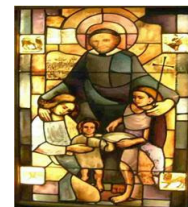


St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

August 8, 2010

It is a problem. I work better under a bit of pressure. Assignments never get started until I see the due date looming awfully close. I wish I was better at pacing myself and it was to this Jesus speaks. To be a follower of Jesus demands of me to be a constant Christian and to keep the kingdom in the forefront of my purpose and being. I love the part in this gospel that reassures us that when the bridegroom arrives, he will don the apron and sit us down at the table! The early Church needed that reassurance that in fact Jesus would return if not in the first or second watch maybe the third watch! They had an understanding that Jesus would return soon, and here we are some two thousand odd years away still waiting. Stay loyal to the principals that Jesus outlined of the kingdom...don't give up hope and become sloppy.

In fact Jesus message could well be summed up in Mary MacKillop's famous quote, "**Never see a need without doing something about it.**" Today is the feast day of Mary MacKillop. As we anticipate her canonisation in October may we travel with Mary and into her spirituality of action and relationship with Jesus, who was forever visible in the poor and needy.

Marguerite Martin

**Parish Men's Group
meets for Prayer and Discussion
on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month
at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

All welcome.

Next meeting is this coming Tuesday night.

Mary MacKillop Canonisation National Appeal

This week we are holding a collection for the Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal. This is a national appeal conducted throughout every Diocese in Australia with the endorsement of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Sisters of St. Joseph have asked our support in order to raise funds to cover essential associated with the Canonisation in Rome on 17 October. Please refer to the Appeal envelope for further details.

Mary MacKillop



Remember we are but travellers here.

Mary MacKillop's canonisation is an opportunity to really get to know this amazing Aussie woman. Mary was an Australian by virtue of her Scottish immigrant parents. Like many of us who were born in another place or whose parents came from another place, Mary decided that this place, Australia was her home. From this weekend, Mary's feast day, to her canonisation we are asking you to pilgrimage into the life and spirituality of Mary MacKillop.

- ◆ To get to know Mary we are offering a four week small group program starting the week of the 16th August. At present we can offer Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening and Tuesday morning group but we ask you to put your name, phone number and preferences at the back of the church.
- ◆ Keep Saturday September 18 available as we pilgrimage, as a Parish to North Sydney to the Tomb of Mary MacKillop.

We have tentatively booked 30 tickets for St Vincent's Parish to attend the matinee (3pm) performance on 9 October to see MacKillop the Musical at the Seymour Centre. The tickets will be \$35. If you want to attend please place your name and phone number on the sheets at the back of the church. We are hoping to travel in together! I need to have numbers by this Tuesday 10 August!

Parish Diary: Some upcoming liturgies:

August	8	all Masses	Feast of Mary MacKillop
	15	all Masses	Feast of Assumption— Sr. Ann Taylor & Sr. Aileen Thomas RSC
		10am & 6:00pm	First Reconciliation Enrolment
	22	10am	Annual Mass of Ashfield Catholic and Community Club
September	2	all Masses	Fathers Day
	12	10am	Visiting Vincentian priests celebrating Mass
	19	10am & 6:00pm	First Communion Enrolment
	26	all Masses	Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

PARISH STAFF:

*Fr. Michael Walsh CM
Carmen Yap*

Marguerite Martin

BER UPDATE

Anyone who has visited the school this term will see the progress that was made over the holidays. The structures for the covered walkway to the hall and the framework for the awning outside the Kindergarten rooms were installed and painting has also commenced.

Inside the Hall the stage has been constructed and is approximately 2 1/2 times bigger than the previous stage so it is looking great for future performances.

The foundation for the lift in the hall has been laid, and internal and external paintwork is well underway.

At this point in time we appear to be on target to have all facilities returned to us by the commencement of Term 4.

I am most appreciative to the builders, skilfully managed to do major demolition and construction works during school vacations and weekends. This has assisted greatly in reducing risk and maintaining a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and parents.

I also appreciate the ongoing collaboration of staff in performing their duties under very difficult and restricted circumstances at times. Students have also made the best of their restricted playing space and are endeavouring to get along despite the very limited playing spaces available. All the above is a great credit to all who belong to the St. Vincent's community.

Des Fox
Principal

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

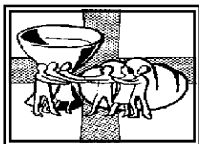
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.

FIRST READING: By the same means by which you punished our enemies, you called Us to yourself and glorified us (Wisdom 18.6-9)

PSALM: Happy the people Lord has chosen to be his own (Ps 33.1+2. 18-19, 20+22)

SECOND READING: Abraham was looking for the city designed and built by God (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: You must keep yourself ready (Luke 12: 32-48)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON : The bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world, says the Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

The Assumption

Revelation 11.19a; 12.1-6a; 10ab

Ps 45.-10, 11+12c+14, 15+17

1 Corinthians 15.20-26

Luke 1.39-56

Exploring our Spiritual Heritage

On the 15 August, the PPC Exploring our Spiritual Heritage Group have invited Sr Ann Taylor & Sr. Aileen Thomas RSC to speak about the Sisters of Charity. Bethlehem College and St Vincent's School was founded by the Sisters of Charity and their charism is still the mainstay of these school today. Many of our parishioners are students or are ex students of these fine schools.

Mary MacKillop – An Australian Like Us

When Mary's excommunication was lifted in February 1872, some Sisters of her disbanded community returned, schools gradually reopened, and, in July, three set out from Adelaide for Bathurst. In spite of austere living conditions in the 'most awfully cold' place, they established their school at The Vale (basing their teaching on Mary's methods and structured system with emphasis on the religious dimension of life), and visited the people of the village.

Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - www.sosj.org.au. For further information, see www.marymackillop.org.au and www.cathnews.com.au

Annual Mass for Pregnant Women

All expectant mothers and those who wish to offer their prayers and support are warmly invited to attend the Annual Mass for Pregnant Women at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 15 August at 10:30am. The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal George Pell. Morning Tea will follow in St. Mary's Cathedral College Hall. Enquiries and RSVPs to Imfevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5283.

Retired, but still keen to make a contribution. Volunteer for a job that makes a difference?

Palms Australia is seeking volunteers to work in their national office at Glebe. Our most valued office volunteers have been those who are able to draw on their own lifetime of experience. Administrative, technical or fix-it skills will all contribute to preparing, sending and supporting those taking up a mission overseas. Meet and befriend some amazing people. **Training and support will be provided**, as you require it. **Choose your hours.**

Contact Roger O'Hollaran: reger@palms.org.au or phone 9518 9551