

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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time C

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Doorways ...the openable part of the wall that permits entry. We all have those walls around us, some have wide doors and some narrow doors. Who do we let in? and what are we protecting? It has always been the way with humanity to want to enclose and protect. Walls have been presented to the world to keep the other out, like the Castle wall of long ago. So the question is posed to Jesus, who can come through the door to the Kingdom. The Jews thought they were a shoe in, I mean weren't they the chosen people! But Jesus responded with the shocking and most provocative news! That the people who think they have shares in the kingdom in fact may be the last considered and the people who consider themselves as no hopers will be the first! In Jesus words "*those from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of heaven.*" In Jesus words, it is the foreigners, those we are suspicious about that may have the key to the door of the kingdom. And the righteous and presumptive who have passed judgement on the others, will be the unworthy of God's feast. For the Jews of the time this was really threatening stuff, so what about us? Many of us are smug about who we are, that in fact, we hold the truth to who God is and that for sure we have reserved tickets for the best seats in the kingdom. Maybe in our smugness we hold prejudices about others who may not share our religion, our politics, our ethnicity, maybe it's those people who we can't see as God sees, through loving and forgiving eyes...those from the east, west, north and south. It is to these people that Jesus challenges us to go and see and discover God. Remembering for God, **Everyone Matters, Absolutely!**

Marguerite Martin

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.

CWF Pastoral Appeal Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is \$ **1,442**. 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 place 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.

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.

De La Salle College Ashfield

We invite you to 'Meet the College Principal' and 'Take a Tour of the College' on Wednesday 28th August 2019 at 9:00am and Friday 13th September 2019 at 9:00am.

To secure a place please contact the Principal's PA: maureen.oxford@syd.catholic.edu.au (02) 9797 3200.

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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.

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.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

St Vincent's Feast Day September 22nd 2019 - A day the parish can give thanks to the saintly man who this church is named after, but celebrate and give recognition to the 125th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone way back in 1894 of this church.

Not only is the parish to be involved, but St Vincent School will also be doing their bit.

There will be a BBQ in the playground after ALL masses. In the hall, tea and coffee will be available, along with International food, and entertainment.

There has been a number of people both from the church and school doing a TAFE Flower Arranging Course in the hall over the last few Friday's and it still continues. On the 22nd they will be putting together a floral display of their work which will be in place in the church.

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

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.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7:00am

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am

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

Today, Sunday 25th August, is *Refugee and Migrant Sunday*. It is not just about migrants but is also about ourselves, our fears and our hopes. We ask ourselves, how is God encouraging and inviting us? Who are we becoming? What kind of society are we preparing for those who come after us?

Anyone interested in joining a discussion about these issues, please contact Julia Pokorny on 0410032454 or email juliaandpaul007@gmail.com.

For more information go to <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>.

Other dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Monday 26th August; on this day in 2001, Australian troops intercepted *MV Tampa*, to prevent 433 asylum seekers disembarking
- Thursday 29th is the *International Day Against Nuclear Tests*
- Friday 30th August is the *International Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances*

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: They will gather all of your people from all nations (Isaiah 66:18-21)

PSALM: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Ps 116)

SECOND READING: The Lord disciplines those he loves (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Psalms 67:4-7, 10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1, 7-14