

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**August 5, 2018**

Anthropocentric....is a word used through the Papal document (Laudato Si') that calls for the care of creation. It is a word that describes just how humanity places itself as dominant and superior over all of creation. Through generations humanity has felt that the creation has been put there just for us...not to marvel and admire but to use up and destroy. Is creation all about us? or is it all part of the call to care, as well as for each other, but for all creation as well? Humanity it would seem loves to dominate, rather than to protect the world and all that live in it. What humanity shares, with some of the higher orders of creation, is the ability and the need to relate and care to flourish.

Social scientists have done studies like this with human children...provided all the essential needs for life. Food, drink, warmth, cleanliness and yet with a group of orphans through war time they noticed that despite their physical needs being met, the children failed to thrive. It was only when the children received attention, cuddles, play and conversation that the situation reversed.

Last week, in the gospel about the feeding of the 5000, Jesus provided for the physical needs, the bread. This week he promises more... the ability to make us thrive in the kingdom. He promises himself. *I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*

Jesus' promise is to be the vitality of life. We have to first come and believe before we are fully satisfied. Real bread is meant to be bitten off, tasted and chewed before it is properly consumed and digested. Jesus is the bread of life. Can we confidently bite in and chew the challenge that is this bread of life?

*Marguerite Martin*

## **BAPTISM**

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Stella Katerina Santos**



**St Mary MacKillop pray for us.  
Feast Day Wednesday 8 August!**

**We welcome Bishop Terry Brady  
to St Vincent's  
who is celebrating the Club Ashfield  
Annual Mass at 10:00am**

## **Charitable Works Fund**

*Collection for the Second Charitable Works Fund Appeal of the year will take place all masses **this Sunday 5th August 2018.***

*The Charitable Works Fund will continue to issue fully tax deductible receipts or donations of \$2 or more. Our quota for this appeal is **\$3700.00.** Envelopes are available on the seats or in the Church foyer.*

## **Miraculous Medal Novena Mass**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 9:00am**

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



## **MASS TIMES for Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Wednesday, 15th August 2018  
8:40am 11:30am 12.30pm & 6:30pm

**Congratulations to Jessica Manganaro who was awarded Dempsey Medal Last Sunday in St Mary's Cathedral.**

These medals are presented to outstanding Sydney Diocese parishioners who give enormously of time and talents to their communities. Jessica, in this year of youth, has taken the responsibility of Children's liturgy and the youth club. She has led Sacramental program groups. She is also one of our Parish Pastoral Councilors. In her spare time, she works on night patrol. She was dedicated catechist through her student years both at Bethlehem College and Notre Dame University.

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

*Marguerite Martin  
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)*

## PPC News.

The PPC is needing IT assistance as they build our new St. Vincent's Parish website. So far it looks brilliant. Can you help to bring this project to fruition?

## ORGANIST/S REQUIRED FOR 8AM MASS.

8am mass is need of volunteer organist or pianist willing to join the current musicians.

The position/s would be on a rostered basis approx 2 Sundays a month or time to suit.

Young or young at heart, music student, retired teacher or someone who is musically talented and can lead the early morning attendees at 8am in the prayers of music.

If you are interested or you may know of someone and require more information please speak to either Beata, Anne or Ravilya the musicians at 8am mass, or if you know someone that fits the bill contact Parish office.



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.

## 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

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August is the beginning of National Homeless Persons week
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August; on this day in 1945, Hiroshima was destroyed by an atom bomb
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and on this day in 1945, Nagasaki was destroyed by an atom bomb

BBI eConference: **Synodality in Practice:**

Leading the Spirit and Leading the Change. This can be accessed from the BBI website on Wednesday 8 August from 10am - 3pm.

## Inquiry Sessions about the Catholic Church

Want to know more about Catholics and what they believe? Were you were baptized Catholic or within some other Christian community but have never progressed in the faith? Are you are drawn to the story and teachings of Jesus who lived this life and demonstrated that Everyone Matters, even you? You are invited to Come and See. Ring Marguerite 9798 2501.

**Receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the Financial Year 2017—2018 are now available at the back of the church.**

**Many thanks to all those who continue to support the Parish through the weekly planned giving envelope.**

**Youth PoWR** (Parliament of the World's Religions) brings together young people aged 18-35 to know one another and to have a voice and a vote in shaping our multicultural society. Time: 2.00pm—5.00pm

When: 19th August

Where: SGI Australia 3 Park view Dr, Sydney Olympic Park

Food will be provided

Register at: [youthpowr2018.eventbrite.com.au](https://youthpowr2018.eventbrite.com.au)

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING:** I will rain bread from heaven upon you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15)

**PSALM:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54)

**SECOND READING:** Put on the new person that has been created in God's image  
(Ephesians 4:17, 20-24)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



## Next Sunday's Readings

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 33:2-9

Ephesians 4: 30-5:2

John 6:51