

Parish Office Hours: 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday

December 9, 2018

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RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

There will be no reconciliation on Saturday 15th & 22nd December between 8:10am to 8:40am, instead the new time for Reconciliation will be from **9:30am to 10:30am on these Saturdays**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Over the next three Sundays, December 2, 9 and 16, your local St Vincent de Paul branch will be collecting non-perishable food items for Christmas hampers. These will be distributed to struggling individuals and families in our area, who have been assisted by the Society during the year. Please place your donated items in the baskets under the Christmas tree. Thank you for your generosity in making sure these families are able to share in the joy of Christmas.

Some suggested items:

Tinned fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna, salmon
Breakfast cereals and bars
Biscuits savoury and sweet
Pasta and sauces
Tea, coffee, milo, cordial
Christmas cakes, puddings and other treats

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 Wednesday of the Month,
3:30pm Reconciliation, 4:00 Mass & Anointing, First
Friday of the month 9:00am Communion Service.



Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 9th December is *International Anti-Corruption Day* and *International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of Victims of the Crime of Genocide*
- Monday 10th December is *Human Rights Day* and 70th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and on this day in 1992 Prime Minister Paul Keating made the Redfern Speech at the launch of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People
- Wednesday 12th December: on this day in 1831 the Sisters of Mercy were founded by Catherine McAuley

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.



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.

Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: Jerusalem—God will show you splendour (Baruch 5:1-9)

PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Ps 125)

SECOND READING: Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ (Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: All people shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18