

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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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time B

August 26, 2018

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead - called Zombies - people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But *our* ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvelous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear the voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries.

Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St. Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already with me.

Fr. Michael Tate

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.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,359**. 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 placed on either of the collections or drop into the Parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Drought Appeal

This 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.

BAPTISM

Saturday, 1st September 2018

Conor John Doherty
Beauty Repeka Maglina Funaki



On Sunday September 2 at the 10am Mass, 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.

Inquiry Sessions about the Catholic Church

Want to know more about Catholics and what they believe? Were you baptized Catholic or within some other Christian community but have never progressed in the faith? Are you 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 and leave contact details.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

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.



EMPTIES FOR SES

I am collecting empty soft drink and beer cans and bottles for Ashfield-Leichhardt State Emergency Service (SES). If you would like to support our work, you can donate your empties. From next weekend there will be a bin at the back of the church (only on weekends) where you can leave them. Thanks for your support. I hope you never have to call on us, but, if you do, we'll be ready to help! Mary McNally

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: 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.



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

This Sunday 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. Pope Francis encourages us to promote the "culture of encounter."

This Sunday 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 26th August Migrant & Refugee Sunday
- Wednesday 29th August is the International Day against Nuclear Tests
- Thursday 30th August is the International Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances
- Saturday 1st September is the World Day of Care for Creation and the beginning of National Diversity Month.

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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God
(Joshua 24:1-2,15-18)

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 33:2-3,16-23)

SECOND READING: This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church
(Ephesians 5:21-32)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life (John 6:60-69)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm 14:2-5

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23