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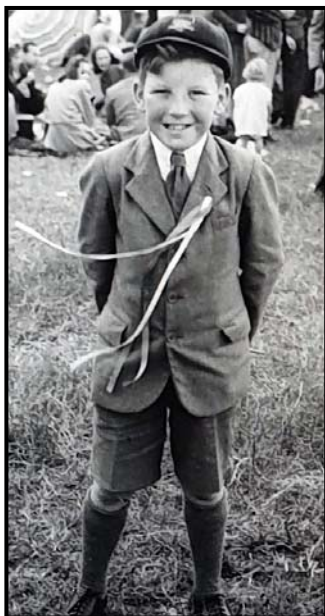
***Monsignor Vincent John Redden***

*8 December 1937 - 9 October 2024*



*St Mark's Catholic Church, Drummoyne*

*18 October 2024*









VINCE REDDEN  
*Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination*  
ST MARK'S PARISH DRUMMOYNE



# Monsignor Vincent (Vince) John Redden

## 1937 - 2024

*Mons Vince was born in Purlerwaugh, near Coonabarabran on 8 December 1937. His schooling included in Sydney at Sacred Heart Primary Mosman, St Aloysius College Milson's Point and St Ignatius College, Riveriew. From school he entered the seminary of St Columba's Springwood in 1955, moving to St Patrick's Manly.*

*He was ordained to the priesthood on 15 July 1961 at  
St Mary's Cathedral by Cardinal Gilroy.*

*He served as assistant Priest at the Parishes of Haberfield, Redfern, Balgowlah, Camperdown, Seven Hills, and Merryland. He was Parish Priest at Ryde and was at Drummoyne for over 17 years.*

*He has also served as a chaplain in the Army Reserve for 25 years, been Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, acted as the Archbishop's Vicar for Clergy in the Sydney Archdiocese for 12 years, served as Chairman of the Sydney Archdiocese Catholic Schools Board for four years.*

*Mons Redden was also instrumental in the building upgrades at St Mark's Primary and within the Church grounds.*

*Mons Vince died on 9 October 2024.*

*He was 86 years of age.*

*May he rest in peace.*





# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All Amen.*

Celebrant Peace be with you.

*All And with your spirit.*

## Penitential Rite

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

Celebrant You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All Christ, have mercy.*

Celebrant You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

Celebrant May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

*All Amen.*

## Placing of the White Pall

*Corinne McPhee and Margaret English*



## Placing of Symbol's on Mons Vince's Life

**Stole** - A symbol of Vince's priestly ministry

*Placed by Margaret English:*

**Chalice** - Donated by Vince's family on the occasion of his Ordination

*Placed by Corinne McPhee*

**Rosary Beads** - Vince prayed the Rosary daily.

These Rosary Beads were a significant part of his life

*Placed by Elizabeth Redden*

**Wheat, Wool, Gum Leaves and Wattle** -

Represent produce and Australian natives grown on the family property.

*Placed by Susan Redden*

**Green Beret** -

The Sherwood Green Beret symbolising Vince's ministry as Chaplain in the Commandos of the Australian Defence Force. This Beret is presented to those who successfully completed a demanding selection and training program

*Placed by Alan Stewart*

**Tablet** - Used to say daily prayers and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word

*Placed by Peter Johnston*

## Words of Remembrance

*(Please sit)*

*The Hon. Conrad Staff*

## Collect (Opening Prayer)

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant    Let us pray.  
Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that the soul of Vince, your servant and Priest,  
whom you honoured with sacred office while he lived in this world,  
may exult for ever in the glorious home of heaven.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

*All            Amen.*



## Prayer for the Mourners

Celebrant            Most merciful God,  
                         whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,  
                         surround the family and friends  
                         of Vince with your love,  
                         that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,  
                         but have confidence in your goodness,  
                         and strength to meet the days to come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All                    Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*(Please sit)*

### First Reading

*Fleur Staff*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*(43:1-5)*

Thus says the Lord, who created you, Jacob,  
who formed you, Israel:  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by your name, you are mine.  
Should you pass through the sea, I will be with you;  
or through rivers, they will not swallow you up.  
Should you walk through fire, you will not be scorched  
and the flames will not burn you.  
For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your saviour.  
I give Egypt for your ransom, and exchange Cush and Seba  
for you. Because you are precious in my eyes,  
because you are honoured and I love you,  
I give people in exchange for you, peoples in return for your life.  
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

The word of the Lord.

