

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

August 7, 2016

With most aspects of my life I have a plan. On some busy days I even have a time schedule. It helps me feel in control. Sometimes the plan morphs into Plan B or even Plan C and the schedule goes out the window. Usually other people or things beyond my control get in the way. Then patience is required. Sometimes those priorities change the plan. Sometimes just to have got through a certain time is heroic and an achievement. Yet it is 'those pull the carpet out from under our feet moments' that put perspective into our lives about who and what is our true purpose. This we know

There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Our kingdom is surrounding us not in big houses, flash cars, the latest fashions but truly in each other, in the love and care that we giveand receive. Surely when this realisation sinks in, it is then our lamp is lit, our door is opened and we are really ready to receive the master. This is the greatest gift of the kingdom that we are not alone. Opening ourselves and our vulnerability to trust in the kingdom and its promise, is the challenge. We are the masters "little flock" and he promises the rewards of his plan for us, life.



Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

Marguerite Martin

Visit of the Philippine Consul General to St Vincent's Ashfield.

Anne Jalando-On Louis, the Philippine Consul General in Sydney will visit the parish on Sunday 11 September at 6pm. Part of the reason for her visit is to thank God for the 70 years of official relationship between Australia and the Philippines and to visit the many parishioners from the Philippines. We will warmly welcome her.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Our next Charitable Works Fund Appeal takes place in the Parish on Sunday 7th August 2016. Our target for this quarter is \$4600.00 but thanks to some early donations this has been reduced to \$3170.00.



Any shortfall in our target has to be made up by parish funds. Please donate generously.



Miraculous Medal Novena Mass **Saturday 13th August, 9:00am Mass**

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

Memorial Mass to Celebrate the Life of Violeta Nagy.

Next Saturday 13 August at 9am, mass will be for Violeta Nagy, recently deceased.

Violeta was an active member of the Association of the Miraculous Medal Mass.

STV Youth group:

An opportunity to have some fun and make new friends

Are you in year 5,6,7 or 8?

Join us every 2nd Friday

Where : St. Vincent's Parish Hall

Time : 6.30pm

PS: Next Meeting 12th August 2016

The ones who attended the first meeting had enormous fun and look forward to the next one.



Parish Men's Group will meet next Tuesday night (August 9th) at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome.



Bunnings Barbeque

We have been granted a Bunnings Barbeque on October 16th at Ashfield Bunnings.

We will require helpers to assist in this fund raising activity for our community.

If you can help please contact Jane Lee 0413 977 748.

Receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the Financial Year 2015 – 2016 are now available at the back of the church.

Many thanks to all those who continue to support the Parish through the weekly planned giving envelope.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

DATES FOR DIARY

- 7th August Charitable Works Fund Appeal.
- 12th August St. Vincents Youth Meeting.
- 21st August (10am) Club Ashfield Annual Mass.
- 11th September (6pm) Visit of the Philippine Consul General.
- 18th September St. Vincent's Feast Day.
- 20th September E Conference Year of Mercy.
- 16th October Ashfield Bunning's Barbeque.



We have been receiving a generous contribution over the last weeks in an envelope and have no records on our system of the same. If you would like us to allocate a plan giving envelope to you, please contact the parish office on 97982501.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, 08 AUGUST 2016.

An invitation to join the Sisters of St Joseph at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney to honour their Australian Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10am and 1pm. The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb from 9 am – 4 pm. The MMP Museum will be open (free admission) from 9 am – 4 pm. All are welcome.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK.
Today we celebrate the beginning of *National Vocations Awareness Week*. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for all general Christian Vocations. The Laity have an important role in the life of the Church as Christ's Body. This week we pray that we will fearlessly use the unique gifts God has given us to bring Christ to the world. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at: www.vocationcentre.org.au.

Envelope No 139: We have recently found out that Plan giving envelope no. 139 is missing and has not been taken by the prospective family. If anyone has taken it by mistake please return the same to the church foyer or the parish office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Canonisation Of Blessed Mother Teresa Of Kolkata with Father Terry Bell.

In the Jubilee Year of Mercy the Archdiocese of Sydney with Domus Australia are offering a 7-night Rome Pilgrimage 30 August – 06 September 2016 to attend the Canonisation of Mother Teresa priced from \$1,990 pp twin share plus airfare. For full details of the Holy Doors, tours and other inclusions phone 1800 753 959 or www.romepilgrimages.com.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00am
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
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:00pm. Friday 9:00am
Communion Service. Sunday 9.00 am



Archdiocese Of Sydney App.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

READING: Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.
(Wisdom 18:6-9)

PSALM: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
(Psalm 32:1,12,18-20,22)

SECOND READING: We will look for the city designed and built by God. (Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: See that you are prepared (Luke 12:32-48)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10
Psalm 39:2-4,18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53