 29 May) learning about the Brothers' life and work whilst helping young people in need. Applications close 29 March.

For details please visit www.delasallebrothers.com

'Come Holy Spirit'



"Healing Mass", Friday 5th March 2010. St. Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Road, Lakemba. Rosary: 7pm, Reconciliation: 7-8pm, Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass: 8pm.

The celebrant will be Father Amin Abboud

Enquiries: Rose Ph 9642 2359/0412 115 961

Email: rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au

Second Sunday of Lent C

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

FIRST READING: The Lord made a covenant with Abraham, his righteous servant. (Genesis 15.5-12. 17-18)

PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation (Ps 27. 1, 7-8, 9, 13-14)

SECOND READING: Christ will transform our humble bodies, confirming them to his glorious body (Philippians 3: 17-4:1)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed (Luke 9.28b-36)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.



Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday in
Lent C

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8+11
1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12
Luke 13.1-9