

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

September 23, 2018

It is always good to come together and celebrate St Vincent's Day. It is a common identity we share, like belonging to the same family. This years St Vincent's Day celebrations are to be introspective....looking at ourselves and how we are pulling our weight! So often I hear of the good old days where there was enormous, fun filled fetes, morning teas with tables laden, craft groups, prayer groups and yes there were more and these stories are always edged with nostalgia. It was another time. So how is St Vincent's Parish travelling now? I know it is fun to be connected here, our last Parish dinner was amazing. Do we come to this place just to fulfil an obligation on Sunday or can we take that further step to put our hand up to assist, join in and to share in the real ownership of this place. This Sunday we pray that everyone will seriously consider what it is that they can bring to this special family, this special place.

Today's gospel, Jesus catches out the apostles revelling in status. We all like a bit of status whether in a job title, in our smart car or smart address. We walk around with labels sewn on the front of our shirts just to inform others how much money we spend on our clothes, all for status. Yet the events of this week have illustrated how the mighty can fall, and status isn't all its cracked up to be. Jesus was at pains to express that it's all about service. The power lies in being able to put yourself in a position to help, by putting yourself last, instead of first and giving respect, dignity and power to others rather than yourself. St Vincent discovered that in his life. His initial priestly vocation was about status and yet he discovered the true meaning of his vocation in unheard of service, not to the rich and powerful as he had first planned but to the poorest of the poor and abandoned babies! It was in this total giving he found God...and meaning.

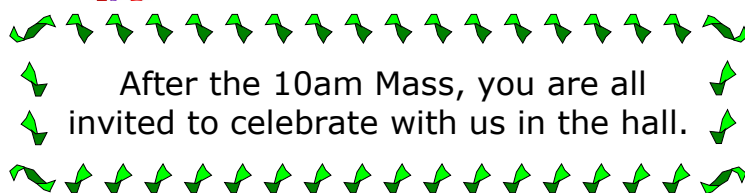
Marguerite Martin

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.

First Communion 2018 Registration Form is at the back of the Church.

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

*Wishing all the Vincentian
Fathers, Brothers,
The Daughters of Charity
and all the St. Vincent's
Parish Community a Blessed
and Happy Feastday!!!*



After the 10am Mass, you are all
invited to celebrate with us in the hall.

Share a Mealfundraiser L'Arche Australia

Joins us over lunch, meet our community and make a donation. All funds raised will help us improve the lives of people with intellectual disability.

You are welcome to bring a dish. Please let us know beforehand what you will bring.

12pm Saturday 29th September
St. Vincent's Parish Hall, Ashfield
RSVP by 26th September : (02) 9787 8132
Sydney.community.co-ord@larche.org.au

Mass on Monday 1st October

As it is a **Public Holiday**, Mass will take place
on Monday 1st October
at 9:00am
instead of the usual time of midday.

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.

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 23rd September; on this day in 1959 the Australian Consumers Association was launched.
- Wednesday 26th September is the *International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons*
- Thursday 27th September is St. Vincent's Feast Day, as well as the patron saint of our parish here in Ashfield, St. Vincent is the patron saint of St. Vincent de Paul Society which works for Social Justice and helps the most vulnerable in our society; and on this day in 1988 Burma's National League for Democracy was formed by Aung San Suu Kyi
- Friday 28th September is World Maritime Day; and this day in:
 - 1872 David Unaipon, Aboriginal writer and activist was born
 - 1983 John Pat died in Roeburne Prison WA, prompting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
- NEXT Sunday 30th September is SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, the theme of which is that each person, made in the image and likeness of God, is owned dignity, respect and conditions necessary to realize their full potential, materially, socially and spiritually.

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.



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 them! Ring Marguerite 0414 566 961.

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.

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

Parent Line (by CatholicCare Sydney)

Are families in your community struggling or experiencing a crisis?

Parenting can be stressful at times. Our Parent Line counsellors can help with strategies to manage these concerns.

Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

FIRST READING: From the correspondence of St. Vincent de Paul

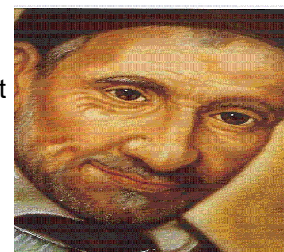
PSALM: The cry of the poor.

SECOND READING: Reading from the first letter of Paul to Corinthians(1 Cor 1:26-31,2:1-2)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! As you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: I was hungry and you fed me; thirsty and you gave me drink (Matthew 25:35)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Numbers 11:25-29
 Psalm 18:8,10,12-14
 James 5:1-6
 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48