

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time B

January 22, 2012

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land
on which we stand.

We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land.
May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

Immediately following our celebration of Christmas and the Epiphany, we have had two weeks of readings that have emphasised **the call**. The word 'call' is louder than the word 'said' and it imparts a demand to hear andto respond. In these last two weeks we have gospels describing the call of Andrew and Simon Peter, James and John. In John's gospel, the response of the apostles was that they were drawn to see where Jesus lived or what it was that made him tick, that sealed the call; this week in Mark's gospel, the call and the response is so complete the apostles from Lake Galilee just pick up and follow him.

The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News. Mark writes that this was Jesus' message as he walked along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was a message of conversion, of change of heart, to believe in future possibilities, to enter into the reign of God and then spread it. The Christian message is firstly a constant call to personal conversion, and secondly a constant call to community. The charisma of Jesus, combined with his authority to call these apostles from their lucrative fishing business', from their families and homes, to follow him, demonstrates for us the attractiveness of what Jesus offers.

The disciples undergo conversion and take up a whole new way of life. Better than a New Year resolution, listen to *your* call and reveal the hope of the kingdom.

Marguerite Martin

We bless you, God of the universe,
for this land,
for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history,
with all its struggle in adversity,
its courage and hope,
give us in our diversity
tolerance and respect for each other
and a passionate commitment to justice for all.
Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you Thank You Thank You.

Did you notice the Star of Bethlehem getting closer to the crib each week of Advent? Did you watch the movement of the Three kings across the sanctuary area ? Wasn't the crib magnificent this year! One couldn't help but admire the hand painted wall hanging behind the altar. Did you see the beautiful children who danced and sang , and enacted the gospel at the children's mass on Christmas eve? Did you hear the magnificent music at all the masses so lovingly prepared for us. All this enhanced our worship at Christmas. Thankyou to the many who enrich our parish by contributing their vast talents.

PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin



Fr. Michael writes
from Rome....



"I am attending the Vincentian course in Rome. I especially prayed for all the parishioners of St. Vincent's Ashfield when I attended Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. I was overwhelmed by the goodness of the parishioners over the Christmas period. Thank you all for your wishes, prayers and most generous gifts.

Vincentian Web Site

The Vincentian web site, updated daily, presents issues relating to the Vincentian family world wide. The site also investigates many social justice issues affecting us here in Australia. Highly recommended [www. Vincentians.org.au](http://www.Vincentians.org.au) & click on 'news'

We received wishes from Monica Nemcekova
(Czech Republic).
Christmas card on the notice board.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 9 am
Wednesday 12 Noon
Thursday 9 am
Saturday 9:00a.m.
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00PM

Polish Mass 12 noon

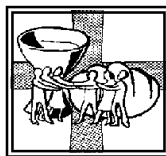
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am — 8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am



Children's Liturgy
will resume next
Sunday 29 January at 10am.

Lent is four weeks away!

We have all seen the Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns in the supermarket! Ash Wednesday is February 22! If you would like to be involved in a Lenten Group please write your name and phone number on the sheet at the back of the church!

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL. St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate Australia Day with a host of activities, including: a stunning Exhibition of Liturgical Vestments on display in the **Crypt from 26 -31 January 10am-4.30pm**; Organ Recitals; Light Opera Recitals; Guided History Tours - **20 minute tours every half hour. Tours conclude at 4pm**; Bell Tower Tours and a Memory Lane of Flowers. **Mass** will be celebrated at **12noon** to pray for God's blessing on the Australian people. All Tours and Recitals are free. Admission to Vestments Exhibition is **\$10 for adults** (children free). ALL WELCOME.

Preparing For the Vocation of Marriage?

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Book your place for **17 & 18 March 2012**. \$230 per couple. For more information call **9646 9010** or to www.caec.com.au - * **A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime***



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: The Ninevites renounced their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5. 10)

PSALM: Teach me your ways, O Lord (Ps 24:4-9)

SECOND READING: The world as we know it is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Repent, and believe the Good News (Mark 1:14-20)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



Next Sunday's Readings
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time B

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 66 ;2-3. 5. 6. 8
Galatians 4 ;4-7
Luke 2:16-21