

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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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

July 14, 2019



Who is my neighbour?

When I was a kid we had this old Irish priest who used to blast the congregation every Sunday. One Sunday, Father was giving us a big serve and he told us that our neighbour was in fact, Jesus. This brought my brothers and I into

hysterical laughter and for our efforts, we scored that 'look' and its consequences, from our Mum. Why the hysterics? We lived in, what was then, the bushy outskirts of Sydney. Our neighbour, Jack, actually lived behind our house, further into the bush. He had to walk up this little track beside our house. Jack used to come home many evenings, worse for wear, and have degrees of difficulty getting up the track depending on the evening. For us adolescents to picture Jack as Jesus, and Jesus as Jack was so ridiculous.

Jack was on the road to Jericho, when the demons set about him. They left him in the bushes. There were people who saw and heard, thought it funny, passed judgement, and ignored his plight. They didn't want to become involved with the neighbour.

Fortunately our parents were the good Samaritans. Dad always picked Jack up and took him home, as my brothers did later. The Samaritan traveller *was moved with compassion*. Compassion is that loving passion, an active, non-judgemental love for our neighbour. Who is my neighbour?

Everyone.

Marguerite Martin

HOLY HOUR with the BLESSED SACRAMENT 11am to 12 noon

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the Financial Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. There are still at least 33 packets of envelopes still to be collected, if you wish to continue giving, please take your envelopes.

The Second Collection and Planned Giving envelope scheme is the financial life blood of our church, it is how the day to day running and maintenance expenses are funded.

From July 1, 2019 the tax deduction will be 30% for Planned Givers.

Thank you for your continuous and generous support to the parish. If there are any parishioners who would like to join the envelope scheme, a card is available at the back of the church for your details, these can be filled in and given to Father Joti after mass.

Parishioners who no longer are able to continue with the Planned Giving Scheme could you advise the Parish Office, (by phone, email or drop a note in an envelope and place it on one of the collection plates) so as the records can be altered. **THANK YOU AGAIN !!!**

The receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the financial Year 2018-2019 is now available at the back of the church.

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 6 Lucky Draw:

First Prize (\$80) - No. 6 Therese Horvath

Second Prize (\$40) - No. 35 John Ristuccia

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

Barbara Abella can you please contact the parish office.

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home?

CatholicCare's Home Care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence.

Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to find out more.

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, 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.

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

Arrupe House which is a Jesuit-run social service that helps support and settle refugees in Western Sydney, is running out of some urgent items and needs our help. These items are:

Diapers for babies and toddlers.

Female sanitary pads in larger sizes (no tampons please because the community using these donations won't use them)

Toothpaste.

Please place items in a box in the church foyer.

The Social Justice group meets on the **3rd Saturday** of the month in the **parish centre** at **9.45am**. The next meeting is NEXT SATURDAY 20th July.

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 14th July is Sea Sunday (Apostleship of the Sea) **and** on this day in 1995 the Aboriginal flag and Torres Strait Islander flag were proclaimed official flags of Australia
- Monday 15th July is *World Youth Skills Day*
- Tuesday 16th July; on this day in 1945 the first atomic bomb was detonated in New Mexico, USA
- Thursday 18th July is *Nelson Mandela International Day*; he was born on this day in 1918.

Ignatian Spirituality: Notre Dame University invites you to an evening seminar with Fr Christopher Collins SJ, from St Louis University, USA. Fr Christopher is a highly-regarded speaker on theology and spirituality. Topic: 'The Life of St Ignatius - Insights for Spiritual Growth Today'. 22 July 2019 at St Benedict's Broadway. Adoration and confessions from 5:30pm, talk from 6:30pm. RSVP by 18 July to sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au.

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.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you. (Deuteronomy 30:10-14)

PSALM: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live. (Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37)

SECOND READING: All things were created through him and for him. (Colossians 1:15-20)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Who is my neighbour? (Luke 10:25-37)

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



Next Sunday's Readings

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm 14:2-5

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42