

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## Thirteen Sunday in Ordinary Time B

July 1, 2018

This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

*Greg Sunter*

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.

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.

## 2018 Holy Father's Appeal

The Holy Father's Appeal will be next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It's an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** for the Financial Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, are available for collection at the back of the Church. Existing Planned Giving Numbers from 186 to 210 have been assigned new numbers. We would like to remind, please do not use your old envelopes.

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

For those interested to register for new Planned Giving Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office or email [vinstaff@vianash.org.au](mailto:vinstaff@vianash.org.au).

## St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School Ashfield Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2019 and Years 1 to 6

Religious Education in the Catholic Tradition Integrated elearning in the contemporary classrooms, elearning & Digital Citizenship, academic success, Diverse learning programs (G & T Support Learning Programs) Music, Creative Arts & Sports.

### *Learning Together Through Diversity*

The Zimbabwean Community will be hosting their annual national Congress from the 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 at the Merroo Retreat Centre. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend and worship with the Zimbabwean community from all over Australia and New Zealand. For registration, fees and other details please contact Oscar on +61 413 758 185.

The Zimbabwean Community is also selling raffle tickets to fundraise for this event and these will be available after each mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. All the support you can give for our cause will be greatly appreciated.



**PARISH STAFF:** *Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM*  
*Carmen Yap*

*Marguerite Martin*  
*Aparna John (Mon & Tues)*

## Local Church Builds Bonds of Community

St Vincent's Catholic Parish Ashfield joins the 'Share the Journey, Global Week of Action' to build stronger communities.

The Catholic community of Ashfield 'Shared the Journey' as part of Refugee Week on Sunday 24 June. Fr Joti Bilawalu and parishioners were joined by State Member for Strathfield Jodi McKay, also a parishioner, and local councillors Julie Passas, Marghanita Da Cruz and Vittoria Raciti, to show their support for building welcoming communities.

'Share the Journey is a call from Pope Francis to all men and women of goodwill, to meet-up, share a meal, story and culture,' explained Jenny Collins-White from Catholic Mission, the event partner. 'By doing so we are creating meeting places where something bigger happens, understanding'.

'It's very simple, a meal, but profound because this meeting allows new possibilities that were not there before,' she added. 'It's also profound because we have to step out of our "comfort zones" across these boundaries we have between us and welcome people who come as migrants and refugees'.

The Share the Journey campaign launched in September 2017, aims to strengthen the bonds of our communities and create spaces and opportunities for diverse peoples to come together.

'By doing this, and promoting the "culture of encounter" so often talked about by Pope Francis, we aim to combat prejudice and build more inclusive societies,' concluded Ms Collins-White.

St Vincent's plans to host more of these encounters over the next year, hoping to build the numbers and draw in communities across cultural and religious boundaries. For more information contact [formation@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:formation@catholicmission.org.au).

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

## Social Justice Corner

Our Social Justice Group was pleased that the Inner West Council LGA area will now be covered under SEPP 70 state legislation which enable Council to introduce affordable housing contribution requirements as part of rezoning or other planning proposals.

As was pointed out in the press release "the move now enables Council to make affordable housing requirements compulsory as opposed to negotiating them via voluntary planning agreements".

However, it is slightly limited in that the application of SEPP 70 will be precinct based/site specific based, rather than covering the whole LGA.

As part of SEPP 70, Council officers are now preparing an affordable housing contributions scheme which is then submitted to the State Government.

Our Social Justice Group will keep monitoring progress on this issue.

Our Social Justice Group made a submission to the Inner West Council's annual Draft Delivery Plan. The Submission called on the Council to allocate more resources towards additional Compliance Officers, to ensure developers meet their obligations to construct the amount of affordable housing which they are required to offer.

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and is the beginning of NAIDOC Week. On this day in 2012 was the commencement of The *Fair Work Amendments (TDF Industry) Act 2011*, ensuring fair pay and conditions for outworkers in the garment industry
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. On this day in 2016 Linda Burney was elected as the first Aboriginal woman member of the Australian Parliament
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. On this day in 1839 there was a massacre of Aboriginal people at Chimney Pots, Gariwerd (Grampians), Vic: 60 people estimated killed

### DATES FOR DIARY

July 31<sup>st</sup> First Reconciliation Parent only  
or Meeting  
August 1<sup>st</sup> First Reconciliation Parent only  
Meeting  
August 8<sup>th</sup> E Conference 10am

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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

**FIRST READING:** It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world  
(Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24)

**PSALM:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13)

**SECOND READING:** Your abundance should supply their want (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Young girl, I say to you, arise (Mark 5:21-43 or Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



### Next Sunday's Readings

Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Ezekiel 2:2-5  
Psalm 122  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
Mark 6:1-6