

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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Third Sunday of Lent B

March 8, 2015

The image of an angry man is not a pleasant one, in fact it can be quite scary and foreboding. Yet today we meet Jesus displaying quite a bit of anger. This anger is not just the 'out of sorts', 'got out of the bed the wrong side' type of 'dummy spit' anger; it is the justifiable anger that points to the total injustice of greed and hierarchy controlling access to 'his Father's house'.

Jesus couldn't stand by and witness barriers created between God and his people.

Jesus then makes the comparison. Through Him the New Temple comes into existence and creates the new point of encounter. Through Him, God becomes flesh and dwells with us.

Jesus' model of anger is to inspire us not to be complacent when we witness injustice especially to the weakest and poorest of God's people so that we can bring encounter with the goodness of God.

We are chosen to be TRUTH and the truth of God isn't about setting up hurdles and hoops for others to leap over and through. God only asks us to be true to him and his law of love. Love God and Love others is fleshed out daily in our lives. It isn't about how many times we genuflect it is about how genuine our respect and love of God is; it isn't about how much we give to Project Compassion it is more about the compassion that we feel in our hearts for all of God's children...and everyone matters, absolutely. God's love demonstrated through us is all inclusive. Our Patron, St Vincent de Paul was great at demonstrating the truth of God's message of love. *God asks for our good will, a firm, genuine disposition to seize every opportunity of serving him. SVDP(XI:357). Marguerite Martin*

Late Vincentian news from our Curia in Rome

Last Sunday members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Syria were kidnapped, along with their wives and children. The children were isolated and put into cages. Adults who do not deny their faith will be decapitated, and their children burned alive in the cages.

Let us remain fervently united in prayers, and have as our intention the welfare of all brothers and sisters in our Christian faith who are being held hostage.

LITURGY GROUP The next meeting of the Liturgy Group will take place on **Monday 9th March at 7pm** in the Parish Meeting Rooms. The purpose of the meeting will be to firm up arrangements for our Easter Liturgies and to discuss what we would like to do with our Liturgies on Easter Sunday and subsequent weeks.

Tuesday 10th March 2015

A Communion Service will take place at 7am on Tuesday 10th March 2015. There will be NO Mass on this day.

ON THE BLOCK OPEN DAY

St Vincent's Primary School, Bethlehem College and De La Salle College are all having their Open Day on Tuesday March 10th. St Vincent's Open Day is from 2-4pm whilst both Bethlehem and De La Salle Colleges is from 3pm - 7pm. In seeking to continue the connections between the schools and the parish, the parish will have some involvement on this day. The Church will open from 2pm - 7pm plus there will also be a sausage sizzle taking place from 4pm in the parish/school grounds.

FR. ALAN'S ABSENCE

Fr. Alan will be away for two weeks from Tuesday 10th March until Monday 23rd March 2015. Fr. Jim Maloney will celebrate the weekday Masses and the 8am and 10am on Sunday 15th and 22nd March. A visiting Priest will celebrate the 6pm Masses on those two Sundays.

Confirmation Program first meeting will be on either **12 March or 18 March** in the Parish Office. If your child is in 6th class and over and wants to seal their initiation into the Church please fill out the registration form in the foyer and return to Marguerite at the Parish Office. Confirmation will take place on Sunday 31st May at 2:30pm

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EASTER LITURGIES

The times of the Easter liturgies are as follows:

Tuesday 24th March at 7pm

Thursday 2nd April (Holy Thursday) at 7pm

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at 10am

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at 3pm

Saturday 4th April (Holy Saturday) at 7pm

Sunday 5th April (Sunday) 8am, 10am, 6pm

Communal Rite of Reconciliation

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Stations of the Cross (Church and Park)

The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Vincentian Student House in the Solomon Islands

Parishioners may remember that in March last year that there was an appeal to provide adequate accommodation and drinking water at our student house in the Solomon Islands. A report and photos showing how this money has been used is now on our notice board in the foyer. A further \$AUD4200.00 is required to complete the project. For those wishing to donate to this project a **leaving collection will be taken up on Sunday 12th April**. Alternatively other ways of making a donation can be done at any time by making out a cheque payable to the Vincentian Fathers and giving it into the parish office or can be made by going to the Vincentian website www.vincentians.org.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7:00 am Communion Service

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9:00am

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

Saturday March 14, 2015: AMM Lenten Retreat Day

Miraculous Medal Association invites parishioners to a Lenten Retreat Day on Saturday March 14.

Part 1: 9:00 am Eucharist in St. Vincent's Church with Novena Prayers, followed by morning tea and Session 1 in Parish Meeting Rooms. This will be followed by lunch at 12:30pm.

Part 2: 1:15 to 3:00pm

You are invited to the complete programme from 9:00am to 3:00pm, or for the Eucharist up to lunch, or for lunch and second part from 1:15 until 3:00pm.

If you would like to attend all or part of this day, could you please let Fr. Kevin Canty know by phoning 9716 7823 or Violeta Nagy at 9716 9386 or 0413 864 113.

A note for your diary... Parish Dinner will be held on Saturday night May 2nd in the De La Salle & Bethlehem College Hall. More details to come.

Third Sunday of Lent B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: The Law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17)

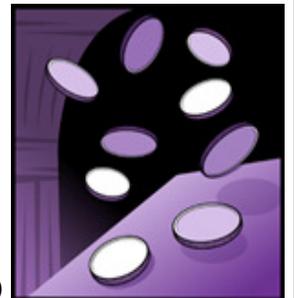
PSALM: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Ps 18:8-11)

SECOND READING: We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God love the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water



Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ps 22

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41