

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B

October 7, 2018



Today's gospel has two parts; one part leaves me with an element of discomfort and the other part leaves me with that warm glow of God's love for each of us. The discomfort I feel comes from Jesus' loving look into marriage and divorce. God's plan for all humankind is that we would never be alone. That we would always have a foil, a companion and a partner and in our hearts we crave the reality of God's plan. For some, marriage has answered this reality and provides insights to God's overwhelming love. We celebrate love, relationship and family in marriage, but the reality of our world is that some relationships don't work and they break down for many and varied reasons, causing enormous pain and more so the loss of the dream. We know that God is love and it is only through giving and receiving love that we can experience God; and by experiencing God, the fullness of life.

However Jesus' was responding to the authorities who were the experts on the rules. They really wanted to check Jesus knowledge of the rules as they saw them. Jesus answer was a surprise and a rebuff. He spoke about God's vision for all, women and men, this was a divine vision that reflected God's constant and unbreakable love for his people.

The second part of the gospel is Jesus favouring the simplicity of children. Jesus holds up children as the favoured of the kingdom. God's vision is not for us to become childish but to aspire to the same wonder, simplicity, dependence and faith of a child in our relationship with God.

Marguerite Martin

BAPTISM

Saturday, 6th October 2018

Kaelen Luis Lagrange
William Anan Peart



Parish Mens Group will meet next Tuesday night 9th October at 7:30pm, 1st Floor Club Ashfield. Men of all ages most welcome. An informal night of conversation in relaxed atmosphere.

RCIA Inquiry Wednesday 10 October @7pm

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. This is the time to invite your friends and family to come along you can even offer to accompany them! Ring Marguerite 0414 566 961.

Miraculous Medal Novena Mass

Saturday 13th October 9:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



Recently two of our long time parishioners, loyal members of our Eucharistic community, went to God.

Margaret Doyle was instrumental in the Charismatic Prayer Group that still, thankfully exists and meets each Monday here. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood on Monday 8 October at 11am.

Michael Malloy, sitting next to his sister, was a familiar face sitting towards the back of the first block of seats in front of the lectern. His health necessitated care in Pittwood Nursing Home. Fr Joti anointed him just prior to his death. His funeral will be on Thursday 11 October at 11 am at St Vincent's.

We thank God for them. May they rest in Peace. Amen

First Communion

If you would like your child to participate in the First Communion program 2018, please fill in the form available at the back of the church. First Communion Parent meetings are in the first week back of term 4, **Tuesday 16th at 7:00pm** or **Thursday 18th October at 9:15pm.**

DAILY MASS BOOKS & BREAK OPEN

THE WORD FOR 2019

We will be ordering the new Daily Mass Book 2019 & Break Open the Word 2019. Cost: \$24 each. To place an order kindly ring Parish Office at 9798 2501 and orders must be received by **Monday 29th October 2018**.

EMPTIES FOR SES THANK YOU

Thank you to all those people who have been donating their empty beer and soft drink cans & bottles to SES. The response has been amazing! All containers that have the '10c Refund in SA/NT collection depots in state/territory of purchase' symbol are included in the scheme. This includes some juice boxes but NO wine or spirits containers (These go into the yellow recycle bin). Thank you for your continued support. Ashfield/Leichhardt SES appreciates it. Mary McNally.

CatholicCare Home Care Packages

CatholicCare provides services in your home to help you remain living independently. From occasional or short-term services to round-the-clock options, CatholicCare can help you decide on the services to meet your individual needs. For more information please contact the CCareline on 13 18 19.

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.



St. Vincent's Ashfield Social Justice Group

The next meeting is on Saturday 27th October 9:45 morning tea and chat, 10-11:30am meeting at the Parish Office. All are welcome. Contact: Julia Pokorny juliandpaul007@gmail.com.

Current issues we are working on:

- Affordable Housing
- Dignified Aged Care
- A community that welcomes migrants and refugees

Social Justice Corner

You're invited to the annual October Social Justice Gathering, convened by the Justice and Peace Office of the Sydney Archdiocese. This gathering always celebrates and explores the new Social Justice Statement from our Bishops. This year, the Statement, 'A Place to Call Home: A Home for Everyone in our Land', examines homelessness and housing affordability. All are welcome.

When: Saturday 20th October

Time: 10:30am

Where: St. Colomba's Catholic Church, Leichhardt

To register: email ijpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8462

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Wednesday 10th October is *World Mental Health Day*
- Thursday 11th October is *International Day of the Girl Child* and on this day in 1962 was the opening session of the Second Vatican Council
- Friday 12th October: on this day in 2002 the first Bali Bombing occurred, 202 people were killed and 240 injured
- Saturday 13th October is the *International Day for Disaster Reduction*

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.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: They were two in one flesh (Genesis 2:18-24)

PSALM: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Ps 127)

SECOND READING: He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin (Hebrew 2:9-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: What God has joined together, no one must divide (Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalms 89:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30/10:17-27