

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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

Making the Sign of the Cross

Gerard Moore reminds us that making the Sign of the Cross entails a serious commitment: Jesus' passion (sufferings unto death) involved a violent, relentless stripping of his identity as a human being. Scourged, mocked and naked, he walked in solidarity with those in society who were outcasts and the recipients of others' derision. In all this he was left friendless. He walked with the abandoned.

'Carrying his own cross, he became a public spectacle for his own people.

His rejection was complete. His death was a public sport. His religious leaders betrayed him. His crucifixion was at the hands of the enemy, and it was associated with the crucifixions of criminals. His burial was rushed, with less than proper arrangements, without custom or dignity. Even in death, Jesus was a nuisance, disrupting the temple worship. It fell to a non-believer to provide for him.

'When we mark our bodies with the Sign of the Cross we symbolize the suffering of Christ. We also symbolize our commitment to those in the same position as him.

In his passion, Jesus was stripped of human dignity. In the Sign of the Cross we make a commitment to stand in solidarity with those whose human dignity is under threat.'

Excerpts from an article by Gerard Moore.

Full text at: <http://www.churchresources.info/missionspirit/0210/MOORE.pdf>

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK Please note there is **NO** 9am Mass on **Holy Thursday** morning **18th April**. Parishioners who are able to go are encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 10:30am on that day. 9am Mass **will not** take place on **Holy Saturday 20th April**.

ST. VINCENT'S PARISH ASHFIELD 2019



Wednesday 17th April

Communal Penitential Rite **7:00pm**
(opportunity for individual confession)

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**

Collectors needed for Easter Vigil Mass next **Saturday 20th April at 7:00pm**.

If anyone available please contact Parish Office. After many years there will be no RCIA formalities.

Monday 22nd April Public Holiday

There will be **NO** Mass at 12 noon.

Our new Website will be launched soon

We would like to request the Groups e.g Social Justice, Charismatic Prayer Group etc if you can provide some information about your group to be included in our website. Please send it to Rodney Winter at rw99999apple@gmail.com.

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.

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 NO MASS
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am to 10:30am
Morning Prayer: 8:40am
Saturday NO MASS
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

The Social Justice group meets on the **3rd Saturday** of the month in the **parish centre at 9.45am**.

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Monday 15th April; on this day in 1991 the final report from Royal Commission on the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody was signed
- Thursday 18th April, Holy Thursday, is *World Heritage Day*
- Friday 19th April, Good Friday, is the beginning of the Jewish Passover.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia.

Nguyet has become independent, an important member of the community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are to be returned on Holy Thursday or over Easter.

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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hosanna to the Son of God; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING: I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed (Isaiah 50:4-7)

PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24)

SECOND READING: He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high (Philippians 2:6-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 22:14 - 23:56 or Luke 23:1-49)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



Next Sunday's Readings

Sunday of the Resurrection

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalms 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9