

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

September 18, 2016

Happy St. Vincent's Feast Day!!!

Today we have the readings from St Vincent's Feast Day. St Vincent's gospel is the Beatitudes.....This is written by Ann Rennie about Having the **right be-attitude**.

The Beatitudes provide an up-close and personal insight from Jesus as to the spiritual and behavioural make-up of those who claim to follow him. One way of internalising the primacy of the Beatitudes is to think about people who exemplify these in their daily lives: people of faith from all walks of life and all times in history who have acted without the need for acclaim or approbation; people who have done their good quietly and kindly; those who have shown justice and mercy to others.

In this Extraordinary Jubilee year of Mercy we are reminded of the Beatitude: "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." This is really a be-attitude - to be forgiving towards others. These be-attitudes remind us how we should be and the attitude we should nurture in faith. It is also about being extra -ordinary, raising ourselves up to heights of behaviour beyond the ordinary, and thus instituting ways of being that shake up the status quo. Mercy is a miraculous de-escalator. Mercy is the opposite of tit-for-tat or getting even. It is a whole paradigm of pardon; a paradigm that can lead to peace.

When we decide to act mercifully, we demonstrate that justice does not always have to be heavy handed and rigid. Our mercy means that justice is not retributive, but may be restorative. Multiple small mercies can warm those who expected harsh dealings and can commit them to a change of heart. When we exercise the power and reach of mercy we are surely building the Kingdom.

Have you ever Wondered?... About God and the meaning of life? About the Catholic faith? About what your children learn in Religion classes? Then, you may be interested in finding answers to your questions and finding out about the Catholic faith. St Vincent's parish community invites you to an **enquiry evening** on either Thurs 22 September or Wednesday 28 September at 7pm at the St Vincent's Parish Centre (12 Bland St, Ashfield). If you:

- * Have never been baptised as a Christian
- * Have been baptised in another Christian faith and are now interested in the Catholic faith tradition
- * Were baptised in the Catholic tradition but not raised as a Catholic,
- * Are Catholic and would like to rejuvenate your faith, - then come along to this enquiry evening. For more information, contact Marguerite 97982501.

Mercy: A Way of Being in the World.

eConference streamed live this coming Tuesday 20 September in the Parish Office 10.30am -2.45pm
Wonderful Opportunity to see and hear Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Phil Glendenning and Sr Veronica Lawson RSM and to share what we have heard over tea coffee and a light lunch.

Pastoral Students

Both Kasi and Kennedy wish to visit around the parish. Please see Fr. Alan if you wish them to visit you.

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.

DAILY MASS BOOKS & BREAK OPEN THE WORD FOR 2017

We will be ordering the new Daily Mass Book 2017 & Break Open the Word 2017. Cost: \$21 each. To place an order kindly ring Parish Office at 9798 2501 and orders must received by **Tuesday 27th September 2016.**

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Counting of the Sunday Collections

People willing to help count our Sunday collections are needed for the First Sunday of each month. Please contact the parish office on 9798 2501 or email Fr. Alan at alan@vinash.org.au.

TELL YOUR STORY IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to: production@catholicweekly.com.au or call (02) 9390 5407. We'd love to hear your story.

DATES FOR DIARY

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| 20 th September | E Conference Year of Mercy |
| 16 th October | Ashfield Bunning's Barbeque |
| 13th & 20th November | First Holy Communion |

Does anyone know, Nicholas Francis Zdon?
Could you please contact the Parish Office.

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

Sunday 9.00 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:00pm.
Friday 9:00am Communion Service.



A PLACE AT THE TABLE – Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering

The Justice and Peace Office invites you to join us as we celebrate this year's Bishops' Social Justice Statement, 'A Place at the Table – Social Justice in an Ageing Society'. We will explore what it's like to grow old in Australia and in our Church and be challenged to recognise and act in ways that demonstrate the value, dignity and contribution older people make to ensure they do not become part of a throwaway culture. There will be guest speakers, workshops and time to connect with people from parishes across Sydney working for social justice. We will also offer a very special lunch prepared by our friends from Parliament on King – a social enterprise run with recently arrived refugees and asylum seekers. **15 October 2016 11:00am-3:30pm. St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. Free event. RSVP: Essential by Oct 13. Register: Eventbrite.com or visit justiceandpeace.org.au; or ring 9307 8465.**

MENTION MY NAME – 5 October 2016. All are welcome to the annual *Mention My Name* Remembrance Service to be held on 5 October 2016 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, commencing at 7.00pm. Launched in 2015, this special remembrance service honours the lives of those who have lost their lives through suicide or misadventure. This gentle and peaceful service offers hope and counsel to those who are also grieving the loss of loved ones. **RSVP by Wednesday, 28 September 2016 to Nancy Murdocca 02 9646 6908** or visit bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au. For more information, please refer to the flyer attached.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

FIRST READING: All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Lord (Isaiah 52:7-10)

PSALM: The cry of the poor.

SECOND READING: From the correspondence of St. Vincent de Paul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! As you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3-12)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 6:1, 4-7
Psalm 145:6-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31