

# 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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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

July 28, 2019

Today the gospel speaks to me of our connectedness with each other. We all share in the parenthood of God that connects us as brothers and sisters in that "family way." Even the cynics among us couldn't help but welcome the royal baby, little Archie, this year, and share in the common experience and excitement of the gift of new life becoming a reality. Although this child has a regal destiny, he is also just a new born with young and excited parents struggling to make the relationships contained in a family work. Being born and dying are the common destinies for all humanity. It's that bit in the middle we call life that is the challenge. Jesus talks of that closest of relationships the family when he asks us to address his Father as Father, our Father. It stresses the family aspect of all humanity. And what Father would respond to his child's request with what is not nourishing or fulfilling or bad. That fellowship also spreads to us, as co inheritors of '**your kingdom come**'. How do I contribute to bringing the kingdom to reality? Jesus also speaks of the persistence that we need to keep asking, searching and knocking not just of God but in the name of his kingdom. Do we speak out about injustice that we see being perpetrated in our name? Do we get up to ask for 'bread' **give us each day our daily bread** for unexpected travellers from our friends with a persistent attitude? Do we welcome? Do we offer hospitality? Or do we keep our door shut! And refuse to share and break bread with brothers and sisters. It's a tough call to understand what is asked by Our Father. Look to Jesus he went to the borders of society to bring people in!

*Marguerite Martin*

### Parish Roof Maintenance 100 Club

#### Week 8 Lucky Draw:

First Prize (\$80) - No. 54 Jessica Manganaro

Second Prize (\$40) - No. 9 Ivan Simic

**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.

## BAPTISM

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

Ava Marie Afonso

Milena Regina-Connie De Sousa

Daniela Victoria Habijanec

Maria Helena Kornel



**CWF Pastoral Appeal:** Our parish will ask you to support the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal** next weekend 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Sydney Archdiocese for the benefit of this community so we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

***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.***

**St Vincent's Primary School Ashfield**  
**OPEN DAY on Wednesday, 14 August 2019**  
**8:45am to 10:15am**

**For more information please contact our School office: 30-34 Charlotte Street, Ashfield NSW 2131 (02 9797 6167)**  
**[www.stvashfield.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stvashfield.catholic.edu.au)**

## Changes to the Prayer — Our Father

Pope Frances changed the phrase "**lead us not into temptation,**" to "**do not let us fall into temptation,**" as mentioned in the gospel of Matthew 6:13, because the original translation implies that God induces temptation.

The change, officials said, is closer to the original intent of the prayer.

"I am the one who falls it's not Him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen," Francis explained to Italian broadcasters about the phrase change.

"A father doesn't do that, a father helps you to get up immediately. It's Satan who leads us into temptation, that's his department."

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

*Marguerite Martin*  
*Aparna John (Mon & Tues)*

## 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of the month in the **parish centre** at **9:45am**. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**.

Date relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July is National Tree Day and Bible Sunday
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July is *International Day of Friendship* and *World Day Against Trafficking in Persons*
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August: on this day in 2010 the UN Convention on Cluster Munitions came into force
- Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> on this day in 1965 the first Indochinese refugees were allowed to settle in Australia

### **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.



## **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**FIRST READING:** Lord, do not be angry if I speak (Genesis 18:20-32)

**PSALM:** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Ps 137:1-3, 6-8)

**SECOND READING:** He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins (Colossians 2:12-14)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which make us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Ask, and it will be given to you (Luke 11:1-3)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



### Next Sunday's Readings

**Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2 2:21-23**

**Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17**

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

**Luke 12:13-21**

## **HOLY HOUR with the BLESSED SACRAMENT 11am to 12 noon**

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

**Church Maintenance:** as reported last week, the exterior roofs above the main altar and side altars have been replaced and the internal lead light ceilings will be put back into place once repaired.

**Last Friday week**, the slate roof above the working sacristy (above where the toilet is situated) has been repaired and the down pipes from the main roof cleared of 20 or so years of bird and other debris (pigeons have no respect where they build their nests). Whilst Friday just gone, a new rain head was fixed in place to replace the rusted out one on one of the down pipes from the roof.

So now it would be good to receive a lot of rain, not only to help the farmers, but also check that the maintenance carried out is all OK.

What is next, the gyprock roof in the kitchen of the parish House, which has been badly damaged by the leaking roof needs to be fixed and work done on the toilet and working sacristy floors which are in poor condition and can never be cleaned properly, the toilet needs tiling and the sacristy floor covered with good quality linoleum. It really is the pits out there!

The restoration of the paintings is now tentatively scheduled to start in the school holidays in September which allows for the scaffolding to be bought in and erected whilst there are no school children around.

A decision on the upgrade or not of the parish hall roof will be made after more advice is sought and quotes obtained.

***Will keep you posted !!!!***

Michael Clay

*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.*