

# 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

September 8, 2019

In today's world we have many who are calling out each other's Christianity as non-genuine. Scott Morrison's declared Pentecostal faith has been questioned, as the human faces of tough refugee policies have been revealed and acted upon, upholding the rules; and Kristina Kenneally's, a proud Catholic, questioning of the absolutism surrounding the legalising the abortion debate are just two examples. So, who can claim Christianity? Jesus today says that when we have completely emptied ourselves of all other loyalties, we glimpse that alternative, the kingdom of heaven. However, in choosing Christ, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to live the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society. This is not the way of prosperity, but the way of true compassion, of entering the lives of others and listening to chaos, loneliness, poverty, illness and discrimination. This is the way of the cross, the way of Jesus. We cannot fudge Jesus' message. Clearly, we need to be prepared to take Jesus seriously in order to show the world an alternative. The only way we can love one another truly in our families is to also welcome others with a love that is truthful. The Christian life is always choosing life and lives, of all creation, over greed and wealth accumulation, and trusting in divine providence. We are called to speak out and act on injustice in our families, in our community and our world, that deprive and smother life. It is easier to leave it to someone else or easier even still, to lose the vision of the kingdom. The political critics are correct as they watch for that difference, "*Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words*" is attributed to Francis Assisi. Jesus didn't espouse rules, he spoke to people's hearts. This is our call.

*Marguerite Martin*

Thank you to all Parishioners who kindly donated second hand /unused Laptops, they have been taken to Fiji to be used by the Vincentian Seminarians. Thank you very much.

*Fr. Joti*

## De La Salle College Ashfield

We invite you to 'Meet the College Principal' and 'Take a Tour of the College' on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 9:00am.

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

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## Miraculous Medal Novena Mass Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

**9:00am Mass**

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

## First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at all Masses. Parents only Information night will on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6:00pm in the Parish Office meeting rooms. Please fill in the form available at the back of the church.

**CWF Pastoral Appeal** Thank you for your support. Unfortunately the Parish was not able to reach the quota required. The shortfall of \$1,129 will now be made up from the Parish fund.

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

## Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September is *International Literacy Day* and Child Protection Sunday
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September is *World Suicide Prevention Day*
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September (9/11); on this day in 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington killed nearly 3,000 people
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September; on this day in 1977 Steve Biko, anti-apartheid activist, died
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September; on this day in 2007 the UN adopted the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous peoples.

The Social Justice group meets on the **3rd Saturday** of the month in the **parish centre** at **9.45am**. This month's meeting will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

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

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

# St Vincents Day 2019 Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>

## A celebration of 125 years of St Vincent's Parish 1894 - 2019 by both Parish and School.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There will be only one mass on this morning commencing at 9.30am  
(6pm as usual at night).*

### An invitation to ALL parishioners to help make this day special.

The mass and liturgy at 9.30 will be the focal point to give thanks to the people both past and present who make and have made this parish and school special. It will involve the school children, and parishioners.

A floral tribute will be presented in recognition of the 125 years.

Afterwards a BBQ will be operation in the playground, whilst in the hall both local and International food and refreshments will be served and more.

The St Vincent's Day cake competition will be judged.

#### ***Who has the best cake makers Parish or School ??***

If there is anyone who can help out on the day or would like to donate food, please put your name on the list which is available at each of the doors of the church today.

All is asked now is your support and participation, will you come along ????

*Please note there will be **NO** car parking in the school grounds in the morning.*

#### **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.



#### DAILY MASS BOOKS & BREAK OPEN

##### THE WORD FOR 2020

We will be ordering the new Daily Mass Book 2020 & Break Open the Word 2020. Cost: \$23 each. To place an order kindly ring Parish Office at 9798 2501 and orders must be received by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Help keep our Church tidy!!!** If you are not taking the Parish bulletin home with you, please return it on the pamphlet racks in the foyer or on the table near the side door on your way out. Thank you.

#### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**FIRST READING:** Who can comprehend the will of God?  
(Wisdom 9: 13-18)

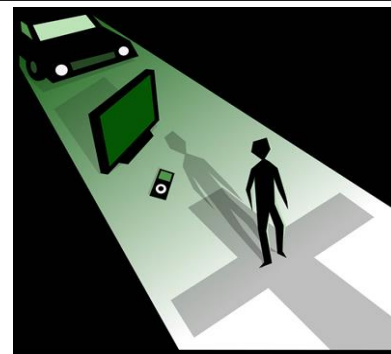
**PSALM:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge  
(Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17)

**SECOND READING:** Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very  
dear brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your  
servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples  
(Luke 14:25-33)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my  
soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting God, the living God.



#### Next Sunday's Readings

**Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalms 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10