

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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You can ask any parent, what do you really want for your family? And the answer will always be happiness, contentment, good health, knowledge that they are loved, good respectful relationships and the rest. Presented with a newly born, fathers and mothers have that clarity of vision of the perfect life for their child. This is the vision shared with God. Jesus called it 'the kingdom.' As any father and mother knows those visions of the kingdom become hazy when faced with human nature...the child that runs away when you ask them to come to you, the first 'No', disobedience, laziness, cheek. ...and we want them to live in the perfect world! So in love what must a parent do? Hold on to the vision and try to rectify the human nature.

We call it discipline and as I type that word I can see so clearly another...disciple.

Discipline is a way of bringing a person back to the original intention of the family or community. It isn't so much punitive action but a loving, restorative action. To follow Jesus, to be a disciple, is to share his vision and to work for the kingdom. Jesus gives us the gentle way to bring people back. Talk to them first, if that doesn't work, a couple of you talk to them and if that doesn't work get a community to talk. Only then ostracise. This sounds harsh but there is always a chance of reconciliation and redemption.

Marguerite Martin

Sydney Alliance Table Talks As a follow up to the Sydney Alliance Gathering that took place at the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday 26th March, Fr. Alan is hosting a 4th table talk in the Parish Meeting Rooms on Sunday 14th September 2014 immediately after the 10am mass. The limit for the meeting will be one hour maximum. Morning tea will be provided. This is an opportunity to continue the conversation on housing, transport and employment opportunities to both young and indigenous people as a lead up to the State Elections next year. Please contact Fr. Alan should you wish to attend.

The Parish **MEN'S GROUP** will meet this coming **Tuesday 9th September at 7:30pm in the Parish House**, any new participants would be most welcome.

Rosary and meditations especially for our Pope, Priests and the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be prayed each Wednesday from 11:00am to 11:45am starting next Wednesday 10th September in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. As well as there will be an Exposition

Happy Fathers Day!!!

To fathers, grandfathers and all those who have been fatherly figures in the lives of others I wish to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Fathers Day. May God continue to pour down blessing upon your special vocation.
Fr. Alan

Reception into the Church of James Sankaran Kuchappan Tonight at the 6pm mass we will welcome James Sankaran Kuchappan into the midst of our Christian community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Congratulations James!



Miraculous Medal Novena Mass
Saturday September 13th 9:00am
Mass Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council

The St. Vincent's Parish Pastoral Council is discussing initiating a Pastoral Planning Process which we hope would engage our diverse Ashfield community. The planning process will be developed to connect with all of our parishioners and the many groups and organizations that make up the rich tapestry of parish life of St. Vincent's. We will also reach out to connect with the groups and families in the wider community of Ashfield. The Pastoral Council is committed to guiding the planning process, and we will do our best to communicate and connect with you often about the progress of the planning process and the likely development of a St. Vincent's Pastoral Plan.

To begin our PPC conversation, we reflected on a couple of questions at our meeting this week. We would love to hear your thoughts in response to same questions:

If St. Vincent's Parish is to commence a process to develop a Parish Pastoral Plan, what would you like to see happen? How would you like to be involved? What community or parish groups do you suggest we could engage in conversation with about the ministries and mission of St. Vincent's Parish?

We hope each person will add their voice to this initiative—the richness of our community is in our diversity. We encourage your thoughts on email or by phone. You can connect with Fr. Alan or any member of the Pastoral Council, also we have established an email account stvincentspastoralplan@gmail.com to help communication throughout the process. Thanks and peace to all.

First Communion 2014 will be celebrated in St. Vincent's Parish on the 16 & 23 November. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

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 14th 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. Phone Lillie Furlong, Hon Sec at 9797 6840 .



Let them eat Cake.

Alerting all Masterchefs to the St Vincent's Celebration (21st September) Cake-Off Competition!

Over the years we have had many extravagant cakes entered.

This year there will be two categories awarded:

Raffle Donations

If you would like to donate a prize for the St Vincent's Day Raffle it would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Parish Office.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
 Tuesday 7am
 Wednesday 12 noon
 Thursday 9am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

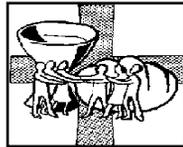
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



What did St. Vincent say about trusting in God?

Do not worry yourself overmuch... Grace has its moments.

Let us abandon ourselves to the providence of God and be careful not to run ahead of it.

(Documents, vol 2, p 453)

Right now, what sets me on fire? Can I recognise if this enthusiasm comes from God or from the self?

Does this energy fill me with love for God, or does it come from my own sense of self importance?



Come & Join the Celebrations



in honour of our Parish Patron ★

★ **St Vincent de Paul** ★

Sunday 21st September 10am Mass

Celebration of Cultures in the Parish Hall

- ★ Sausage Sizzle
- ★ Jumping Castle
- ★ Fairy Floss
- ★ Snow cones
- ★ Music..Dancing
- ★ Raffle
- ★ Cake Competition
- ★ St. Vincent Art Colouring Competition

FOOD from all over the World

We'll look forward to seeing you there!!!

This Sunday envelopes are available for parishioners wishing to make a donation to the St Vincent's day celebrations to help cover the cost of the event. Thank you for your generous support to help make our celebration enjoyable.

Catholic Mission would like to thank you for all your generosity and support to the Propagation of Faith Appeal.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

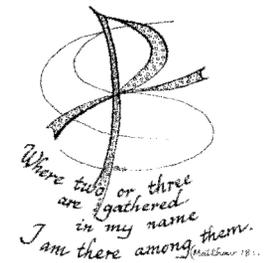
PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your Hearts. (Ps 94:1-2, 6-9)

SECOND READING: Love is the fulfilment of the law (Romans 13:8-10)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back (Matthew 18:15-20)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



Next Sunday's Readings

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9

Ps 77:1-2, 34-38

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:3-17