

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

September 25, 2016

Last week we had St Vincent on our minds! Although our celebration was a joyful one as we saluted our patron, we contemplated the gospel that inspired him in his works of mercy, the Beatitudes. Through true empathy and love of the other, Vincent exemplified the merciful love of God and discovered Christ in the poor, the homeless, the hungry and thirsty and the abandoned.

Through the conference last week, Archbishop Mark Coleridge spoke about the Beatitudes. He speculated on who Jesus said were the Blessed, the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the thirsty, those in prison and that in fact that they will be sitting beside our God on our judgement day ... I also read about St Mother Teresa who offered this bit of advice to an aid worker who had observed burn out in peers, "If you do it for Charity alone, the frustration will creep in. But if you are doing it for the sake of Christ, you will not get frustrated. When you see God in others, you will never get tired."

Today we have Jesus speaking to the Pharisees the story of the rich man who never gave a glance or a thought to the poor man Lazarus at his gate. "The poor man died and was carried away by the angels" to the bosom of Abraham, an assignation denied to the rich man. It was not that the rich man had been cruel, just totally apathetic to the suffering of Lazarus. His lack of feeling for another human had created the big divide, the chasm, that raised Lazarus to his elevated position and reversed the order.

In this year of Mercy how merciful are we? Love and mercy aren't just warm fuzzy feelings but words that translate into actions. Vincent and Mother Teresa had it. In our present world where the big divide is being widened daily just what are we doing to bring God's mercy and love to the Blessed.

Marguerite Martin

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 be received by **Tuesday 27th September 2016.**

Mass on Monday 3rd October

As it is **Public Holiday**, Mass will take place **on Monday 3rd October at 9:00am** instead of the usual time of midday.

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.

Sydney Alliance The next two day training course for the Sydney Alliance will take place on 27-28 October 9:00am to 5:00pm at Jannali Uniting Church, 527 Box Road Jannali NSW 2226. Please see Fr. Alan if you are interested in attending.

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 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2016-2017 Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday, **25 September**. The title of the 2016-2017 Statement is "A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society." As the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference states "If current inequities are not addressed, the hardship vulnerable people experience will simply follow them into retirement". Copies of the Statement and other resources are available from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. A few copies are also available in the foyer.

★ **Thank You!!!** ★

Thank you to all who attended our St Vincent's Day celebrations last weekend. Vincent and Louise were well represented. We thank the children and Mrs Alfina Romeo from St Vincent's who demonstrated the gospel and sang their school song with great spirit. We again thank the Pelle family for crowning St Vincent. Great thanks to all our musicians, young and old, who made our Mass both prayerful and celebratory. Thank you to those who brought food to share. Two delightful feasts were provided! Thank you particularly to Jane Lee, Francine Van Der Meer, Maria Lee, Karen Pham, Sheila Gooding and Sinead Kent for stepping in and helping so proficiently to make a wonderful celebration after both the 10am and 6pm Mass....and Thank you to Chris Howes from the Block Bands who attended with band members to entertain us at lunch. Still humming Abba!

DATES FOR DIARY	
16th October	Ashfield Bunning's Barbeque
13th & 20th November	First Holy Communion

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Sydney Archdiocese is currently recruiting for its Membership Development Officer role. This is a full time position responsible for promoting the growth of Society Conferences throughout the Sydney Archdiocese, and building the capacity of members to be a voice for social justice and effectively serve those in need in their local communities. The position is a vital link to engage the involvement of young people in the good works of the Society. More information about the role can be obtained by emailing Catherine Carmichael at catherinec@sydneyvinnies.org.

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.



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.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, 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: You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled (Amos 6:1, 4-7)

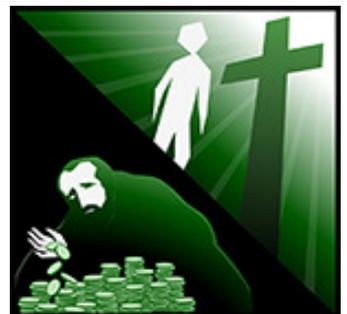
PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 145:6-10)

SECOND READING: Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony (Luke 16:19-31)

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
 Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
 Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9
 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
 Luke 17:5-9