

# 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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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

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Passion. Passionate people are to be avoided. I mean they are so blinkered about their passion .....that's all they can see! Passionate people have energy and can influence others with that energy. They can disturb complacency. I heard Peter FitzSimons, the author speaking about researching his books on WW1 battles. He has written most passionately about the huge waste of life that was inflicted on the Australian troops in those battles so long ago. As he presented his case one couldn't help be caught up in his passion and that great sense of loss and waste. Hindsight is clear sight because of the availability of all the facts and really there is nothing now that can be done. Jesus was a passionate man. He also had that complete vision of what his passion was to cost and also the kingdom it will create. What was uncharacteristic of Jesus was his great distress as his passion was falling on apathetic ears and he knew just what this passion could create. It is of a fire blazing....changing the landscape, bringing division even amid families. The warning of Jesus' passionate message is that it will disturb the status quo as it seeks to bring about that kingdom of God. So how is the message of Jesus bringing disturbance and unease in today's climate, what is it that we need to have passion about? How can we bring just a small part of the kingdom to someone else? Surely our national disgrace is Australia's treatment of refugees, especially with our historic hindsight of the various diasporas, Irish, Jewish, Vietnamese from terrible adversities that should have informed us. Has the news lit that fire of passion and created that energy or are because Manus, Nauru and Christmas Island just too far away that we can turn our heads the other way? Can we afford not to be involved?

*Marguerite Martin*

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

*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 welcome Fr Patrick McInerney ( Columban) to St. Vincents, who will be speaking at all Masses today on Inter Faith and Religious Dialogue.

**CWF Pastoral Appeal** Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is \$ 1,877. 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 19<sup>th</sup> August to the Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August for the annual Vincentian Assembly.

Mass on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August will be at 8:00am. There will be NO MASS on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. A Communion Service will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

### 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.

**Help protect human life from conception until death in NSW** In the foyer is a petition form available for your signature to ask Upper House members to vote against the bill to legalise abortion.

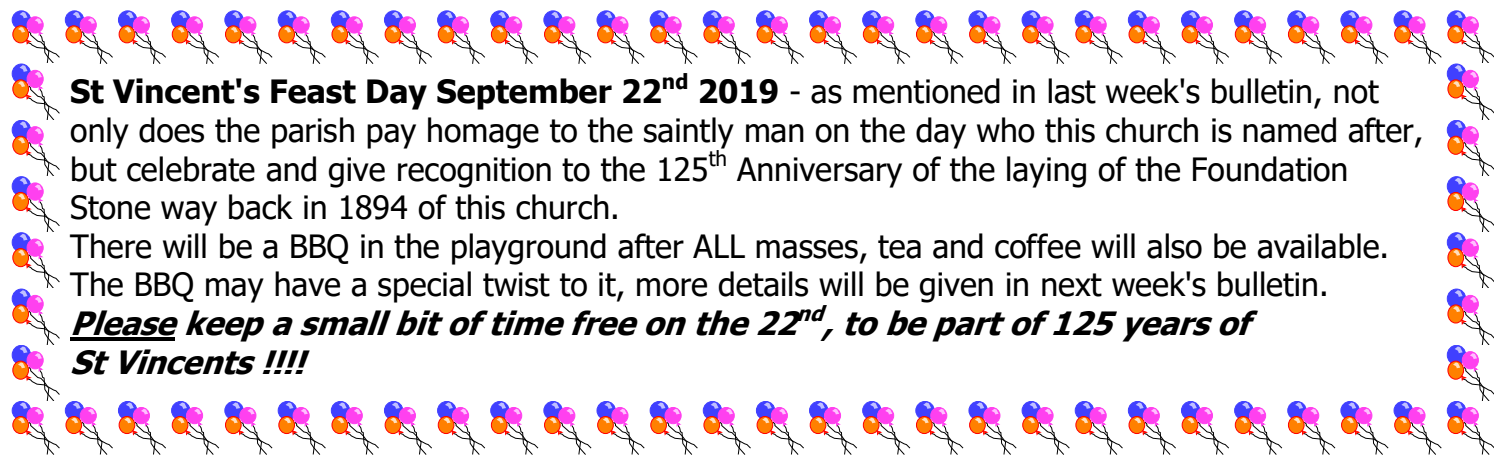
### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

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.

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 STAFF:** Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM  
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin  
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)



**St Vincent's Feast Day September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019** - as mentioned in last week's bulletin, not only does the parish pay homage to the saintly man on the day who this church is named after, but celebrate and give recognition to the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone way back in 1894 of this church.

There will be a BBQ in the playground after ALL masses, tea and coffee will also be available. The BBQ may have a special twist to it, more details will be given in next week's bulletin.

***Please keep a small bit of time free on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, to be part of 125 years of St Vincents !!!!***

**PAINT**— Would any parishioner have some white paint left over from that painting job at home which is no longer required outdoor paint suitable to paint 20 small picket palings on the fence at side of church. If so it can be left on the parish house verandah anytime or ring the parish office leave your details, contact will be made to arrange pickup. Thank you in advance.

Michael Clay

#### **Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 8:00am  
Tuesday No Mass  
Wednesday Communion Service  
Thursday Communion Service  
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 Social Justice Group would like to thank all parishioners who have donated urgently needed items to our Arrupe House appeal.

The Social Justice group meets on the **3rd Saturday** of the month in the **parish centre** at **9.45am**. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Date relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August is Vietnam Veterans Day
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August is *World Humanitarian Day*
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August; on this day in 1939 the first women were elected to the Australian Parliament, Enid Lyons to the house of representatives and Dorothy Tagney to the Senate
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August is the *International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition*.

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.

#### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**FIRST READING:** You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10)

**PSALM:** Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 39:2-4,18)

**SECOND READING:** Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us. (Hebrews 12:1-4)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** I have come not to give peace, but discord (Luke 12:49-53)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption



#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Twenty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm 116

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30