

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

This story is all about 'eyes' and how you "see" someone. The accusers make her 'stand there in full view of everybody'. She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with condemnation and hate, eyes already seeing her as a mess of crushed bones from the stoning they are anticipating. Jesus never looks at the woman while she is being accused. It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground doodling in the dust, looks up at her. Isn't that remarkable! He is the one on the ground, that has adopted the posture of a servant. Can you imagine the electricity in that glance upwards of Jesus? - with the gaze of love that sees her as God sees her, recognising her potential. And then Jesus speaks to her!

Up to then, no one has spoken to her; she has been a mere object. Now she is reassured by his eyes. She hears his voice. He treats her as a human worth speaking to. What does she hear? That Jesus has a better way of dealing with sin than condemnation and punishment.

Jesus method is indeed pastoral. He looks at the woman, he talks to the woman, he looks and talks in a way that rescues us from the past and frees us to live a new sort of life in the future.

Only then: Go and sin no more." The challenge is given to me to give up some behaviours which may be harmful to another and is always dehumanising for me. Jesus looks at you, looks at me that way. Do you have the courage to lock eyes with Jesus and live out the consequences? The eyes have it.

Fr Michael Tate

Social Justice Corner

The Social Justice group **usually** meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the parish centre at 9.45am. However, the **next** meeting will be [next Saturday](#) on **13th April**.

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 7th April is the *International Day of reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda* and is *World Health Day*
- Thursday 11th April: in 1963 on this day Pope John XXIII's encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*, (*Peace on Earth*) was published
- Friday 11th April is *International Day of Human Space Flight*.

CONFIRMATION will be held on 9th June. The first Confirmation gathering is on 5th May at 10am Mass for enrolment followed by an information session. Forms are now available at the back of the Church to be filled in and return in the Parish Office. 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.

Parish Men's Group will meet next Tuesday night 9th April at 7:30pm, 1st Floor Club Ashfield. Men of all ages most welcome. An informal night of conversation in relaxed atmosphere.

Miraculous Medal Novena Mass **Saturday, 13th April 9:00am**

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



Home/Sick Visitation

Perhaps you know someone...a relative, friend or a neighbor who would like to be visited by Fr. Joti for either Communion or Anointing. Please contact Parish office at 9798 2501 or 2503.

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

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

ST. VINCENT'S PARISH ASHFIELD 2019



Wednesday 17th April

Communal Penitential Rite 7:00pm

Thursday 18th April (Holy Thursday)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
(Church will remain open until midnight)

Friday 19th April (Good Friday)

Stations of the Cross 10:00am
(Church & Ashfield Park)
Polish - Stations of the Cross 12 noon
The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

Saturday 20th April (Holy Saturday)

Reconciliation 9:30am - 10:30am
Polish - Easter Food Blessing 12 noon

EASTER VIGIL MASS 7:00pm

Sunday 21st April (Easter Sunday)

Easter Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10:00am & 6:00pm
Polish - Easter Sunday Mass 12 noon

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant With her first child, sick and terribly frightened . In darkness, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two

strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

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 or 1800 024 413.

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.



Temporary, Paid Job Opportunity for Carers

Do you care for a family member or friend and enjoy connecting with others online?

We are seeking carers from diverse backgrounds and age groups for a few hours a week, for a 10 to 12 week period, to help us test a new online peer support community for carers.

If you are a carer, enjoy spending time on the computer or mobile device (for example, connecting with others on social media), and want to earn some extra income working from home, call CCareline on **13 18 19** or email us at connect@catholiccare.org

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: I am doing a new thing and i will give drink to my people (Isaiah 43:16-21)

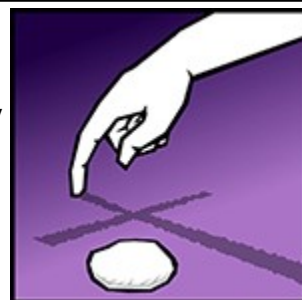
PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Ps 125)

SECOND READING: Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him (Philippians 3:8-14)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone (John 8:1-11)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



Next Sunday's Readings

Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49