

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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"Who do you think I am?" This is the question I feel that President Trump has had answered, and he didn't like it! The person who gave the opinions guessed as much that's why they never let on to their identity. It has interfered with the President doing his job as he hunts down the uninvited opinion giver possibly revealing who he really is!

So Jesus asks, **"Who do you think I am?"** Why did Jesus ask? What did he want to hear? Did he feel their confusion in terms of the excitement of what *this Man* could do, making the blind see, the deaf hear and cripples walk; and how he would or could save them in their terms of reference. "You are the Christ," Peter proclaims...but did Peter understand the full ramifications of that fulfilment. Already they could feel the heat from the authorities. How would I respond if I were them and how do I respond today ...and if I asked the same question what would I want to hear?

Recently I read an article from Fr Rolheiser, (www.ronrolheiser.com) who wrote about Transparency and about how nothing destroys a community than lack of transparency. Transparency is a question of trust and how one is worthy of trust when one's private life is in harmony with one's public persona.

We have, especially in recent years, been taken in by images projected by people in public life especially people who have used their fame, image and power to abuse. We have seen facades crumble, people exposed as fake, with no substance. Were they genuine believers in what they put forward? How is my own transparency? In my own case there is always the feeling of not making myself too vulnerable, too public to the failings and woes of my life and that the disappointments in my life will somehow change who you think I am.

Our transparency has come into question. Are we the people we say we are? Can we welcome the stranger to our place? St James writes *Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead*. Jesus' transparency is unbelievable...that he loves the world enough to enter it and share in humanity and its struggles..... So when asked *Who do you think I am?* You are the God who walks with me!

Marguerite Martin

Catholic Mission Jenny Collins-White from Catholic Mission will be speaking at all of our masses today. Envelopes will be in the seats. Anyone wishing to make a donation to Catholic Mission can do so by placing these envelopes on either the first or the second collection.

Parish Pastoral Council The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 17th September at 6.00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Next Sunday 23rd September, we will be celebrating St. Vincent's feastday. After the 10:00am Mass, you are all invited to celebrate with us in the hall.

RCIA Inquiry

You may know someone who is interested in our faith. Maybe they were baptised as a baby and weren't brought up in faith or maybe they were never connected with Christianity. Our Inquiry sessions will be starting soon. This is the time to invite your friends and family to come along to some Inquiry evenings, you can even offer to accompany the! Ring Marguerite 0414 566 961

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.



The Next St Vincents Brekkie Van will be on Sunday 30 September. If anyone would like to contribute please give Sinead a call 0420 653 637.

EMPTIES FOR SES

I am collecting empty soft drink and beer cans and bottles (the ones that the ten cents can be collected on return) for Ashfield-Leichhardt State Emergency Service (SES). If you would like to support our work, you can donate your empties. An orange plastic bin is located at the back doors of the church where donations can be left (weekends only). 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

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.

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: 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? Please contact Parish office.

Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 16th September is the *International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer*
On this day in 1993 Aboriginal poet, activist and artist, Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker) died.
- Wednesday 19th September is *Yom Kippur* (Jewish Day of Atonement)
- Friday 21st September is the *International Day of Peace and World Alzheimer's Day*

Catholic Women's League Summer Hill

invite you to their HIGH MORNING TEA at St. Patrick's hall Drynan St., Summer Hill. Saturday 6th October at 11:00am. Cost \$20.00 Raffle and Lucky Door prizes plus a display of T-pots and Cosies. Contact Cecily Ristuccia @9798 5059. Proceeds to Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation Ethiopia.

Volunteering with CatholicCare

Volunteering with CatholicCare brings many benefits for the volunteer as well as for our clients and the organization as a whole. Our Mission and Guiding principles guide us to care for individuals, families and communities from all backgrounds and cultures. We care for the wellbeing of staff and volunteers as we do for the vulnerable families and individuals who seek help from us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the CCareline on 13 18 19.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING: I gave my body to those who struck me (Isaiah 50:5-9)

PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 114:1-6,8-9)

SECOND READING: Faith without good works is dead (James 2:14-18)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: You are the Christ ...the Son of Man was destined to suffer much (Mark 8:27-35)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 2:12,17-20
Psalm 53:3-6,8
James 3:16-43
Mark 9:30-37