

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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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

June 30, 2019

It would appear to me that nothing much changes in us. As followers of Christ, we are pretty thick to his message about what we have to do and be, as genuine followers of him. As we love and admire the true Christians whose lives have revealed Christ to us, without fanfare, people like Jean Vanier and Mother Teresa, we are more like the original followers and the three potential followers who interact with Jesus in this gospel. We have been subjected for the past few weeks to a man, not unfamiliar to James and John, who were nicknamed "Men of Thunder", and his passionate and righteous approach to the Christian message. However, Jesus spells out to prospective followers just what it is all about as we build the kingdom of God. James and John want to harness the power of heaven to bring vengeance to the Samaritans who not only wouldn't recognise Jesus but refused him hospitality. Jesus never forces the message. He shakes the dust off his feet from places that hold onto past prejudices, however from his followers he demands more. It's their lives he demands. Keeping the demands of the kingdom in view is not about imposition and judgement. That's God's work. So what is it all about? It's not about personal gain or prosperity. On the contrary you'll never be comfortable, it's making the call of bringing the kingdom to the front of our vision over social demands. How does this resonate with our sense of Christianity? Are we resolute in our commitment to spread the news of the kingdom of God with our lives, like Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, to save ours!

Marguerite Martin

Holy Father's Appeal

The annual Holy Father's Appeal is this Sunday. Through your gifts you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

If you wish to donate, please use the envelope on the seats and place in the collection plate.

BAPTISM

Saturday, 6th July 2019

Archer Henry Buckland
Elia Siena Encomienda



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.

HOLY HOUR with the BLESSED SACRAMENT 11am to 12 noon

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

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Please collect an application form from the foyer and return to the Parish office ASAP. The Parent only meeting will be on MONDAY 22nd July at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Any queries please call Sinead Kent on 0420653637.

Parish Roof Maintenance 100 Club

Week 4 Lucky Draw:

First Prize (\$80) - No. 87 Margaret O'Neill

Second Prize (\$40) - No. 100 Joe Barber

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

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Thank YOU St Vincent's Parishioners

It is with heartfelt gratitude, that I thank all Parishioners who continue to keep our Vinnies Brekki Van and Night Patrol Food Van Services in your prayers. For the donated supplies of food, toiletries, blankets, socks, beanies and gloves, your gifts make a difference. All money that is received is recorded in the Parish and I buy whatever we are short of on any given service. Every time I go out I receive so many thank you smiles, words and 'hand-shakes'. Everyone who receives your gifts are so grateful. We have a regular team of Parishioners, Parents and staff who regularly come out. Whether you are with us in person, you are always with us in spirit. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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 in front of our church:

Date: NEXT Sunday 7th July

Time: 9:30am

Place: on the steps of St. Vincent's Church

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 30th June: on this day in 1945 Unemployment Benefits were introduced
- Monday 1st July: on this day in 2012, the Fair Work Amendment (TCF industry) Act, ensuring fair pay and conditions for outworkers in the garment industry, was commenced
- Tuesday 2nd July: on this day in 1970 Jessi Street, a pioneering Australian feminist died and On this day in 2016, Linda Burney was elected as The first Aboriginal woman member of the Australian parliament
- Saturday 6th July: on this day in 1839 at Chimney Pots, Grampians, Victoria, many Aboriginal people were massacred.

Floristry Introductory Course

St Vincent's School in partnership with TAFE, are offering a Floristry Introductory Course, free of charge, at St Vincent's Primary School in Term 3. If you are interested in being part of this group, please collect a form from the foyer and return it to the school or Parish office by Thursday 4th July.

The course will run from 10am to 1pm on Friday's from W2 to W10. You will be required to apply for a unique study number, prior to the commencement of the course.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING: Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant (1 Kings 19:16, 19-21)

PSALM: You are my inheritance, O Lord (Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11)

SECOND READING: My brothers, you were called to freedom (Galatians 5:1, 13-18)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is Listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go (Luke 9:51-62)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



Next Sunday's Readings

**Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20