

# 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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## Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

A letter from this Parish

Australian National Imams Council  
PO Box 5062  
Chullora NSW 2190  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Attention: Grand Mufti of Australia  
Sheikh Abdel Aziem

Dear Sheikh Abdel Aziem,

As Parish Priest of St Vincent's Parish Ashfield, and on behalf of my Parish Community, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to you and the Muslim Community of Australia and New Zealand following the mass murder of members of your Faith Community in Christchurch. I realise this act of terrorism has devastated the lives of so many good people as they gathered to pray. It is such a tragic event and the ramifications are wide spread across the whole country of New Zealand and in Australia.

Our Parish of Ashfield has a strong multicultural mix and I am from Fiji. We denounce all acts of violence or inflammatory speech by individuals, media personalities, media outlets, anyone holding a position in Public Office, and any individual or group who seek to vilify anyone or any group on racial or religious grounds.

Whilst this heinous act was perpetrated by one person, as citizens of this country we all bear some responsibility for what has happened. As a nation we have failed to halt the rise of white supremacists individual/ groups in Australia and adequately deal with this problem. This has led to a rise in racism and Islamophobia and must be stamped out.

We stand in solidarity with you but I know each of us must look into our hearts, challenge ourselves and the government as to our own attitudes and behaviour and work to bring about a united people where inclusiveness, tolerance, acceptance of difference and compassion for each other abound. We are less of a people if we don't do this. Our shared humanity calls us to be better than we are. We ask forgiveness for any time we have not lived up to this either by omission or ignorance.

We offer our support and prayers for those suffering and grieving who have lost loved ones and for the members of the various Muslim Communities who are reeling from shock and distress.

Our thoughts and prayers go with you and your people

Fr Joti Bilowalu CM  
Parish Priest St Vincent's Ashfield



**CONFIRMATION** will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> June. The first Confirmation gathering is on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10am Mass for enrolment followed by an information session. For more information please contact Sinead 0420 653 637.

## ORGANIST/PIANO PLAYER REQUIRED FOR 8AM MASS *(The search continues)*

8am mass is in need of volunteer organist or pianist willing to join the current musicians.

The position/s would be on a rostered basis approx 1 or 2 Sundays a month or when time suits.

Young or young at heart, music student, retired teacher or someone who is musically talented and can lead the early morning attendees at 8am in the prayer of music.

If you are interested or you may know of someone and require more information please speak to the musician at 8am mass, or if you know someone that fits the bill contact Parish office, so contact can be made.

**De La Salle College Ashfield will be holding their first round of interviews for Year 7/ 2020 early next term. If you are looking at enrolling your son at De La Salle College Ashfield in 2020, it is recommended that you submit your enrolment application as soon as possible to ensure an interview time can be organised for you and your son.**

## PROJECT COMPASSION



Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Please donate to Projection Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future. **Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through the boxes and envelopes or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or 1800 024 413.

**PARISH STAFF:** Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM  
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin  
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

**Parish Trivia (con't)** Last week the translation of the Latin words at the front of the church right up near the roof - EGO SUM NOLITE TIMERE - was, in modern English, "I am here. Do not be afraid"

This week the right hand side EVANGELIZARE PAUPERIBUS MISIT ME translated is: "He sent me to bring the good news to the poor"

Some parishioners have made mention of those days gone by at the local schools when Latin was a subject (is it still taught?). On the first day or at least in the first week of class one would be marched into St. Vincent's church by Sister or Brother Whoever and as one's first assignment, have to translate the very words that have been translated above.

Catholic Women's League Summer Hill Luncheon and Fashion Parade Saturday 27th April 12 noon Tickets available now \$20.00 Cecily Ristuccia 9798 5059

*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.

### 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

Prior to the upcoming State election, the Parish Social Justice Group is following up with the major parties regarding their policies on **Affordable Housing**.

The group will be doing the same in the lead up to the Federal election in relation to **Aged Care and Refugee** policies.

The social justice group is keen to ensure that whatever is promised will be delivered after these elections. Parishioners will be kept informed of progress.

The social justice group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in the parish centre at 9.45am.

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March is the *International Day for the Right to Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims* and it is *World Tuberculosis Day*
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March is the *International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade and is the International Day of Solidarity and Detained and Missing (UN) Staff member* and on this day in 1877 Caroline Chisholm, who worked for the welfare of female immigrants died
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March on this day in 1975, the Biological Weapons Convention was held Pope John Paul II published the *Populorum Progression* (on progress on peoples)
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: on this day in 1941 William, Aboriginal activist and community leader died
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March: "Earth Hour" is between 8:30pm to 9:30pm, when individuals, communities and businesses are encouraged to turn off non essential lights.

### 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.



## Third Sunday of Lent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**FIRST READING:** This is what you must do to the children of Israel: I Am sent me to you (Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15)

**PSALM:** The Lord is kind and merciful (Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11)

**SECOND READING:** All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord: the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life. (Luke 4:5-42)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** For anyone who drinks it, says a Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



### Next Sunday's Readings Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 33:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:18