

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

September 27, 2015

This weekend we mark the official feast day of St Vincent, (Happy Feast Day!) and also Social Justice Sunday. We also welcome the Cana community to our parish to speak of the invaluable work they do in our city.

Last week we saw how the disciples had been arguing about who among them was the greatest; Jesus commanded them to be servants and to welcome the powerless (a child) as they would welcome Jesus himself.

As we read these words in the gospel, we are confronted as Australians by our treatment of asylum seekers, the lack of welcome they receive, the failure to understand the difficulties they have faced and risks taken, and the punishment we meter out to them by sending them away to Nauru and Manus Island...anywhere but here!!

As followers of Jesus we cannot look dispassionately at injustice around us, nor can we ignore the witness that people outside our institutions, our churches, or clans are also offering. We can all be witnesses to justice work to end exploitation and abuse for the transformation of the world—especially the little corner of the world we live in. We must remember that the same Spirit that works in us also works in all who do good by acting justly and loving tenderly. In the gospel, Jesus, whose heart beats for all people, tells us to be open-minded and to recognize the good there is in people and what they do, whoever they are. He is responding to the suspicion that can arise towards those who are not like us. Perhaps, this may be enough to discredit a person or the good he or she does—as we witness in today's gospel where a man was participating in Jesus' healing work. Do we accept the Spirit working everywhere? Do we allow Jesus to open our minds and hearts to all and to recognise the presence of the Spirit wherever people seek what is right and just?

Claude Mustowick MSC

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.

This 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**.

Mass on Monday 5th October

As it is a Public Holiday mass on Monday 5th October will take place at 9am instead of the usual time of midday.

Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 7th October in the Parish Meeting Rooms at 7pm. They will also present this year's financial report at all masses on Sunday October 11th.

Vincentian Q and A Enquiry Evening

Ever wondered about living in community as a Vincentian Priest or Brother? You are invited to a Vincentian Question and Answer Evening on Wednesday 28th October 2015 from 7pm—8:30pm. Light Supper provided. Please contact Fr. Alan for further details on 0410 894 651 or email alan@vinash.org.au for further details.

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.

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

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Then you would be made most welcome to an inquiry session in the Parish House. This week on **Monday 28th September evening at 7pm.** Bring a friend. For further information call Marguerite 9798 2501.

Brekkie Van goes out on Saturday October 3 to give breakfast to the less fortunate of Sydney.

This what we need to be donated by US.

Basic (Essential) List

10kg Bacon, 120 Sausages. 10 doz eggs, 20 loaves of bread, 12 litres of Milk
120 Juice poppers.

These would be nice too!

Bananas, Muesli Bars, Biscuits, Fruit Snacks, Muffins/ Mini Cakes

Even better!

Toothbrushes and Paste, Soap, Hand Sanitiser, Tissues, Shaving Foam, Sun Cream, Socks, Hats, Scarves, Gloves.

Thanking You in advance!

This can be left at Parish Office next week or can be collected from your place.

Call Sinead 0420 653 637 Marguerite 0414 566 961

St. Joseph's Enfield...October Healing Mass
Friday 2 October 2015. Celebrant Fr. John Iacono.
Rosary 7:00pm, Reconciliation 7:00pm—8:00pm, Prayer & Praise 7:30pm, Mass 8:00pm, Exposition (after Mass) and Prayer Ministry available after Mass.

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

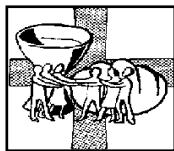
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



St Vincent's Day Introspective

Last week we celebrated as a Parish St Vincent's Day. It was an introspective where we were asked how we could best serve this Parish especially in the light of who our patron is. Thank you for all those assisted; our wonderful Men's Group, our hospitality group, our musicians, readers, wardens and the children, who as Vincent and Louise brought to us the Good News of Jesus. It never fails to astound me that these wonderful people arrive to serve us with such graciousness. Thank you for all who came to share food and stories with us and those who stayed to watch (and weep) the movie 'Facing the Giants.' Thank you Anita and Johnson Fernandes for this suggestion and action. Thank you to those who have expressed interest in becoming more involved. One can only feel proud when you see the many ministries /outreaches this parish is involved in. Please don't be daunted to ask about the many ways, large and small, you can help this very special community.

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy. It is an initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health. WMHD is an annual program held on 10 October to raise public awareness of mental health issues worldwide. Mental Health Week in Australia is held from Sunday 4 to Saturday 10 October 2015.

A Holy Hour will take place in the Parish Church to pray for those who suffer from mental illness as well as for their carers on Thursday 8th October from 7pm - 8pm This will conclude with Benediction.

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.

A Reminder to all:

Daylight Saving starts the next weekend, so put your clocks One hour forward next Saturday night before you go to bed. Otherwise you maybe late for mass you were going to attend or early for the next one!

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy (Numbers 11:25-29)

PSALM: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14)

SECOND READING: Your wealth is rotting (James 5:1-6)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off (Mark 9:38-43, 45. 47-48)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



Next Sunday's Readings
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Genesis 2:18-24

Ps 127

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16