

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

September 20, 2015

Happy St Vincent's Feast Day

This year we thank the Cyril Family, who through their time with us, have demonstrated true Vincentian qualities with their generosity to serve us and others. They will crown our statue of Vincent this year.



After 10am Mass please join us in the hall for Sausage sizzle, Cake and tea/ coffee/ soft drink! Good Company guaranteed.

Followed by showing of a Movie....."Facing the Giants"

It is always good to come together and celebrate St Vincent's Day. It is a common identity we share, like belonging to the same family. This years St Vincent's Day celebrations are to be introspective....looking at ourselves and how we are pulling our weight! So often I hear of the good old days where there was enormous, fun filled fetes, morning teas with tables laden, craft groups, prayer groups and yes there were more and these stories are always edged with nostalgia. It was another time. So how is St Vincent's Parish travelling now? I know it is fun to be connected here, our last Parish dinner was amazing. Do we come to this place just to fulfil an obligation on Sunday or can we take that further step to put our hand up to assist, join in and to share in the real ownership of this place. This Sunday we pray that everyone will seriously consider what it is that they can bring to this special family, this special place.

Today's gospel, Jesus catches out the apostles revelling in status. We all like a bit of status whether in a job title, in our smart car or smart address. We walk around with labels sewn on the front of our shirts just to inform others how much money we spend on our clothes, all for status. Yet the events of this week have illustrated how the mighty can fall, and status isn't all its cracked up to be. Jesus was at pains to express that it's all about service. The power lies in being able to put yourself in a position to help, by putting yourself last, instead of first and giving respect, dignity and power to others rather than yourself. St Vincent discovered that in his life. His initial priestly vocation was about status and yet he discovered the true meaning of his vocation in unheard of service, not to the rich and powerful as he had first planned but to the poorest of the poor and abandoned babies! It was in this total giving he found God...and meaning.

Marguerite Martin

Next Sunday 27th September 2015

Volunteers and Friends from **CANA Communities** will be with us on Sunday 27th September seeking our help. Cana Communities provide family-type support for people from the streets. Cana Communities is one of the largest providers of crisis beds in the inner city. They will be holding an Appeal at our Parish Masses on the 27th September. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Even if you do not donate, they would love to tell you about their community.

This particular Sunday is also **Social Justice Sunday**.

Thinking of becoming Catholic?

Are YOU interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is interested in who we are? We are holding inquiry sessions in the Parish House and we welcome all inquiries. Please ring the Parish office for further information.

Pastoral Students Parish Visitation

Benjamin Paka, a student from the Solomon Islands who was introduced to the Parish a couple of weeks ago, has expressed interest in doing some visitation around the parish during his stay which will conclude on November 10th. If you would like to receive a visit from him would you please put your name down on the list which is in the foyer of the Church or alternatively contact Fr. Alan on 97982501 or email alan@vinash.org.au.

Vincentian Burse Day Last Sunday September 13th

Thanks to all who made donations to the Vincentian Burse. To date \$1100.00 has been raised to support the training of our students for the priesthood. Your generosity is very much appreciated. **Fr. Alan**

On **October 3rd** we will have another opportunity to serve our friends on the streets of Sydney through our St. Vincent de Paul's **BREKKIE VAN** initiative. If you would like to be part of this morning or if you would like to donate food or toiletries. Please contact Sinead Kent 0420 653 637 and I will collect or drop off in the basket provided or at the Parish House. Many thanks in advance.

Marriage Preparation Weekend

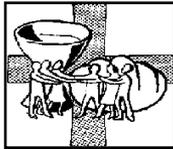
Preparing for the vocation of marriage? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for **7 & 8 November**. \$230 per couple. For more information, call **9646 9010** or go to www.caec.com.au.

A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime.

Position Vacant—Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Applications are being considered for the position of General Manager, St. Mary's Cathedral Precinct. For a confidential discussion and a copy of the Information Pack, please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close **Friday, 25 September 2015**

Parish Masses this week:

- Monday 12 noon
- Tuesday 7:00am
- Wednesday 12 noon
- Thursday 9:00 am
- 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
- Friday 9:00am — Communion Service

Request for help from Cardinal Freeman Village

The Catholic residents of Cardinal Freeman Village are asking if anyone in the Parish would be willing to come and drive their mini-bus to transport some of the less-mobile people to 9am Mass each Sunday. Only an ordinary driver's license is required. If you are able to help please contact Fr. Alan at the Parish Office on 97982501 or email alan@vinash.org.au

Parishioner Search for Employment

A parishioner is currently working in childcare where she is looking after children from age 0 - 5 yrs. She is currently searching for a weekend baby sitting job or any other available(preferred admin/ data entry work). Parishioner has good literacy in computer skill(MS Office) and has Certificates in Working with Children and First Aid. Please contact Fr. Alan if you are able to assist.

Bethlehem College Class of 1995
20 year reunion

Friday 16th October 7pm

For all details please go to

[www. http://www.trybooking.com/157105](http://www.trybooking.com/157105).

All students and teachers are invited.

Praying with our bodies

Do you ever wonder why we use different postures at Mass? We stand, sit, kneel, bow and process. Our Mass and sacraments continue a rich tradition of ritual action that requires us to participate, not just with our head and heart but with our whole body. Each act of gesture or posture in liturgy is symbolic and points to a deeper significance. When we arrive in the church we sign ourselves with water. This is an important reminder that the official work of liturgy that we are about to undertake in Christ's name and through the power of the Holy Spirit is only possible because we are first baptised with water. That is why in some churches the baptismal font is place in the entrance.

Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: Let us condemn him to a most shameful death (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20)

PSALM: The Lord upholds my life (Ps 53:3-6, 8)

SECOND READING: Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace (James 3:16-43)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity...All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all (Mark 8:27-35)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



Next Sunday's Readings

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Numbers 11:25-29

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43