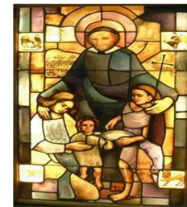


# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**June 20, 2010**

The psalm chosen for today's liturgy is one of the most beautiful prayers of the whole Psalter. The opening stanza picks up something of the weariness of life. We have such deep longings but nothing seems able to satisfy them. The psalmist looks to God for the love and the life for which he yearns: 'O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water' Psalm 63:1).

We find the same theme in the New Testament. Jesus knew that our deepest hunger and thirst is for God and so he tried to draw us away from the distractions that blunt our desire without fulfilling it. He even tried to draw people away from finding false security in a religious system that likewise failed to satisfy them. Today's psalm uses the image of land that is parched and 'weary' through lack of nourishing rain. Using the same word, Jesus says: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light' Matthew 11:28-30).

Saint Augustine expressed our experience well when he wrote at the beginning of his Confessions: 'You have made us for yourself, O God, and our heart is restless till it rest in you'.

Today's gospel also holds a warning for us. If we think we can satisfy our own hunger and thirst for ourselves we will experience profound disappointment, for we will be left like a dry weary land without water. Today as we gather with our Christian brothers and sisters in God's church, we have the banquet that strengthens and refreshes our souls. Let us thank him with all our hearts for the grace with which he attracts us here and for the gift of himself that always awaits us.

Fr Michael Fallon msc

**Planned Giving Envelopes** for the Financial Year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, are now available for collection at the back of the Church. You will find them in alphabetical order. To facilitate the location of your box of envelopes, please refer to the listings provided on the table.

**Registration Forms** for the **Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes** can be found at the back of the church for anyone not contributing and who would like to do so.

**The receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the financial Year 2009-2010, will be available for collection in July.**

## Mary MacKillop – An Australian Like Us

'After only three years in Adelaide, Mary MacKillop's Sisters were providing other services as well as educational. Care was available in The Providence (for neglected children, girls in danger and the aged poor), The Solitude (for the aged and the incurably ill), a Refuge (for women off the streets or newly from jail), and an Orphanage. As numbers increased, the Sisters needed to beg for the food required.' Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au). For further information, see [www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au) and [www.cathnews.com.au](http://www.cathnews.com.au)

## SAINT VINCENTS PARISH LOGO COMPETITION

St Vincents Parish needs a Logo. Something that defines us as a community!

**How to Enter:** This competition is open to all members of the Parish including St Vincents Primary, Bethlehem and De La Salle Colleges. Simply design a logo using drawings, paint, pc or whatever you are good at on a standard A4 sheet. Then drop it in at the parish office with your name and a contact number.

The Top entries will be displayed at the back of the church for the community to vote on and the winning Logo will be unveiled at St Vincents Parish Day.

Entries close Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010. Thank you and Good Luck!

Next weekend **26 and 27 June**, we will be holding the annual **Holy Father's Appeal**. The Appeal unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune. Offerings to the Holy Father go towards special projects in humanitarian work, social development and charitable works.

**PARISH STAFF:**

*Fr. Michael Walsh CM  
Carmen Yap*

*Marguerite Martin*

## Bethlehem College

- ◆ Congratulations to Year 11 Debating Team (Erin Rudolph, Gertrude Lacanilao and Angelica Panapoulos) who competed brilliantly against Marcellin College Randwick in the Elimination round last Friday. Bethlehem won the debate and has progressed through to the quarter finals against OLSH Kensington on Friday 18th June. We wish our girls all the very best.
- ◆ Congratulations to the students involved in the 'On the Block' launch. As parents are aware we have launched a new performing arts initiative involving students from Bethlehem, St. Vincent's and De La Salle. Students have the opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument and join a band for beginners. Students who have commenced learning to play a musical instrument can further their skills and join the Palm Court Orchestra. There is also the 'On the Block' community band which inspires our students with their years of experience and skill. We have written a media launch for this new initiative. We also thank our Band Master, Mr. Armitage for joining our community and offering this wonderful initiative for our three schools. We hope to extend this initiative to students across our 15 primary feeder schools in the future.

## Our Priest Art Competition

As part of our celebrations for the Year of the Priest, students in Years 4,5 and 6 from St. Vincent's Primary School participated in the "Our Priest" Art competition. In preparation for creating this art work, the students spoke with Fr. Michael and asked him questions about his life as a priest. It was a great opportunity for students and they really enjoyed engaging in this activity. Around the church are some of the artworks they created.

### 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

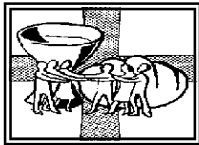
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

**Rosary:** Saturday after 9:00am Mass

**Morning Prayer:** Saturday 8:40am

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

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



## Ashfield Council

Confident Parenting from July to December 2010, free parenting seminars for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers of 0 -18 year olds.  
For bookings phone Jae at Ashfield Council on 9716 1844 or email [jaey@ashfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jaey@ashfield.nsw.gov.au).  
For more information please refer at the notice board at the Church foyer.

Triple P in Korean Presenter: Su Kim  
Wednesdays 4, 11 and 18 August 2010  
10am – 12pm @ Cadigal Room

This 3 week seminar will provide Korean parents with ideas on how children learn desirable behaviours and develop important social skills. The power of positive parenting, raising confident children and dealing with children's emotion will be discussed each week with time for questions.

## PRAYER MORNING AT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE, 7 MOUNT STREET NORTH SYDNEY, 30/6/2010 (ENTRY VIA MUSEUM RECEPTION)

You are invited to a Prayer Morning with Mary MacKillop on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Cost \$15 (Concession \$10).

This month's topic: "There where you are, you will find God." – with Sue & Leo Kane

If you would like to stay on for the 1pm Mass in the Chapel, you are most welcome.

Bookings and further enquiries: Sister Monica Barlow 8912 4818 or [mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au).

## As One Voice - National Music Conference September 24 – 26, 2010

Don't miss this exciting music event for singers, instrumentalists, choirs, liturgists, teachers and all who are involved in music within the parish and school communities. A wide variety of workshops, concerts and music events will be offered by some of Australia's best loved singers and composers including Trisha Watts, Monica Brown, Fr Kevin Bates, Br James Maher, Amanda McKenna, John Burland, Michael Mangan, Peter Kearney and more! For more information and to register online visit:

[www.asonevoice.com.au](http://www.asonevoice.com.au)

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd for ever.

**FIRST READING:** They will look on the one whom they have pierced (Zechariah 12.10-11)

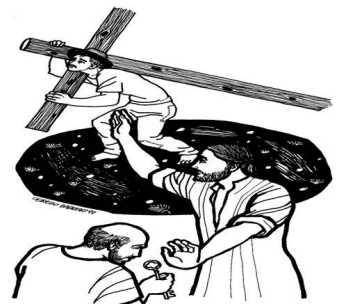
**PSALM:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Ps 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8)

**SECOND READING:** Whoever is baptized in Christ, has put on Christ (Galatians 3.26-29)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Peter says: You are the Messiah of God. Jesus replies: The Son of Man must suffer greatly (Luke 9.18-24)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
Thirteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time C

1 Kings 19.16b, 19-21  
Ps 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Galatians 5.1, 13-18  
Luke 9.51-62