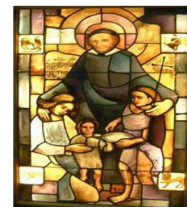


St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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The Assumption

August 15, 2010

Maybe this is my own pocket book précis of the history of Christianity, it doesn't fit in with The Faith of our Fathers mentality but maybe it comes from my life experience. With my tiny amount of knowledge and study, I note there have been times in history when the Church has not lived up to what it should be...that shining beacon reflecting Christ, working and acting to bring about the kingdom that Jesus spoke so much about. It has defeated itself sometimes in its own corruption and tried to wear the Crown of Heaven...but despite the humanness of the earthly organisation, the real Church, the people of God have kept the embers of Jesus alight. It is through all this that Mary, Our Lady has shone in that indefatigable way. It is she who constantly brings forth that life. This is the Lady of action that didn't speak much in the gospels but acted profoundly. It was She who said 'Yes' to Gabriel; it was She who could make the request of the Son so he would say "Yes" at Cana; it was She who stood again at the foot of the Cross at Calvary, whose pain and anguish surely would match the physical pain of her Son... both in that perfect accord for another "Yes" to the will of God. It is Mary, the approachable who has been the refuge for Christians, the true Mother of the Church who reveals to us her Son. No wonder we celebrate her, that in her constant life giving action she is the Queen of Heaven.

It is Our Lady's greatest model of strength and action that has inspired these other Mary's, like Mary MacKillop and Mary Aikenhead, to transform and bring to birth the sight of the kingdom to many here in Australia

Marguerite Martin

We welcome today Sr Ann Taylor and Sr Aileen Thomas from the Sisters of Charity. The Sisters of Charity as well as being the backbone of Catholic education in Ashfield, (Bethlehem College and St Vincent's primary) they also have been the founders of Catholic Hospital Care in Sydney, with St Vincent's Hospital. Thank you Sisters for celebrating your Congregational Feast today with us!

We officially commence our Reconciliation program today with 26 families enrolling at 10am and 6pm. As a parish we promise to support our families in the development of faith. Just under one half of these children have been baptised at St Vincents!

We will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the Parish Meeting Room.

Please pray for them!

MacKillop the Musical Seymour Centre. Sat 9 October 3pm. We have 10 tickets still available! \$35. If you want to attend ring the Parish Office . We are hoping to travel in together!



Mary MacKillop

We still are offering the opportunity to **get to know Mary MacKillop** and her Spirituality in small group setting. You

may find it hard to commit to four weeks so just come when you can! Always welcome.

Tuesday Morning 10am Parish House;
Wednesday Evening at Sr Pat Snudden's;
Thursday Evening at Sr Betty and Elaine's
Sunday evening 7pm at Parish House.

The Parish Pilgrimage is taking shape!

(Remember we are but Travellers here!)

September 18 ...if you would like to travel on the bus please place your name and phone number at the back of the Church today or ring Carmen 9798 2501.

If you are fit and able join us in the walk through the Rocks and across the Bridge to Mary MacKillop Place.

Parish Diary: Some upcoming liturgies:

August	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 Bishop David Cremin
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

Fr. Michael Walsh is taking holidays at this time. We thank Fr. Tim Williams who will lead us in the celebration of Mass in the coming weeks.

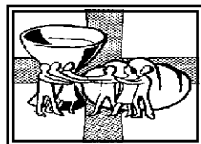
Raffle Tickets for Sudanese Catholic Community Bus Appeal The Archdiocese's Development and Fundraising office has organised a raffle to raise funds for Sudanese Catholic Community Bus Appeal. Ticket is at \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be on sale today after the 8 am, 10am & 6pm Masses at the foyer. Win trip for Two to Rome to attend the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop on 17 October 2010 plus \$2,000 spending money, second prize: presentation gift pack of 6 bottles of Penfolds Wine.

The Parish Men's Group is hosting a bus outing to Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney, on Saturday 18th September. Any senior parishioners who need transport assistance are encouraged to book a place on the outing. The group will be joined at Mary MacKillop Place by other parishioners who have undertaken a walking pilgrimage to the venue. For further information and to book a place on the bus, please contact Carmen at the Parish office on 9798 2501.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Parish Office at 7:15pm. New members are welcome. For inquiries ring Parish office 9798 2501

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

Mary MacKillop – An Australian Like Us

Appreciated by Bathurst's local clergy and people, the Sisters felt their distance from the Adelaide Mother House. Bishop Quinn welcomed them and their education successes, but expected direct authority over them. In the light of this and the Brisbane experience, therefore, in 1873 Mary went to Rome to seek Papal endorsement of centralised governance. While waiting, she left Rome's heat to recover her health. 'Just imagine,' she wrote to her Scottish mother, 'my going to a wild glen.' 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

A Breakfast for Fathers

The Life, Marriage and Family Centre is hosting a Breakfast for Fathers on Saturday 4 September 2010. The morning will begin with Mass at All Saints' Church in Liverpool followed by breakfast at the Liverpool Catholic Club and two talks on fatherhood by Ron Delezio and Bishop Julian Porteous. Cost is \$15. For enquiries and RSVP please contact Imfevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5290

Permanent Diaconate: The Archdiocese is now taking expressions of interest from men (married or single) who are considering a vocation as a Permanent Deacon. Flyers about the role and purpose of the diaconate are available in the church, and the website is www.sydneydiaconate.org. Those interested are invited to contact Bernard Toutounji at Bernard.toutounji@sydneycatholic.org or on 9390 5941.

Ever-renewing God,
 in the Assumption of Mary
 you have shown us a vision
 of one who knows how to serve.
 May we as Church hold on to you
 in life and death
 as we listen to your word and live by it
 so we may be to the world the body of Jesus.

The Assumption

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon, beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

FIRST READING: A great portent appeared: a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon under her feet (Revelation 11.19a; 12-1-6a; 10ab)

PSALM: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Ps 45.9-10, 11+12c+14)

SECOND READING: Christ has been raised from the dead; the first fruits of those who belong to Christ (1 Corinthians 15.20-26)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The Mighty One has done great things for me; God has lifted up the lowly (Luke 1.39-56)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON : All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.



Next Sunday's Readings
 Twenty-first Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 66.18-21
 Ps 117.1, 2
 Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-23
 Luke 13.22-30