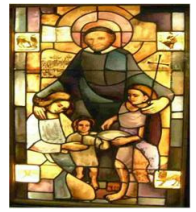


# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

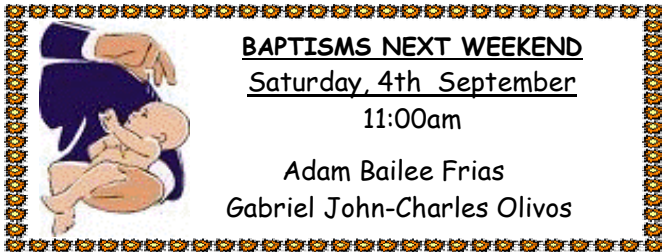
**August 29, 2010**

It was on AM on the radio this week I heard the most heart wrenching cry that penetrated me, as I was cleaning the kitchen bench. It was the sound of Benezeer's mother calling to God as she buried her little less than 5kg, 2year old daughter, Benezeer, in Pakistan. Benezeer died from dehydration and diahorrea. The sound of her cry went straight into my heart...her situation was so desperate and yet this loss of her second child to poverty was so gut wrenching, so real, it was as if it were my loss.

So often we read about tragedy but distance, culture, maybe prejudice separates us and protects us from the reality of the sound, the smell, the touch and the truth of the tragedy. If it were me wouldn't I expect the world to care for my baby who died from preventable disease and conditions, would I feel angry? If it were here in Australia, wouldn't we expect some great inquiry into why this happened...and yet Benezeer's mother and father have probably disappeared into the great mass of indescribable chaos, that is Pakistan at this moment. So it is for Benezeer, the very loved daughter of her parents and of God I pray. We thank God for the love she brought in her life, for with love there is richness and promise of God. We stand in solidarity with her parents and the many parents who mourn the loss of their child because of our inability to reach out and share what is as rightfully theirs as it is ours.

Let us think of the rich mans feast of today with people vying to place themselves with the important guest. Yet at the heavenly banquet, I know whose lap Benezeer is sitting on!

*Marguerite Martin*



## **BAPTISMS NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, 4th September  
11:00am

Adam Bailee Frias  
Gabriel John-Charles Olivos

## **Parish Diary: Some upcoming liturgies:**

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

## **Join us in a cuppa after Mass!**

On the **first Sunday** of every month the Parish Pastoral Council invites the parishioners to have a cup of coffee or tea after Mass. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be serving you in the contemplation garden under the Sacred Heart statue, grab a cuppa and have a chat with us. **Join us next Sunday, 5th September**  
*Parish Pastoral Council*



**FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION FORMS** are available at the back of the Church. First Communion will be celebrated on 14 and 21 November.

**Australian Catholics Spring 2010 magazine** now available in the pamphlet racks.  
**Get your free copy.**

- ◆ MacKillop the Musical Seymour Centre. Sat 9
- ◆ October 3pm. Tickets that we pre purchased are all gone. However, if you would still like to be part of this contact [www.mackilloptickets.org](http://www.mackilloptickets.org) or 0424 648 034 and you can still purchase tickets for \$35 as part of the group. We are hoping to travel in together!



**The Parish Pilgrimage** is now only **FOUR** weeks away! It is time to decide how you are going to come to MacKillop Place. It is a very powerful action of faith for a Parish to journey like this.

## **BUS PILGRIMAGE**

So we can plan buses, **PLEASE put your name on the sheet at the back of the church**, or ring Carmen at the office, if you plan to come on the pilgrimage in a bus. The pilgrimage will leave Ashfield and journey through the Rocks area, the sites of Mary MacKillop's first schools and houses of Providence in Sydney. We will then travel across the Harbour Bridge to North Sydney. We will be able to purchase lunch (sandwich, cake, tea/coffee) and museum entry for \$21. However you can bring your own food. Museum entry alone is \$8. The chapel/tomb is free. Fr Michael will say Mass around 2pm.

## **WALKERS**

So we can organise groups **pilgrims who plan to walk please place your names at the back of the church or ring Carmen**. We will be doing all the above on train to the city and a walk through the sites in the Rocks and across the bridge. This beautiful weather we have been experiencing this week must inspire you!

Of course, everyone is welcome to MacKillop Chapel to visit the tomb and for the Mass. You may like to journey in separately. More exacting details re: schedule and the time of Mass as we get travel groups organised.

The St. Vincent de Paul Parish Conference Report for 2009-2010 is on the notice board in the entrance foyer.

**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.

**A Saint for Today:** The Sisters of St Joseph NSW have just released an album of three hymns, plus associated CD with lyrics. Including is the title hymn by Margaret T Cusack rsj newly composed specifically for the occasion of the coming canonization. Single copies of the album and/or CD are available from The Shop at Mary MacKillop Place, or wholesale (not less than three copies) from [music@sosjns.org.au](mailto:music@sosjns.org.au). Also available is the booklet *Mary MacKillop - The Josephite Music Story*.

**'Come Holy Spirit'**



**"Healing Mass", Friday 3rd September 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 Fr. Pat Keenan CsxR**

**Enquiries: Rose Ph 9642 2359/0412 115 961**

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**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

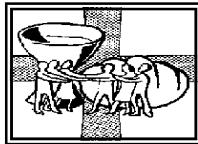
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

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

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

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

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



Happy Birthday and Congratulations to Jack O'Reagan.

We tend to celebrate birthdays that have 0 at the end, so Jack we are all looking forward to the Big party in two years time. In the meantime 98 is fabulous!!!!



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.

**St Vincent's Parish Men's Group**

Below is the outline of our program for the rest of the year. Some activities coincide with our regular meeting nights, others are additional events.

**31st August** Group discussion facilitated by Michael Dyer

**18<sup>th</sup> September** (Saturday) – Host bus outing for senior parishioners to Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney.

**26<sup>th</sup> September** – Assist with St Vincent's Feast Day activity.

**28<sup>th</sup> September** – Visit to Ashfield Parish Men's Group by Marsfield Parish Men's Group

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Talk presented on theme of Taize or Schoenstatt.

**October/November** – Day retreat to Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa.

**October/November** – Workshop: "How to organise prayer, symbols and ritual for small faith groups".

**November/December** – Advent Christmas Bowl – an ecumenical program with local Ashfield churches invited.

**December** – Organise the "Trading Circle" visit to our Parish for pre-Christmas promotion and sales.

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.

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

**FIRST READING:** Work humbly, and you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. (Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29)

**PSALM:** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Ps 68.3-4, 5-6a, 9-10)

**SECOND READING:** You have come to Mount Zion, to the dwelling place of the living God (Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** All who exult themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14.1, 7-14)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON :** O Lord, how great is the depth of the kindness which you have shown to those who love you.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
 Twenty-third Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9.13-18  
 Ps 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17  
 Philemon 9b-10, 12-17  
 Luke 14.25-33