*All                    Thanks be to God.*

# Responsorial Psalm *(sung)*

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
Valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

*Refrain:*

*I want to go to meet him there,  
to lay myself down in his love.*

*The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains, we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me. *(Refrain)*

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## Second Reading

Christine Redden

*A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. (3:16-21)*

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you power  
through his Spirit, for your hidden self to grow strong,  
so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith,  
and then, planted in love and built on love,  
you will with all the saints have strength to grasp  
the breadth and the length, the height and the depth,  
until, knowing the love of Christ,  
which is beyond knowledge,  
you are filled with the utter fullness of God.  
Glory be to him, whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
glory be to him from generations to generations in the Church  
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

*All Thanks be to God.*

## **Gospel Acclamation** *(sung)*

*Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Cantor Blessed are those who die in the Lord!  
Blessed indeed, now they can rest for ever  
after their work, since their good deeds go with them.*

*All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Very Reverend Dr Gerald Gleeson VG ADM

Fr. Gerry           The Lord be with you.

*All*                   *And with your spirit.*

Fr. Gerry           A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (11:25-30)

*All*                   *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Fr. Gerry           'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you who have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All*                   *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Homily

*(Please sit)*

Very Reverend Dr Gerald Gleeson VG ADM



# Universal Prayer

*(Please stand)*

*Genevieve Staff, Anne Redden, Cathy Johnston,  
Janet Redden, Sally Redden, Denise Johnston*

**Celebrant** My brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus Christ who is able to raise the dead to new life also brings his consolation to those who are grieving the death of their loved ones.  
Today we present to you our needs.

*Genevieve* For the Church, especially Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons that God will continue to guide her in Wisdom and Love. Lord, hear us.

*All* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Anne* Uncle Vince was a man of deep faith, who lived his priestly ministry in the service of others. May all who knew and loved him be inspired by his life of service and endeavour to respond to the needs of others with love and compassion. Lord, hear us.

*All* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Denise  
(on behalf  
of Cathy)* Uncle Vince lived a life of faith, hope, charity, justice and love. May these virtues continue to be lived through his family, friends and his pastoral community. Lord, hear us.

*All* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Janet* We pray for those who cared for Uncle Vince in his ill-health, especially the family, friends and the medical, nursing and ancillary staff of St Vincent's Private Hospital. Lord, hear us.

*All* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Sally* We pray for all those who seek a safe home in our country. May we show them peace and harmony, love and kindness. Let us share our beautiful country and pray for peace in our world. Lord, hear us.

*All* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Denise* For those who mourn Uncle Vince, family, friends, brother Priests and parishioners, that the Lord will heal their pain and dispel their grief. Lord, hear us.

*All* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Genevieve* We pray for members of Uncle Vince's family who have gone before him. Grant them an everlasting home with Christ, his parents, Margaret and Thomas Redden, Bernie and Joan Redden, Mary and Bill Staff, Tom and Eunice Redden, Anne and Rex Johnston, Carol Staff, Mark Redden, Terry and Peter McGoldrick, Andrew McPhee and Margaret Barbara. Lord, hear us.

*All* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant* Incline your merciful ear to our prayers, we ask, O Lord, and listen in kindness to the supplications of those who call on you. Through Christ our Lord.

*All* *Amen*

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*(Please sit)*

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

*Grace Attwood, Anthony Barbara, Peter Johnston*

### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **ONE BREAD ONE BODY**

*Refrain:*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *(Refrain)*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord, of all. *(Refrain)*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. *(Refrain)*

## Invitation to Prayer

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

## Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrant Grant, we pray, almighty God, that through these holy mysteries Vince, your servant and Priest, may behold with clarity for ever what he faithfully ministered here. Through Christ our Lord.

*All Amen.*

## Preface Dialogue

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

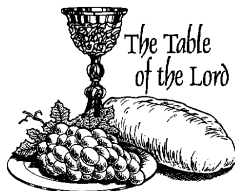
*All And with your spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*All We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All It is right and just.*



## Preface

Celebrant It is truly right and just, ..  
...

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs  
in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

## Holy Holy

*All (sung) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

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*(Please stand, sit or kneel)*

## Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant The mystery of faith.

*All (sung) We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

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## Doxology

Celebrants Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

*All (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.*

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# Communion Rite

## Lord's Prayer

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

*All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

Celebrant Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant  
peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be  
always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the  
blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.*

## Sign of Peace

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church and graciously grant  
her peace and unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*All Amen.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*All And with your spirit.*

Celebrant Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## Breaking of Bread

*All (sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

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## Holy Communion

*(Please sit or kneel)*

**Celebrant** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## Communion Hymns

### EAGLE'S WINGS

*Refrain:*

*I have carried you on eagle's wings,  
I will care for you in all your years!*

My heart is full of peace;  
You have been within my life!  
Your guiding hand has always covered me.  
I am full of confidence in you! *(Refrain)*

My soul is like a child;  
Cradled safe within your arms!  
You have carried me across my years.  
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy! *(Refrain)*

Never need I be afraid!  
No matter how uncertain things may be!  
Sometimes thru' me, sometimes in spite of me.  
You seem to find your purpose in my life! *(Refrain)*

## EAGLE'S WINGS

I know failure in my life,  
The weakness so central to my heart!  
When I have strayed or fallen in my life,  
You gently set me on my feet again!

