

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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

February 17, 2019

Trusting in God is easier said than done, because we are all so influenced by the standards of the day. We are bombarded by advertisements that assure us we have a right to a high-paying job, even without working for it; the excessively wealthy are held up as icons to be emulated; and the needy are disdained as unworthy of our attention. The weeping of which Jesus speaks is probably the frustration that people on the margins experience when they are denied the opportunities that every society owes all its citizens.

'These Beatitudes challenge our understanding of blessedness, but they also are sometimes difficult to interpret. Surely Jesus is not suggesting that the poor or hungry or grieving should be satisfied with their lot in life because they will eventually experience a reversal of fortune. Rather, he is saying that the values and customs of the reign of God at times seriously conflict with those of society. Today's readings urge us to stepback from the hustle and bustle of life and evaluate our values from Jesus' point of view. *Excerpt from a commentary by Sr Dianne Bergant*

Catechists Needed !! 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. Our obligation in the Primary school is 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.

Working Bee in the Garden last Saturday. Thank you to Rita and Wanda from the 8am mass for the help last Saturday. A lot was achieved, but still more to go.

Parish Pastoral Council The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 18th February at 6.00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Restoration of Paintings. The first stage of the storm damaged paintings will start to happen on next Wednesday morning when the painting of the Nativity which is on canvas will be removed, taken away and worked on over a 6 to 12 month period. As the other 5 paintings are actually painted onto the walls these will be worked in situ. Which brings about the use of scaffolding. Around April 26 for about 5 to 6 weeks scaffolding will be erected at the front of the church at the sides and across the middle behind the main altar, to allow the restorers to work. Whilst this is happening the skylight roofs above the two side altars can also be repaired. Mass will be said in the Blessed Sacrament chapel during the weekdays so as to get the work done. ***Your patience whilst this all going on would be appreciated.***

Thanksgiving Sunday - Next Sunday February 24th

Next Sunday we celebrate and give thanks. Firstly for those people who helped us achieve the replacement and restoration of St Vincent's cross on the roof of the church...as per the original architecture! Secondly, for Fr. Joti, as it is one year since he joined us here at St Vincent's... ***Talk about stepping out onto the deep !!!***

Thirdly, what a great excuse to gather in thanksgiving and friendship. After ALL masses next Sunday the belated Men's Group Christmas BBQ will be happening, also there will be gathering in the hall for tea/coffee and food offerings. If you would like to assist by bringing a small plate of something delicious to share, please let the office know.

More importantly can you spare a small amount of time to venture into the playground or hall to be involved !

The Roofs. Just to give parishioners an update on recent necessary roof repairs for safety reasons. The slate roofs on the hall and above the working sacristy at the front have been repaired, along with the installation of gutter guards on all roof gutters this work has been done at a cost of 24,000. Also in a few months repairs to the skylight roofs above the two side altars will be done, which is part of the undertaking by the church with Catholic Insurance to protect the interior walls and paintings from future damage. All this work is not covered by any insurance it is general safety maintenance. There has also been a recommendation that the roof on the hall sometime in the future (probably in the next 12 to 18 months) be completely replaced the initial quote for this is around \$85,000. How can all this be paid for?

By whatever the parish receives through the second collection and the Planned Giving envelopes and a lot of wishing and hoping !!

St Vincent's Parish Trivia Question.

What are the two most valuable assets that belong to the parish ????? (Answer next week)

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.



Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 17th February; on this day in 2014 an Iranian Asylum Seeker Reza Barati was murdered in offshore detention on Manus Island
- Wednesday 20th February is the *World Day of Social Justice*
- Thursday 21st February is *International Mother Language Day*

LEARN TO DANCE

We teach a range of Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop & Modern Dance to suit all ages from 3 years to adults & all levels of dance.

***NEW: Adult Ballroom Class Tuesday @ 7:00pm**

BEGINNERS MOST WELCOME!

Term Commencing:

Tuesday 12th + Wednesday 13th February 2019

Time: Classes Tues + Wednesday from 3.45pm

Where: Club Ashfield Auditorium:

2nd Floor Charlotte St. Ashfield

& St. Vincent's Parish Hall: Bland St., Ashfield

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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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

PSALM: Happy are they who hope in the Lord (Ps 1:1-4)

SECOND READING: If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich! (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38