

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**February 12, 2017**

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded. Greg Sunter

The law of Jesus takes the laws of old and turns them into the two Great Commandments, Love God and Love each other. If I truly love God then I enter into communication with the heart of what matters and "What matters to God?" Everybody matters absolutely, even those who seem to not follow the law. To be absolute about what is right and what is wrong can appear the safe way to live, yet life throws at us those shades of in between, that can cause us great angst as we are taken from the safety of knowing what is right and what is wrong to be drawn into making exceptions to the rule. Jesus calls us to understand the spirit of the law is to truly enter into the heart of what matters.

Marguerite Martin

**Baptisms** Baptisms normally take place on the first Saturday of each month at 11am. As it has been our parish practice for several years not to have baptisms during the Season of Lent an extra time for baptisms before Lent has been set for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. If you would like your child to be baptized on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 11am please contact the Parish Office.

## Catechist Sunday

This Sunday as well as saluting, blessing and praying for our Parish catechists, we are again asking you to join us in our rewarding mission of bringing our faith to the beautiful young people in Ashfield Public school and Ashfield Boys High. We do need more catechists, particularly in Yr 2; to work in tandem with our catechist in Yr 3/4, and also 5/6. We also need to have relief catechists to cover illness! This ministry is entirely appropriate for Uni students or indeed anyone who has Wednesday between 2.10 and 2.40 free @ APS or every second Thursday at midday @ ABH. Please don't hesitate, give Marguerite 97982501 a call for further details.

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

## Training for Ministers of the Eucharist

More Ministers of the Eucharist are required for all masses (both weekday and weekend). The greatest need is the 10am Sunday mass. Therefore a training session will be held this **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February** in the Church from **7pm-8pm**.

## STV YOUTH GROUP

Are you in Year 5, 6 or 7?

Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 6:30pm

[www.stvyouthgroup.weebly.com](http://www.stvyouthgroup.weebly.com)

**On the Block Open Day** The Parish will join all three schools for this day which will take place on **Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>**. St Vincent's Primary School Open Day will take place from 2pm-4pm whilst the Open Days for Bethlehem's and De La Salle will both take place from 3pm - 7pm. As in previous years I am looking for parishioners who would be willing to look after the Church for one hour between the hours of 2pm-7pm and be host to anyone who may wish to visit the Church in that time. Please see me if you are able to help.

**Fr. Alan**

**RCIA** We meet every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Parish House 12 Bland St. If you would like to know more ring Marguerite 9798 2501.

**Social Justice Workshop** As a result of the visit of Dr Kimberley Doyle at all of our masses over the past few weeks a Social Justice Workshop will be held in the Parish Meeting Rooms on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-12pm. This will be followed by a light lunch. Please see Fr. Alan for details.

**Dru Yoga** classes resume on 13/2/17 in the Church Hall on Mondays - 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Suitable for all ages. Contact Ann Adams on 0419 427 486.

**Parish Mens Group** will reconvene for 2017 in the parish meeting rooms next Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. It entails a hour or so of discussion on various topics of church and life matters. New member are always welcome.

*We, the Parish community of St. Vincent's, with a genuine sense of belonging, strive to follow the example of Christ and spread the Vincentian spirit throughout the Ashfield district.*

**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  
**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.



**LEARN TO DANCE**

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**\*NEW: Adult Ballroom Class Tuesday @ 7:00pm**

**BEGINNERS MOST WELCOME!**

Term Commencing: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> + Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Time: Classes Tues + Wednesday from 3.45pm

Where: Club Ashfield Auditorium:

2nd Floor Charlotte St. Ashfield & St. Vincent's Parish Hall: Bland St., Ashfield

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**FIRST READING:** He never commanded anyone to be godless (Sirach 15:15-20)

**PSALM:** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34)

**SECOND READING:** God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you (Matthew 5:17-37)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



**Next Sunday's Readings**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A  
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
 Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
 Matthew 5:38-48