

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Mass

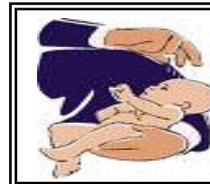
July 2, 2017

NAIDOC SUNDAY

Father Our Creator,
You created all things, seen and unseen,
listen to my silent prayer as I stand
here before you.
As my weary eyes look back
over distant horizons,
Back to those days where
my people walked.
The footprints of my grandfathers are
imprinted on the earth
And their images become real to me.
I see my Grandfathers standing tall and
strong, warriors of long ago
I hear them singing I see them dancing
And my spirit moves within me.
They told of the emus fighting
And the kangaroos picking up the scent
of our hunters
The images fade away as I feel the hurt
of my people.
I can hear the cries of my
Grandmothers as they cry
for their children
Grandfather, you can see me as I stand
here and feel this hurt
Father Creator, is this the purpose of
my being here
Or is it your plan to reshape my people
To be once again the proud race
it once was?
Let me walk with you
and my Grandfathers
Towards the dawning of a proud
and new nation.
I thank you for my Sacred Being. Amen
(NATSICC Leadership Gathering Nov 1995)

HOLY FATHER'S UPCOMING APPEAL:

The annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held this Sunday. Through this appeal you will become a vital partner of Pope Francis in his mission to deliver corporal works of mercy to where they are needed the most, anywhere in the world. Please consider giving your generous support. Thank you.



BAPTISMS

Saturday, 1st July 2017

MIKHAIL JAVIER MEA



Miraculous Medal Novena Mass Saturday 8th July 9:00am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

First Reconciliation registration forms are available in the Foyer. If your child is 7 years or older (Yr 2/3) they are eligible to receive this sacrament of God's love. This has to be celebrated before First Communion.

Sydney Alliance Assembly with Minister for Housing on Affordable Housing

Anthony Roberts, the Minister for Housing has agreed to meet again with the Sydney Alliance to further discuss the matter of Affordable Housing on Wednesday 12th July in the evening from 6pm -8.15pm at St Mary's College Hall (near St Mary's Cathedral). Everyone wishing to attend has been asked to register themselves. Please register by going to <https://register.eventarc.com/38557/sydney-alliance-affordable-housing-assembly> I have registered so I will be going. We plan to meet at the top of Ashfield Station at 5:00pm.

Fr. Alan

Your Driving affects the lives of others....or so the sign said. I thought I have heard something like that before. How we live our lives impacts the lives of who we meet, who we talk to and who we work with. Jesus knew his life had impacted upon so many and he wanted to keep that impact happening to effect the kingdom of God. How do we do that? By genuine hospitality that is both given and received in generosity, by welcoming those with a vision even when that vision disrupts our comfort zone, and welcoming those who thirst, those who are needy. This way we keep the vision of the kingdom of God alive.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the Financial Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, are available for collection at the back of the Church.

Existing Planned Giving Numbers from 211 to 230 have been assigned new numbers.

The receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the financial Year 2016-2017, will be available for collection sometime in July.

We would like to remind, please do not to use your old envelopes.

Thank you for your continuous and generous support to the Parish.

Thank You from Richard Allcock from the Bible Society

Please accept my sincere thanks for your personal support and your parish Community at **St Vincent's - Ashfield**, for the very generous contribution made towards the "**Remote Indigenous Ministry Support**" Campaign on the weekend of, **18th June 2017**. Through their love for the Indigenous communities, the amount of **\$1145.65** was raised.

Keep the date for the next e-conference
**Gospel Leadership in times of chaos.
The Hope of Pope Francis.** Thursday
10 August 10:30am—2:45pm.

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

First Friday of the month 9:00am Communion Service.



LIVING LAUDATO SI In his Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls on all of us to embark on an eco-journey, examining the effects on the environment of our current attitudes and practices, and taking up the challenges to heal, protect and care for our common home.

Written by Manny Bautista, this book **Living Laudatu Si': The Ecological Challenge of Pope Francis**, offers 40 brief reflections on the care of our common home. These reflections are helpful in rediscovering our eco-vocation as cares of God's creation, rekindling a sense of intimacy and communion with the natural world, and facilitating the much needed ecological conversion. The book is "an excellent resource, wonderfully clear, user-friendly and much-needed...it will be of great value for individual use, as well as for small groups in parishes." (Professor Denis Edwards, Australia Catholic University)

Manny will visit our Parish on Sunday 9th July to promote his book after all the masses. You will have the opportunity to have your book signed by him. To order please contact: St. Pauls Publications on 9394 3400 or at sales@stpauls.com.au. Price per copy: \$20 and Postage cost \$5.00

Social Justice Diary

2nd July National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

5th July 1935: Birth of the Dalai Lama in Tibet- awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989

7th July 1945: Blessed Peter to Rot- killed in Papua New Guinea, recognized as a martyr

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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING: That is the holy man of God, let him remain there (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16)

PSALM: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19)

SECOND READING: Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me (Matthew 10:26-33)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

**Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Zechariah 9:9-10

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30