

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010

'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding.

Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost! *Gregory Sunter*



Lord, bless these men we look up to as role models, our heroes, our DADS. Amen

Join us this Sunday 5th September

for a cuppa after Mass. Members of 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.



You are invited to attend JESUS THE CHRIST an eConference in the Parish Meeting Rooms on Thursday 16th September at 10:15am.

Fr. Gerald O'Collins sj is headlining the program. Ring the parish office to put your name down.

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

Monday 6 September.... St Vincent's Feast Day Planning Meeting 7pm Parish Meeting Room. Bring your ideas and energy!



The Parish Pilgrimage is now only TWO 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.

PARISH STAFF:

*Fr. Michael Walsh CM
Carmen Yap*

Marguerite Martin

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

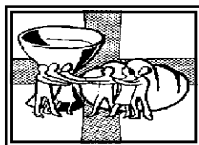
Bethlehem College

- ◆ To our senior Titration team achieved an outstanding result of third place in NSW. Our girls now represent NSW with a few other schools and will compete against the other states in Australia. The girls will compete on Saturday 18th September 2010 at the University of NSW. In the past few years Queensland has won the national competition 9th is beginning to replicate the state of origin!!), therefore we wish our girls and other students in NSW team all the very best... GO THE BLUES!!!
- ◆ Erika Year 12, 2009, who has been awarded a 2009 Australian Vocational Student Prize. Erika is currently studying Socio-legal studies at the University of Sydney. We are delighted that a Bethlehem student has now won this prestigious award in 2008 and 2009. We are hoping for a trifecta in 2010.
- ◆ MCCS Soccer: last week Bethlehem College had a fabulous day at MCCS Soccer, registering two fabulous wins at Auburn

Pat Owens would like to thank Fr. Michael, Staff and Parishioners for all your prayers while she was in the hospital.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Are you interested in:

- ◆ Becoming more aware of the struggles of people on the margin of our society
- ◆ Meeting with others to support each other in this work
- ◆ Reflecting on how the volunteer work you do is part of your journey of faith
- ◆ Helping people in need with compassion and respect

If you answered yes or maybe, membership in the St. Vincent de Paul Society is something you might like to consider.

Meetings for about an hour 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 7.15pm in the Parish House. Please ring Parish Secretary 9798 2501 and leave your details.

Mary MacKillop – An Australian Like Us

Sisters returning from Brisbane were welcomed in Armidale and Sydney. Meanwhile, both the diocese and Josephites of Adelaide were in financial straits. In 1883 Bishop Reynolds, previously a supportive friend, declared Mary an unfit Superior and told her to leave for Sydney at once (saying that it was for health reasons) and stay away. The Sisters were disturbed at Mary's long absence but remained loyal to central government despite the Bishop's attempts to assume control of the Institute.

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

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.

Jack O'Regan was thrilled with the birthday greetings that was sang last Sunday evening. We were thrilled to be able to celebrate with Jack on his achievement of 98 years. Looking forward to next year, Jack!

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Lord, you are just, and the judgments you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

FIRST READING: Who can discern what the Lord wills? (Wisdom 9.13-18)

PSALM: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Ps 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17)

SECOND READING: Take back Onesimus, no longer as a slave but as a much beloved brother (Philemon 9b -10, 12 -17)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions (Luke 14.14.25-33)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON : Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14
Ps 51.1-2, 10-11, 15+17
1 Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-32