

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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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

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With most aspects of my life I have a plan. On some busy days I even have a time schedule. It helps me feel in control. Sometimes the plan morphs into Plan B or even Plan C and the schedule goes out the window. I feel well qualified to speak about when plans go wrong after this last year with all the hiccups that my husband and I have faced. Please God now we are looking to the light at the end of the tunnel, when a degree of normalcy can become common place again. Things beyond my control, accidents, and cancer diagnosis, have got in the way and changed priorities and the plan changed. Sometimes just to have got through a certain time is heroic and an achievement. Yet it is 'those pull the carpet out from under our feet moments' that put perspective into our lives about who and what is our true purpose. This we know.

There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Our kingdom is surrounding us not in big houses, flash cars, the latest fashions but truly in each other, in the love and care that we giveand receive. Surely when this realisation sinks in, it is then our lamp is lit, our door is opened and we are really ready to receive the master. This is the greatest gift of the kingdom that we are not alone. Opening ourselves and our vulnerability to trust in the kingdom and its promise, is the challenge. We are the masters "little flock" and he promises the rewards of his plan for us, life. *Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.*

Marguerite Martin

MASS TIMES for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, 15th August 2019

9:00am 10:00am 12.00pm 6:00pm

& Polish Mass at 7:00pm

Schools will be attending on all three Masses during the day. Parishioners are welcome to join.

CWF Pastoral Appeal Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is \$ 2,517. 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. Our Parish is committed to raise this amount. Any shortfall will be made up from our Second Collection monies. So we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

Fr. Joti's Absence

Father will be away from Monday 19th August to the Friday 23rd August for the annual Vincentian Assembly.

Mass on Monday 19th August will be at 8:00am.

There will be NO MASS on Tuesday 20th August.

A Communion Service will take place on Wednesday 21st August & Thursday 22nd August.

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

Sunday 18th August

Fr Patrick McInerney (Columban) will be speaking at all Masses on Inter Faith and Religious Dialogue.

Saturday 31st August

Fr Patrick McInerney will give a more in depth talk, questions and answers on Inter Faith and Religious Dialogue, held at the Parish meeting Room 5 pm start. All are welcome.

Parish Roof Maintenance 100 Club

Week 10 Lucky Draw:

First Prize (\$500) - No. 73 Rodney Winter

Second Prize (\$250) - No. 70 Catherine Ford

THANK YOU to ALL who supported this fund raising effort. Congratulations to the winners over the 10 weeks and those who missed out blame Fr. Joti for being a lousy number picker!!!

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 STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Unused or Second hand Laptops

Requesting for Donations of second hand laptops for Vincentian Seminarians in Fiji. Please contact Parish office or Fr Joti if you can donate one.

St Vincent's Feast Day September 22nd 2019. There are 2 plaques on the front wall of this church, one is the original Foundation stone blessed by Cardinal Moran on October 7 1894, the second one, is the one blessed by Cardinal Clancy on the 25th of September 1994 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the laying of the church's original foundation stone. Father Jerzy was the PP then. *Were you here when that took place ?*

This year (how time has flown) is the **125th Anniversary** of the start of it all here in Ashfield. On Sunday September 22nd St Vincent's Feast Day should this time in our church's history be celebrated along with the saintly man who the church is named after ??

Of cause it should be.....but how ? Could you spare time to be part of it ?

HOLY HOUR with the BLESSED SACRAMENT 11am to 12 noon

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

Just a gentle reminder....there are still **17** Planned Giving envelopes that has not been picked up at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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:

- Nappies 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**. Our next meeting is on Saturday 17th August. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

Date relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Monday 12th August is *International Youth Day*
- Friday 16th August; on this day in 1975 Wave Hill Station NT was returned to the Gurindji People
- Saturday 17th August; on this day in 1971, Senator Neville Bonner was sworn in as the first Aboriginal Australian to hold a seat in Federal Parliament.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you (Wisdom 18:6-9)

PSALM: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22)

SECOND READING: We will look for the city designed and built by God (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: See that you are prepared (Luke 12:32-48)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



Next Sunday's Readings

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalms 39:2-4, 18

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53