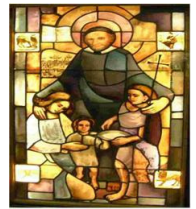


St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2010



Doorways ...the open able part of the wall that permits entry. We all have those walls around us, some have wide doors and some narrow doors. Who do we let in? and what are we protecting? It has always been the way with humanity to want to enclose and protect. So the question is posed to Jesus, who can come through the door to the Kingdom. The Jews thought they were a shoe in, I mean weren't they the chosen people. But Jesus responded with the shocking and most provocative news! That the people who think they have shares in the kingdom in fact may be the last considered and the people who consider themselves as no hopers will be the first! In Jesus words "*those from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of heaven.*" In Jesus words, it is the foreigners, those we are suspicious about that may have the key to the door of the kingdom. For the Jews of the time this was really threatening stuff, so what about us? Many of us are smug about who we are, that in fact, we hold the truth to who God is and that for sure we have reserved tickets for the best seats in the kingdom. Maybe in our smugness we hold prejudices about others who may not share our religion, our politics, our ethnicity...those from the east, west, north and south. It is to these people that Jesus challenges us to go and see and discover God.

This last week, in Marrickville Catholic parish, there was an Intercultural Dinner, an Itfar Dinner (Breaking of the Fast). This dinner, attended by one of our parishioners, was a gathering of young Christians and Muslims who gathered to break the Ramadan fast for that day with shared prayer from the Quran and the Gospel and conversation responding to questions like "What causes a lack of understanding in Multi faith Communities like Australia". Surely this alone is a glimpse of the Kingdom.

Marguerite Martin

**Welcome to Bishop David Cremin who is celebrating the Club Ashfield 45th Annual Mass at 10am .
We are always richer for your visit Bishop David!**

Congratulations Sr Pat Snudden

This weekend we are thrilled to announce the launch of Sr Pat Snudden RSJ book *Imaging Mary MacKillop with Whisperings from Mary*. Sr Pat has artistically expressed Mary MacKillop's relationship with Australia and Australians in this gorgeous and prayerful book ..a great aid to meditating with Mary!

- ◆ MacKillop the Musical Seymour Centre. Sat 9
- ◆ October 3pm. We have 7 tickets still available! \$35.
- ◆ If you want to attend ring the Parish Office .
- ◆ We are hoping to travel in together!

Parish Diary: Some upcoming liturgies:			
August	22	10am	Annual Mass of Ashfield Catholic and Community Club Bishop David Cremin
September	5	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



Mary MacKillop

Didn't get an opportunity to attend a small group to **get to know Mary MacKillop** and her Spirituality, last week? You may find it hard to commit to four weeks so just come when you can!

Always welcome. Ring Parish Office for details.
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. We all meet at MacKillop Place and Fr Michael will celebrate Mass in the Chapel.

The 2011 Columban Calendar is now available at the foyer from Lillie for only **\$7.00**. Buy one of the best religious calendars in the world and you will be helping our missionaries at the same time. This calendar also makes an excellent gift for family or friends.

PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Michael Walsh CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

The Burse The presentation of donations received through the Parents and Friends of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers in Australia and Fiji, known as "The Burse" will take place at St. Anthony's Marsfield, on Sunday 12th of September commencing at 2:30pm. The Burse was formed some years ago to help educate men who wished to become Vincentian priests and Brothers and who could not afford their own education. New subscribers are now being sought and all that is required is an annual donation. No one is asked to give beyond their means and any amount will be gratefully received. Ph: Lillie Furlong, Hon Sec 9797 6840 or see her in the foyer.

Parish Youth Group

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to acknowledge the very excellent work which has been undertaken in recent months by the Parish Youth Group. At the Parish Dinner held in May, the Youth Group provided invaluable assistance by ensuring easy & safe access to car parking for the many people who attended. More recently, the Group hosted a fund-raising night which involved much detailed organizing and was enjoyed by many parishioners. Proceeds from the night will go towards a Youth Retreat to be held in the future. The Group has supported and led groups through the First Reconciliation program for some years. They do this with great grace and humour, supporting the children and their parents. As a Parish we are fortunate to have young people with the determination to get in and do things, not only for themselves, but for the broader faith community of which they are a part. The Parish Council expresses sincere thanks for the generosity & good will of this group of young people.



Congratulations and Best Wishes to JOHN BRIDGE who celebrated his 60th Birthday Thursday 19th August 2010

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

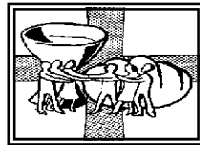
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

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

Many volumes have been written to describe and analyse the events concerning the Josephites in Adelaide, Bathurst and Brisbane. Mary knew that each Bishop desired the best for his diocese, but she insisted on central government (according to the Rule rewritten in Rome). She wanted her Sisters to be free to move across dioceses to 'do all the good they can, and never see an evil without trying how they might remedy it.'

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

Bethlehem College

Congratulations and thanks to:

- ◆ Year 9 PASS and PDHPE classes who assisted as officials at the Inner West Primary School Athletics Carnival on Thursday 5 August 2010.
- ◆ Members of the College Choir and Year 7 Religion A class who have been rehearsing for St. Aileen's Golden Jubilee Mass.

Gospel of Love

Concert Launch for the new album by **JAMES MAHER**
 Fri 3rd September 2010
 7:30pm

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
 193 Avoca St. Randwick NSW

The Concert will include songs from the new album as well as some favourites from James' First Album Heartvoice

Please join us for an evening of celebration of song.

A light supper and refreshments will be served.

RSVP: 23rd August 2010

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

FIRST READING: All your kindred, from all nations, will be brought to the Lord (Isaiah 66.18-21)

PSALM: Go out to all the world and tell the good news (Ps 117.1, 2)

SECOND READING: The Lord disciplines those whom he loves (Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-23)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: People will come from east and west, and will eat in the kingdom of God (Luke 13.22-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON : Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29
 Ps 68.3-4, 5-6a, 9-10
 Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a
 Luke 14.1, 7-14