

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 of Easter

May 26, 2019

The 2019 Australian Federal Election has been. The politics of the election cycle seem to get more cynical and abusive. Apart from dirty tricks and name calling, there was a lot of fear mongering. Attempts were made to instil fear or capitalise on people's current fears. The usual fears about the 'other', were not as strong as they seem to be on most days, but there were fears instilled in people about what caring, compassion, participation, engaging with others could mean for the hip pocket. But Jesus always stands among us and says *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'* He talks to his friends, and to us, about peace and fear. Fear is not his way. It is the way of much of the world – its culture, its politicians and even our faith communities. But, the way of Jesus - the gift of Jesus - is peace. This peace—the 'shalom' of God—is not the kind promised by fear-mongering politicians. It is being at home with God, with one another and all creation. It has repercussions for us. It is both a blessing and a responsibility.

Last week also within the Parish, Sinead and Jessica led the confirmation candidates and their parents to discuss what makes someone a hero. Mothers and fathers feature strongly as their children recognise 'those rough spots' that parents get through to give to their children. Heroes are people we completely trust and love. John's gospel today talks of the relationship of the Father with the Son and the Advocate, The Son is the Word of God, *The word was made flesh*. Our God reached out in relationship to send us a hero, Jesus, who demonstrated the love and trust of Father. Further to that he sent us an Advocate to help us. What an advocate is the Holy Spirit! This is the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of God, the Spirit capable of complete transformation. Yet as much as the Advocate can enter our lives, he is the Advocate of Jesus. He is the binding force of God woven so intricately into the world. He is the Love and Trust that can bring us *the gift of Peace that the world cannot give*.

Marguerite Martin (acknowledging Claude Mostowik)

St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

The local St. Vincent de Paul Conference Ashfield is holding its ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL next Sunday 2nd June. Please consider among the basic living expenses of rent, power, clothing etc, what a simple meal for a family costs today. We ask you to give generously according to your means. We rely upon your ongoing support to continue this local charitable work.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Parents & Candidates for Confirmation

2019 on June 9th at 3pm

Our last gathering is on **EITHER** Sunday 26th after the 10am mass in the Parish Meeting Rooms **OR** Tuesday 28th at 6:30pm.

Any queries please call Sinead Kent
0420 653 637.

Retreat Day June 5th

CWF Pastoral Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,501**. 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 placed on either of the collections or drop into the Parish office.

CHURCH ROOF MAINTENANCE 100 CLUB

Numbers On Sale Today

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 today Sunday, 26th May, after all Masses.** The **100 Club** will commence when all 100 members have been signed up and are financial.

Home/Sick Visitation

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

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Photographer needed for new Parish Website

The Parish is looking to launch a new website soon and is seeking the input of an experienced or professional photographer to help us with some photo shoots. If you think you can help please email either Jessica Manganaro (jessmanganaro@gmail.com) or Rodney Winter (rw99999apple@gmail.com) with your contact details.

De La Salle College Ashfield is currently preparing interview times for prospective Year 7/2020 students. If you wish to enroll your son at De La Salle College Ashfield, can you please lodge your enrolment application form as soon as possible to ensure an interview time slot can be secured. College Office phone 9797 3200

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 7am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 9am

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

A member of our Social Justice Group is representing us on the Inner West Affordable Housing Committee which has been formed to provide advice to the council's commission for Affordable Housing.

There is to be a screening of a movie "Summer in the Forest", a film about the L'arche Communities and Jean Vanier, their founder. L'arche communities exist in many countries to provide homes/communities that are not institutions for people who are intellectually handicapped.

Date: Wednesday 12th June at 7pm

Venue: Event Cinemas

Burwood Westfield, Burwood

To attend please contact Jenny at JCcollins-white@catholicmission.org.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME.



Welcome Afternoon Tea

Date: 16th June 2019

Venue: Parish Hall

Time: 3.00pm

Please join us in opening our hearts to welcome newcomers to our country.....

- Parishioners
- those of other denominations and other faiths

Club Ashfield has a new and exciting Bistro.

Bistro GIO is the name of our beautiful and authentic Italian eatery. Our exciting new Bistro serves appetizing shared platters, delicious Chef Specials and amazing Club Specials!

You will love the new addition to our Club!

Open 7 days a week, open for lunch and dinner.

Perfect for after mass times.

Open for Lunch on Monday—Sunday 12:00pm to

2:30pm. Dinner: Sunday to Thursday 5:30pm—

8:30pm. Friday & Saturday 5:30pm-9:00pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential (Act 15:1-2,22-29)

PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8)

SECOND READING: He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you (John 14:23-29)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23 or

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53