

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C**

**September 4, 2016**

'Failure to commit to issues,' this sounds like a topic that could be discussed in full with the likes of Oprah and Dr Phil. Jesus discussed it with the great crowd that followed him. They were obviously eager to hear what he had to say. Jesus is aware of the 'blow hot and cold nature' of humanity. He has come to preach the kingdom of God, it sounds so good, but can we stay committed to achieve it. Jesus' call is to LIVE in the kingdom and it demands fullness of vitality, purpose and the big C word ... COMMITMENT. No apathy allowed. It's a big call.

This is the real commitment to the whole Jesus lifestyle, one where the needs of the kingdom come first. In an age of massive materialism and consumerism and where the line between the have and the have not's is growing here in Australia, it is a time to review how have I answered Jesus call. Yes I believe, yes I follow him but who would know from my words and my actions. Have I fallen into that sense of complacency and apathy, *I'm too busy to care* attitude?

Jesus asks us to broaden our perspective beyond our comfort zone, our home and family. Not to hate, in the way we understand the word, but to go beyond that identity and in his name bring about the reign of God.

Marguerite Martin

**Happy Fathers Day** On behalf of Carmen, Marguerite, Aparna and myself we would all like to take the opportunity of wishing all fathers, grandfathers and other significant adult males in the lives of children a very happy Fathers Day. May God bless you all!! **Fr. Alan**



**Canas Communities** Volunteers and friends from Canas Communities will be with us this Sunday 4th September seeking our help. Canas Communities provide family-type support for people from the streets. Canas Communities is one of the largest providers of crisis beds in the inner city. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Even if you not donate, they would love to tell you about their community.

**Altar Servers Training** Training is being offered to any child who has made their First Holy Communion and who would like to become an altar server. Training will take place on Wednesday 7th September in the Church from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Fr. Alan

**PASTORAL STUDENTS FROM FIJI** Both Kasi and Kennedy arrived from Fiji last Wednesday. They are staying at St. Anthony's Marsfield this weekend. They will be introduced to the Parish next weekend.

## ST VINCENTS DAY IS THREE WEEKS AWAY

The Parish is invited to attend St Vincent's Day Lunch in the hall on 18 September. This year, in the spirit of Vincent, we will be sharing with invited people from other local communities. It will be a Pot Luck luncheon and we would love you to bring a pot or plate of food to share. It could be as simple as a plate of fruit or a Salad or as complicated as your favourite casserole or cake.

As we will have visitors we need to know numbers. If you intend coming we ask you to write your name, phone no and tick if you intend to bring food.

**BUNNINGS BBQ** Also we need parishioners to commit to our fund raising venture for the works of St Vincent de Paul, the Ashfield Bunnings BBQ on Sunday Oct 16. We have been gifted with this fund raising activity that demands just volunteers to serve. We ask you to volunteer for a minimum of one hour in a time slot of your choice on this day. We need to start serving at 8am and finish at 4.40 pm so its a very full day. Again there is a sheet at the back of the church.

**PARISH STAFF:** Fr. Alan Gibson CM  
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin  
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

