

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

October 21, 2018

The Gospel fits in well with the start of the program for First Communion. As we look around at the beautiful, young faces, so eager to further their sacramental journey, we can hear the echo of Jesus question. **Can you drink the cup that I must drink?**

No doubt all the children will give the answer of the brothers John and James, *We can* with the joyful optimism that surrounds the excitement of preparing for first Holy Communion.

This gospel is the reminder that the call to share in Jesus' cup is to share in his life of service. We are the flesh on the Body of Christ, today! For many, Jesus is a shadowy figure out of history, that is celebrated by Christians with quotes like, 'Do unto others as you would have done,' but for true followers of Christ the call to discipleship is enacted and renewed each time we physically encounter Jesus in the bread and wine. When we respond 'Amen' we are, like James and John, saying, 'We can and we will enter into your life of service O Lord'

There is a beautiful book by Henri J.M.Nouwen *Can you drink the Cup* which shares some absolutely beautiful reflections upon the symbolism of sharing the cup.

Drinking the cup of life involves holding, lifting and drinking.

It is the full celebration of being human.

Can we hold our life, lift our life and drink it, as Jesus did. (Henri Nouwen p21)

How does this real food and drink affect us? We now are called to be truly part of the living Jesus, sharing with him the demands to bring God's kingdom of justice, equality, and love to each other and beyond. We are without doubt Christ's real presence!

Marguerite Martin

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Last Wednesday we celebrated First Reconciliation. By now I feel all the balloons that escaped through the ceremony will have floated from the roof down to the floor, within the church. We had a lot of smiling and happy faces. I thank the parents who trusted us and prepared these children, so they could be so confident as they received God's great gift of love and forgiveness in Sacramental Reconciliation. So we thank God with joy for Felicity, Oliver, Max, Stancio, Maya, Isaac, Andrei, Callum, Rafael, Apurv, Kasey, Thomas, Luke, James and Elvin.

Parish Pastoral Council The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 22nd October at 6.00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Thursday 25th October there will be
NO MASS

on that day instead it will be a
COMMUNION SERVICE.

Fr. Joti will be away for a Seminar
from Wednesday to Friday.

First Communion 2018 will be celebrated in this place on either 18 or 25 November 2018. If you have missed registering ring or email Marguerite NOW. 9798 2501 or marguerite@vinash.org.au

This week we will have in our midst some of the children who will be celebrating that great Catholic sacrament of initiation with us. Each of these four weeks leading up to the Communion dates, the children are given a focus of where we meet Jesus when we come to Mass. This week it is Meeting Jesus in the People, we are the Body of Christ. We are all just that little bit broken and different yet when we gather, that's what we can call ourselves! So spend some time smiling or even introducing yourself to the people you sit near, and praying for these children who are committing themselves further to us.

Plenary Council 2020

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

This is the question that will be posed to us for consideration today. Justin Child, from the PPC, who has taken on the roll of facilitating this process at St. Vincent's will be speaking to us about the Plenary Council. ALL people are invited to contribute by sharing in their experience of Faith and of the Church.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us.

We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office @ 02 9390 5812.



ASHFIELD CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



The Ashfield Charismatic Prayer Group has its weekly Prayer Meeting every Monday night from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

A warm welcome invitation is extended to all Parishioners from St Vincent's to join us. For further information, please call 0402 718 949.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 9:00am Communion Service
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 happening NOW

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.

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**.

2019 Columban Calendars will be available first weekend of November for \$9.00

Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 21st October is *World Mission Sunday*
- Wednesday 24th October is *United Nations Day* and *World Development Information Day* and the beginning of Disarmament Week. On this day in 1945 the United Nations was Established
- Friday 26th October: on this day in 1985 Uluru was returned to the traditional owners, the Anangu people

The NEXT meeting for our parish Social Justice Group will be next Saturday 27th October at 9:45am for 10am. All are welcome.

Please note that at next week's meeting Lucille McKenna will be coming to speak to us on the subject of aged care. Lucia is a councilor on the Inner West Council; and she is a registered nurse, Director of Nursing at St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home and is on the Council of the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life (Wisdom 7:7-11)

PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22)

SECOND READING: Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace (Hebrew 4:14-16)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all (Mark 1:35-45)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold the eyes of the Lord are those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 125
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52