

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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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 23, 2019

On this feast, the Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, we celebrate the gift given so freely to us, to support and nourish us, and to connect us so completely with each other and with our God. The beauty of God's gift became so much more to me one day when I was a Minister of the Eucharist. You see it was the hands that came forward to receive communion that I was drawn to. The old and gnarled, the young and podgy, the smooth and elegant, with the variants of the colours of the skin; all reaching out in a commonness of purpose to receive Jesus. This is the communion with each other. To the arthritic hands, I am, in my communion, with you and share your pain. To the young hand, I, in my communion, share in the responsibility of your faith foundations. To the worn out, calloused hand, I am, in communion with you as you work for your families. And so on! As we reach to receive Jesus into us we become more like him and we are given the building block to build the kingdom of God. Our greatest challenge! The beauty of the hands embodies that aspect of the *action* of Eucharist. This is the meal that was given to nourish and support *action* and no other part of our body can do what hands do, they can break and make, caress and care, they can reach and give, they can share and serve. By our communion with each other we leave our Eucharist reflecting not our individuality... but Jesus in action. *Marguerite Martin*

Parish Roof Maintenance 100 Club

Week 3 Lucky Draw:

First Prize (\$80) - No. 46 Diane Palos

Second Prize (\$40) - No. 62 Mary McNally

THANK YOU to all parishioners, friends and supporters for supporting this fund raising effort for the parish.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the Financial Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 are now available for collection from the Church foyer.

From July 1, 2019 the tax deduction will be 30% for Planned givers who claim this deduction. New subscribers to the scheme would be most welcome. Please contact parish office at 9798 2501/2503.

The Second Collection and the Planned Giving envelope is the financial life blood of our church it is how the day to day running expenses (electricity, rates, wages, altar requisites) and repairs and maintenance to mention just the few is funded.

Thank you for your continuous and generous support to the Parish.

Vinnies Winter Appeal 2019

The Ashfield Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank the parishioners for their response to the Winter Appeal and acknowledges their generous contributions. This will help the Conference assist needy individuals and families through the coming winter period.

HOLY HOUR with the BLESSED SACRAMENT 11am to 12 noon

Starting Wednesday 10th July there will be a Holy hour before the 12 noon Mass

De La Salle College Ashfield have now held their first round of interviews for Year 7/2020. If you are looking to enroll 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 organized.

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 STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

New Cross....Old Cross.....*A request for pavers.*

In December last, as parishioners know, a new sandstone cross was placed on top of the church. Have you ever wondered what happened to the old cross that had stood proudly in the same spot way on high for over a 100 years? Owing to ageing and exposure to the elements, for safety reasons, it had to be removed. It lay at the side of the church in 4 pieces for many years - just four very heavy paperweights! Even the stonemasons who created and installed the NEW cross doubted if it could be repaired. ***But repair it they did!*** It now stands proudly in the Contemplative Garden at the side of the church. Take a look as you go past and see what you think. The cross sits on a concrete slab which measures 116 x 136 cm. It stands on the original plinth on which it stood when on the roof of the church. We need some pavers to cover this concrete slab and finish the surrounds.

If you have any pavers left over from a job and would like to donate them to the Contemplative Garden, please contact Carmen at the Parish Office on 9798 2501. You know the type of pavers we need - the ones that you bought and then changed your mind (or had your mind changed for you). Thank you.

Michael Clay

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 9am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: 8:40am

Saturday 9am

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 Reconciliation church situated at 11 Yarra Road, La Perouse, has been refurbished in the spirit of Aboriginal culture and art. One Sunday in each month, Mass is celebrated here at 11am, followed by a light lunch. For more information about this church see www.aboriginal.sydneycatholic.org.

On Sunday 7th July some members of our St Vincent's Social Justice Group will be attending Mass at the Reconciliation Church. We will be meeting at the front of our church, St Vincent's:

Date: 7th July

Time: 930am

Place: footpath in front of St. Vincent's

If you wish to join us, please call Jenny on 0408 482 270 to arrange transport. **YOU ARE ALL WELCOME!**

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 23rd June is *Public Service Day and International Widow's Day*
- Tuesday 25th June is the *International Day of the Seafarer*
- Wednesday 26th June is the *International Day in Support of Victims of Torture and International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking*.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion is currently running. When customers spend \$10 or more stickers can be collected, these stickers are then collected by schools and can be redeemed for Learning or Sporting Equipment. ***St Vincent's Primary would love you help***, there is a box outside Woolworths in Ashfield Mall marked St Vincent's Primary to place them in, or they can be placed in an envelope and put on any of the churches collection plates.....Thank you !

Interested in volunteering to lend a helping hand to seniors?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: Melchizedek brought bread and wine (Genesis 14:18-20)

PSALM: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek
(Ps 109:1-4)

SECOND READING: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: They all ate and were filled (Luke 9:11-17)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21
Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11
Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Luke 9:51-62