

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

August 13, 2017

Peter asked first and then chose to step out of that boat and into the deep, rough, unpredictable stormy waters. Was he testing the waters literally? Was this truly someone who would save? Or was Peter, ever impulsive, jumping in to meet this apparition.

Many years ago I went to the beach with someone who was an accomplished swimmer and surfer. He delighted in doing 'his thing' whilst I enjoyed just jumping a few shoreline waves. Being considerate he would report in and he encouraged me to come just a little deeper as there was a sand bar that I could be on. "Come" he said and trustingly I followed.

A rip developed and collapsed the seemingly secure sand bank that had been supporting us and we were now in deep water...and the surf also changed into huge dumping waves. The effect was that of a washing machine, being sucked down to the bottom and rolled around, to fight my way to the top to take huge salty gasps before re entering the vortex that brought me down again. Where was my companion?

How I relate to the apostles in that storm. At least on the boat they were together. They knew the boat. 'Come' Jesus said and Peter stepped out into the deep. As long as he looked to Jesus he was OK, but the dread of the storm, the reality of the wind, water and salt on his face was his distraction. Jesus was standing within the storm looking with love at Peter. He was asking Peter to withstand the storm and keep his focus on him. He let fear and doubt, displace his confidence in the Lord. But it was to the Lord he called, not his companions to be saved. 'Man of little faith' was saved and the storm abated. Jesus calls to us to the many storms of injustice. Do we stay on the boat with the either apathetic or fearful crowd, do we step out into the water striding towards what we know can be real, like Jesus was, not an apparition at all.

Marguerite Martin

**We welcome Bishop Terry Brady
to St Vincent's
for the 52nd Club Ashfield Mass.**

Feast of the Assumption The Feast of the Assumption will take place on Tuesday 15th August 2017. As it is a Holy Day of Obligation masses will take place at **12pm and 6.30pm** here in the Parish. **NO 7:00am Mass.** Parking will also be available in Club Ashfield car park along with the parish grounds.

Next Tuesday 15 August, after the Mass for the Assumption at 6.30, we are having a very short meeting about St Vincent's Day, to be celebrated this year on Sunday 17 September. The meeting will be in the Parish House 12 Bland St. New people soooo welcome!

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 14th August at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 16th August at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$2,020.00** so if you still want to make a donation, please place your donation in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and place it either on the collection plate or drop it in the Parish office.

Fr. Alan Absence Fr. Alan will be away from Monday 21st - Friday 25th August to attend a Conference which celebrates the 400th anniversary of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers. Mass will be offered on Monday and Wednesday at midday. There will be no mass on Tuesday and Thursday.

Just a gentle reminder

There are still 24 Planned Giving Envelopes that has not been collected at the back of the Church.

Thank you

Parish Maintenance

A couple of weeks ago I held a meeting with a group of parishioners to discuss parish maintenance. It was agreed that we really need people with expertise in the area of maintenance in order to faithfully follow the Parish 10 Year Maintenance Plan. Please contact Fr. Alan if you feel you can help.

Christianity across the Ages A Journey of Faith a Journey through the Evolution of Western Music. This is a Powerpoint Presentation of slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj - music teacher, musicologist, author, specialist in medieval plainchant, and collector of digital copies of manuscripts and art works from across the centuries.

Where: Regional Centre of the Sisters of St. Joseph
Of the Sacred Heart

5 Alexandra Avenue, Croydon 2132

When: 1:30—4pm Sunday August 20

Entry by voluntary donation. Bookings essential: RSVP by August 14 email marie.levey@sosj.org.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday NO 7:00am. There will be
12 noon & 6:30pm Masses

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.



Vinnies Affordable Housing Petition debated in NSW Parliament

On Thursday 3 August, the affordable housing petition was debated in the NSW Parliament. The Labor Opposition and the Greens supported Vinnies' call for affordable housing targets. The Berejikilian Government does not support these targets and unfortunately shut down the debate in Parliament after only 5 speakers. Vinnies will continue to push for a bipartisan approach, especially in the lead up to the 2019 State election.

Maybe you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic. We have a two dates that you can invite them to an Inquiry Night about our Faith...Wed 13 Sept @7.30pm or Thurs 21 Sept @ 7pm. All are welcome.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL – ACYF

Early Bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival close on Friday 18 August; payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday 25 August. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator for further information. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia. Please support this major initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State School students also available through the Deanery Coordinator.

Parish Secretary Position Vacant: St Mary's Parish Concord is seeking an experienced secretary to join the Parish Office team. This is a full-time position (5 days - 38 hours). However, a part time role is negotiable. Applications close Wednesday 30th August. For further information email:

parish@stmarysconcord.org.au.

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.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God (1 Kings 19:9, 11-13)

PSALM: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation (Ps 84: 9-14)

SECOND READING: I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people (Romans 9:1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Command me to come to you over the water (Matthew 14:22-33)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



Next Sunday's Readings

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Romans 11 : 13-15, 29-32

Matthew 4:23