

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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

August 19, 2018

You are what you eat

In a world that is obsessed with health and fitness and yet, ironically, also experiencing an ever-increasing overweight and obese population, what we eat has come under greater scrutiny than ever before. 'You are what you eat' has become a catchcry for healthy eating but Catholics have known the truth of this statement for centuries. When we participate in the Eucharist, we not only receive the body of Christ; we become the body of Christ. The people who make up the Church in the world are indeed the body of Christ. In the words of St Teresa, 'Christ has no body now but yours!'

Greg Sunter

This week we have celebrated the gift of life in the Assumption, where a son shares that little bit of self with his mother in the gift of Resurrection. Jesus message was Life giving, sustainable and exciting life, not the dreary drudgery of just living. Jesus came to share his reality....the real presence we call it. What was his reality? It was flesh and blood, it was a presence that calmed the storm, healed the sick and tortured and fed in abundance the hungry. This is his gift; real presence, fed by his body and blood in real bread and real wine given from his heart to ours. To ignore this gift and to not let it feed us with the very nature of Jesus' real presence in the world is to deny the Life given and the blood shed for each of us.

Marguerite Martin

Thank you to all parishioners who have enquired about Marguerite. Ten weeks ago, she had a hip replacement which was extremely successful. Unfortunately, three weeks later, she had a fall at home where she damaged her right shoulder. This resulted in her needing a complete shoulder replacement. At present, she is recuperating at home, waiting for her rehab to start in five weeks. Marguerite thanks you for your patience and prayers.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,454**. If you are able to help the Parish meet its quota please place your donations in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and can be place on either of the collections or drop into the Parish office.

Fr. Joti Absence

Fr. Joti Bilowalu will be away from **Monday 20th August to the 25th August** for the annual Vincentian Retreat.

There will be no Masses or Communion Services during this week.

Congratulations to Sr Liz Harper RSC who celebrates her 60th Diamond Jubilee this weekend.

Sister has taught music for many years in various schools run by the Sisters of Charity. Sr Liz, we thank for your generosity for all your years of devotion to your vocation.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Drought Appeal

Next Sunday August 26th all donations placed in the normal St. Vincent de Paul marked poor boxes located on the walls inside each entrance door of St. Vincent's Church will be forwarded to the Society's Drought Appeal. Please help.

Parish Pastoral Council The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 27th August at 6.00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

On Sunday September 2, we will be privileged to have Fr. Carl Pieber CM to concelebrate with Fr. Joti Bilowalu and Fr. Kevin Canty. Fr. Carl is an American Vincentian who heads up the worldwide Miraculous Medal Association. The Miraculous Medal is a particular devotion of the Vincentians and Daughters of Charity. After Mass you are invited to meet Fr. Carl at morning tea/coffee in the hall.

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

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

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.

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.



Parish Masses this week:

Monday No Mass
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday No Mass

Reconciliation: No Reconciliation

Morning Prayer:

Saturday No Mass

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.



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?

Social Justice Corner

SHARING OUR JOURNEYS

Sunday 26 August is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees in the Church. St. Vincent Parish Social Justice Group invites you to come together for an afternoon tea, with music and stories.

This, our second afternoon tea, is inspired by Pope Francis's Share the Journey campaign which aims to strengthen the bonds of our global human family and create spaces and opportunities for communities to come together. By doing this, and promoting the "culture of encounter" so often talked about by Pope Francis, we build more inclusive societies.

Sunday 26 August 3—4pm

St. Vincent's Parish Hall

Bland St, Ashfield NSW (next to the Church)

You are welcome to bring some food to share if you are able. Come along and join us! Invite you friends and neighbours. For more information call Jenny on 0408 482 270.

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 19th August is World Humanitarian Day
- Tuesday 21st August; on this day in 1939 the first women were elected to the Australian parliament, Enid Lyons (House of Reps.) and Dorothy Tagney (Senate)
- Thursday 23rd August is the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.
On this day in 1996 Margret Tucker, Indigenous Australian activist and writer, died.

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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared
(Proverbs 9:1-6)

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 33:2-9)

SECOND READING: Be watchful that you may know the will of God (Ephesians 5:15-20)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink (John 6:51-58)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Psalms 33:2-3, 16-23

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69