

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

September 15, 2019

We have all been there. It's lost! And the search is on. Our emotions can be all over the place as we contemplate the search. From the futility of the missing sock, (how long do you keep its partner?) Do you abandon all hope? to the complete frustration of the lost keys as you are leaving home. Apart of the frustration is to assign blame; gosh if you hadn't been distracted by.... you would remember; who moved it/used it last? Then that raw feeling of taking responsibility. For some of us our search is life long for that one person or place that is lost to us

Today's readings are all about that joy of finding things that are precious, like a lost coin, part of a future dowry and a future; a lost sheep, just one of a flock; and a wayward son, who has rejected his family; and giving them all new value and life. We know the finder went to extraordinary lengths and persevered to reclaim the lost and then to celebrate. Who can share in the jubilation? For the wayward son, only the Father could express the love and joy of the return, his other son was bitter and harsh; was the lavish party well attended by well-meaning friends or by highly judgmental others? These stories of Jesus about the overwhelming love and forgiveness of God the Father are also about us and our reaction to welcoming the lost. Do we share in love, joy and life of each other or do we harbor resent, hate and mistrust? The sparkle of the kingdom of God is renewed and re-found relationship with God who is always reaching out through the mess that obscures to bring us home and purpose.

Marguerite Martin

St Vincent's Feast Day and a Celebration of 125 years of St. Vincent's Church Next Sunday September 22nd at 9.30am.

(Please note this is the only morning mass on this day, other than the Polish at 12noon,
6pm at night as normal)

ALL parishioners and friends are invited to attend this special occasion as parish and school come together to pray and give thanks to the people who have made this parish and school in the past and now in the present.

Afterwards the celebration will continue in the hall with variety of food and refreshments.

The judging of the best St Vincent's Day cake will take place !!

*Who has the best cake makers Parish or School....come on all you budding cooks
have a go !!!!!*

Please bring a plate of food to share (can be left in the hall from 8am onwards)

There will be music, and for the children and the young at heart face painting and activities.

If anyone would like to take photos on the day for the Parish Archives that would be great.

First Holy Communion

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

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

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

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

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 28th October 2019

Home/Sick Visitation

Perhaps you know someone...a relative, friend or a neighbour who would like to be visited by Fr. Joti for either Communion or Anointing. Please contact Parish office at 9798 2501 or 2503.

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.

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 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

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:
Sunday 15th September is the *International Day of Democracy*

- Monday 16th September is the *International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer*
- Saturday 21st September is the *International Day of Peace and World Alzheimer's Day*.

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 **next Saturday, 21st September**.
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home?

Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

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.

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.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING: The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14)

PSALM: I will rise and go to my father (Ps 50:3-4, 17, 19)

SECOND READING: Christ came to save sinners (1 Timothy 1: 12-17)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance (Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-3 or 16:9:10-13