

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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

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The small-town people of Nazareth thought they had Jesus pigeon-holed. He was Joseph's son, an artisan, a carpenter! They had given him an identity with which they could cope, with which they could feel comfortable.

But, each of us has an identity far, far, deeper than can be seen by those who think they have known us forever. The life project is to discern the identity willed for you for me, by our creator, from all eternity.

God speaks to me, God speaks to you, as he spoke to Jeremiah:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

Before you came to birth I consecrated you. I have appointed you as..." As what? To do what?

Some of you have discovered the **what** of your identity desired by God. Some of you have suppressed that identity, know it in your heart, and are sad. Some of you are still searching. The fact is, that you are not made in the imagination of other people. You are made as a particular and unique image of God.

Try to discern this by reading the gospels and by being open to the bountiful mercy of God to heal, to liberate and to love.

God is speaking through his Holy Word:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

Before you came to birth I consecrated you. I have appointed you as..." As? That is the question!

For now, simply respond: 'Here I am, Lord.'

Fr Michael Tate

BAPTISM

Saturday, 2nd February 2019

Archie Leo Jones
Dexter Remolacio



Catechist Sunday ... Today...

At the commencement of the school year, we will start back with our responsibility to all the Catholic children within the schools in Ashfield. We have many catholic children who attend Ashfield Primary School and Ashfield Boys High. We are obligated as a parish to provide these children with catechists, people who share their faith. Today we salute our existing catechists and call on those who have yet to take up this mighty challenge. Our obligation in the Primary school has been on Wednesdays between 2pm and 2.40pm each week. At Ashfield Boys High, we meet with the boys every fortnight on a Thursday at midday for 40 minutes. There is training that needs to occur prior to entering a class, so if you are hesitant, know you will be trained with a syllabus that can be accessed by all of the general public to check that we do not radicalise our children! Please consider this worthwhile ministry of love as you are adjusting your 2019 schedule.

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. Our first meeting for 2019 will start on Monday 4th February.

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



Miraculous Medal Novena Mass

Saturday 9th February 9:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



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.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

MARGUERITE MARTIN

Marguerite has had another unfortunate accident. She has broken her femur and had a plate inserted during an operation. Her recovery will take several months and we wish her God speed. (She is actually trying for the Guinness Book of Records as the world's first bionic woman. In the last six months, she has had two new hips, a new shoulder and now a supported femur. Go Marguerite!!!)

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be unattended on Thursday and Friday of this week. Carmen is away until 11th February when all will return to normal.



Happy Lunar New Year to all Parishioners who are celebrating... May good luck and

good fortune always be with you !!!!

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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: I have appointed you as prophet to the nations
(Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19)

PSALM: I will sing of your salvation (Ps 70:1-6,15,17)

SECOND READING: There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 12:12:31-13:13 / 13:4-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews (Luke 4:21-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11/15:3-8,11

Luke 5:1-11

Social Justice Corner

The first meeting for our parish Social Justice Group in 2019 will be Saturday 16th February at 9.45 for 10am. Justin Child, a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, will speak to us about the Plenary Council 2020 and help us to formulate the submission from the Social Justice Group to the Council. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Monday 4th February is *World Cancer Day* and on this day in 1939 there was a walk-off by Aboriginal people from Cumeragunja Mission NSW in protest at living conditions and restrictions
- 1996 was the signing of the Cape York Peninsula Heads of Agreement
- Wednesday 6th February is *the International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation* and is *Waitangi Day*, Aotearoa New Zealand

Working Bee in the garden

(between church and presbytery) **Saturday February 9th 9.30am - 11.30pm.** Tools needed to help out, brush cutters, garden shears, clippers, racks, brooms and a bit of muscle to help pull out some tree roots and also advice on how to bring the gardens up to shape.

Also thank you to the people who have donated flowers for the garden so far. If anyone has some flowers/plants they would like to donate (that like plenty of sun) they can be left on the garden at the side of the church anytime.

EMPTIES FOR SES

Thank you for your ongoing support of the State Emergency Service. Your empties assist us in helping the residents of the Ashfield-Leichhardt area who have troubles in stormy weather. *Mary McNally*