

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

May 19, 2019

Marguerite Martin

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.

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**Parents & Candidates for Confirmation
2019 on June 9th**

Our next gathering is on **EITHER** Sunday
19th after the 10am mass in the Parish
Meeting Rooms OR Tuesday 21st at 6:30pm.
Any queries please call Sinead Kent
0420 653 637.
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Fr Joti Absence Fr. Joti will be away from Monday 20th May to 23rd May for a Formation Meeting. Weekday Parish Masses will be: Monday & Wednesday will be the usual time, there will be NO Mass on Tuesday and Thursday will be Communion Service.

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,846**. If you are able to help the Parish meet its quota please place your donations in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and can be place on either of the collections or drop into the Parish office.

What is the 100 Club? ... Well you may ask! It is a fund raiser that runs for 10 weeks. For a single payment of \$40, 100 members may choose one number 01-100 randomly. **Father Joti** will draw out two lucky numbers each week for 9 weeks. If you hold the first number drawn out, you will win \$80. The second number will win \$40. In the tenth and final week, first prize will be \$500 and second prize will be \$250. The **100 Club** is open to parishioners, family and friends. Winners' names will be published each week in the church bulletin. Funds raised will be used to maintain our aging church building. **Numbers will go on sale next Sunday, 26th May, after all Masses.** The **100 Club** will commence when all 100 members have been signed up and are financial.

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

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Healing Day

The Ashfield Catholic Charismatic Group is hosting a Day of Healing with Sr Margaret Scully RSC in the parish on Saturday 25th May 2019. The day will commence with Mass in the Church at 9:00am and then proceed to the hall. The day will conclude at 4:30pm. Sessions will include: What healing is, prayers for the healing of emotional and spiritual wounds, healing of the family tree and the healing power of forgiveness. All are welcome. Cost is by donation. Please bring your own lunch. Morning and afternoon tea is provided. For registration please phone 0410 248 069 or 9810 2499 or email mscully@ccrnsw.org.au.

Bethlehem College Ashfield Reunion Class of 1979 (Year 12) and Class of 1977 (Year 10). Ex students are invited to attend the Reunion at 6pm on Saturday 10th August, 2019. Please contact Eliza Budniak at eljam@netspace.net.au for further details.

Ashfield De La Salle Reunion 1969 Year 12 (Year 10 1967), 50 years since the HSC. For details contact Gerry at dlsash69@hotmail.com

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12noon
Tuesday NO MASS
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday COMMUNION SERVICE
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

Last week our St Vincent's Social Justice Group sent letters to the candidates for the Coalition, ALP and Greens in the three electorates (Grayndler, Watson and Reid) that cover part of Ashfield, calling for action on homelessness and an increase in the extremely low Newstart Allowance. We acknowledged that the ALP has said it will review the Newstart Allowance and the Greens have promised to increase it immediately.

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 20th May. On this day in 2002, Timor-Leste came into force with Xanana Gusmao as first president Tuesday 21st May is *World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development*
- Wednesday 22nd May is *International Day for Biological Diversity*
- Thursday 23rd May is *International Day to end Obstetrics Fistula*
- Friday 24th May. On this day in 2015 Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si* (On care for our common home), was released **and** On this day in 1945 the World Council of Churches was founded

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them (Act 14:21-27)

PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Ps 144:8-13)

SECOND READING: He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes (Revelation 21:1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: I give you a new commandment: love one another (John 13:31-35)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalms 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29