*Refrain:*

*I have carried you on eagle's wings,  
I will care for you in all your years!*

You have bridged the flowing streams!  
And moved aside the mountains tall.  
You have kept me through the stormy past,  
I know that you secure and guide me still! (*Refrain*)

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## THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are the gentle,  
for they shall possess the Land.  
Blessed are they  
that hunger and thirst after justice.  
Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.  
Blessed are they that mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are ye,  
when they revile and harm you,  
and speak all evil,  
against you untruly for my sake.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for mercy they will find.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called God's children.

*Peter Kearney*

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## HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of death. Amen.

*Refrain: Gentle woman, quiet light,  
morning star, so strong and bright.  
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,  
teach us wisdom, teach us love.*

You were chosen by the Father,  
You were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women,  
and for woman, shining one. *(Refrain)*

Blessed are you among women,  
blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed they with gentle hearts. *(Refrain)*

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arr. by Martha Lesinski, alt. © 1975, Carey Landry and New Dawn Music.*





## Prayer after Communion

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant      Let us pray.

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,  
we implore your kindness, O God,  
for Vince, your servant and Priest,  
that, as you made him a steward of your mysteries on earth,  
so you may bring him to be nourished  
by their truth and reality as unveiled in heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*All                    Amen.*

## THE FINAL COMMENDATION

### Invitation to Prayer

Celebrant      Before we go our separate ways,  
let us take leave of Mons Vince Redden.  
May our farewell express our affection for him;  
may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.  
One day we shall joyfully greet him again  
when the love of Christ, which conquers all things,  
destroys even death itself.

### Signs of Farewell

*Sprinkling with Holy Water and Incense*



## Song of Farewell

Celebrant        Saints of God, come to his aid!  
                      Come to meet him, angels of the Lord.

*All*                *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Celebrant        May Christ who called you, take you to himself  
                      and may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

*All*                *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Celebrant        Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
                      and let perpetual light shine upon him.

*All*                *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

## Prayer of Commendation

Celebrant        Into your hands, Father of mercies,  
                      we commend our brother, Mons Vince Redden,  
                      in the sure and certain hope that,  
                      together with all who have died in Christ,  
                      he will rise with him on the last day.  
                      We give you thanks for the blessings  
                      which you bestowed upon Vince in this life:  
                      they are signs to us of your goodness  
                      and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.  
                      Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers:  
                      open the gates of paradise to your servant  
                      and help us who remain to comfort one another  
                      with assurances of faith,  
                      until we all meet in Christ and are with you  
                      and with Vince for ever.  
                      We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*                *Amen.*

Celebrant        May the angels lead you into paradise;  
                      may the martyrs come to welcome you  
                      and take you to the holy city,  
                      the new and eternal Jerusalem.

## Pall Bearers

*Peter Redden, Paul Redden, Hon Conrad Staff,  
Gordon Barbara, Peter Johnston, Simon McPhee*

## Recessional Hymn

### HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

#### *Refrain*

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

*Mons Vince's family and the Clergy  
wish to thank all those who attended today's Mass  
both here and from the live stream.*

*They also thank those who sent their love,  
sympathy and prayerful wishes.*

*Those wishing to attend  
The Rite of Christian Cremation it will be in the  
Palm Chapel at Macquarie Park Crematorium,  
corner of Delhi and Plassey Roads, North Ryde.*

*Following either the Service at the Crematorium or  
directly after the Mass please to join the family  
for light refreshments at the Concord Golf Club,  
190 Majors Bay Road, Concord.*

*Please consider a donation in memory of Vince to  
the Jesuit, Refugee Service.*

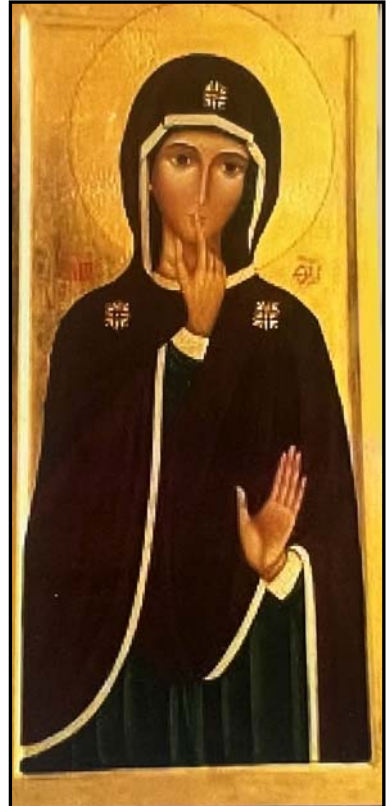
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Our Lady of Silence

*Mons. Vincent Redden*

*Celebrating 60 years*

*of Priesthood*

*Ordained: 15 July 1961*







*"To give and not to count the cost"*

*(Saint Ignatius of Layola).*



*"Well done, good and faithful servant."*

*Matthew 25:23*

