

# 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**September 22, 2019**

125 years of St Vincent's Parish can give us cause to be introspective. None of us can claim the 125 years personally although Lillie Furlong did give it a go, except the Vincentian Fathers as a complete and continuous entity. However, all of us can claim just a part of this Greek styled building with the aspiring temple stairs. As a newcomer (12 years) to this sacred place, I often hear the nostalgia of Ashfield of the old marble altars, the many masses, the crowds, the choirs, the pipe organ and so on. One night on night patrol, I met a man who encountered an angel in the foyer of St Vincent's who led him in. This beautiful man, nicknamed John the Baptist, is now in the company of the angels and I hope the one he met here is with him! So to all of us the ones who quietly worship, the ones that clean and contribute flowers, the ones who lead and share music with us, read the word of God, both in the church and with Children's liturgy, serve the altar, take the time to be on all the various committees; Parish Council, Finance Committees, the ones that go out to be our faces in the State schools as Catechists and communion ministers to our sick. Thank you for keeping us an alive presence within Ashfield. **And.... it would be remiss of us all not to thank the Vincentian priests, brothers and the Daughters of Charity who have ministered to us here in this sacred space for the entire 125 years.**

St Vincent said **'God demands first of all the heart and then the work'**

***Outpouring of affection for God, of resting in his presence, of good feelings toward everyone and sentiments and prayers like these....are suspect if they do not express themselves in practical love which has real effects.***

This is how the Spirit of God is seen in our World, in the actions of Spirit filled people. In the past, God spoke through the prophets who were compelled to speak and act God's word and will. Again the Spirit of God was evidenced in the great Saints, like Vincent who took the Beatitudes, today's gospel, and truly lived them. For us of this parish, we live the legacy of this great example and charism of Vincent. This first call is to constant conversion that inspires the work, so it is no longer our action but God's action through us! It is an inspiration to know that Vincent wasn't born a Saint, he became a Saint through meeting Christ in the Cry of the Poor. He cared desperately for all lives no matter how rubbish people were considered. It is in the poor in Spirit that true blessings come. The story is told of Vincent who told his priests and brothers, who were complaining about their prayer/chapel time being disturbed by the poor knocking at the door, to leave Christ in the chapel and go and meet Christ at the door.

Happy St Vincent's Feast Day. St Vincent de Paul... Pray for Us....

*Marguerite Martin*

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

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

## 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.



**125 Years!!!**

*A Blessed and Happy Feast day to all  
the Vincentian Fathers, Brothers,*

*The Daughters of Charity  
and the St. Vincent's Parish  
Community on the celebration  
of its 125<sup>th</sup> year !!!*



## Mass on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

As it is a **Public Holiday**, Mass will take place  
**on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
**at 9:00am**  
instead of the usual time of midday.

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

*Marguerite Martin  
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)*

## St Vincent's Ashfield Brekkie Van BBQ next Sunday September 29

The next Brekkie Van will take place next Sunday September 29 9.00am - 11 am at Prince Alfred Park, a service run by volunteers through the auspices of the St Vincent De Paul Society to help support our less fortunate friends on the streets of Sydney.

If any parishioner would like to donate part of or all of any of the following food requirements it would be of great help -:

**Essential Items - 10kg Bacon, 120 Sausages, 10doz (120) eggs, 3kg tomatoes, 15 loaves of white bread, 12 litres Long Life Full Cream Milk, 10 litres of juice (Apple/Orange), Fresh Fruit Bananas or Mandarins.**

**Extras - Muesli Bars, Fruit Pots, Cheese and Biscuits dips in the packets, chips, Biscuits/Cakes.**

Items can be left at the Parish House during the week or call Carmen or Aparna at the Parish House on 9798 2501 and leave your details so as contact can be made to arrange collection times, or contact Sinead Kent on 0420 653 637 [sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au)

**Thank you in advance !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September; on this day in 1959 the Australian Consumers Association was launched
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September is the *International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons*
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September; on this day in 1988 Aung Sang Suu Kyi formed Burma's National League for Democracy
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September; on this day in 1872 Davis Unaipon, Aboriginal writer and Activist, was born **and** on this day in 1983 John Pat died in Roeburne prison in WA, prompting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

**Maintenance Update:** *Firstly ALL the roofs have held firmly in the last few days of rain....Yeah !!!*

Although is still some maintenance work needed doing on the main roof, which will be done during the coming school holidays.

**Scaffolding** will be erected on Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> along the front of the main altar and two side altars to allow for the cleaning and restoration of the paintings. This may take up to 5 weeks, so please be patient. One problem is that the scaffolding will be in the way of the overhead projectors, so a solution to that will have to be worked out. Maybe some king size bed sheets ????

**Interior Lead light roofs above the two side altars.**

**A BIG thank you** to parishioner John Mahon who under took this project, to remove the interior lead light ceiling panels, and have them restored.

Last Saturday, John with the help of his wife Louise and two sons Neil and Peter, (it was a real family affair, although I am not sure who the boss was) successfully lifted the lead light panels back into position on each side of the church. They certainly look better now than a few weeks back and the light can now actually shine through and are in a lot safer condition. Take a look sometime.

Michael Clay

## Shalom World TV

Shalom World is a Commercial-free, high- definition Catholic family channel that reaches out to the world with the true message of the Gospel. The channel supplements the pastoral efforts of the Church to spread the Good News of Christ Jesus. Shalom world offers programs that will truly be a spiritual banquet to people of all ages.

Shalom World TV was the Official Media Partner for the World Youth Day-2019 at Panama and Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis across the World. <https://www.shalomworldtv.org/>

More information will be available from the Shalom volunteers who will be available here this Sunday after the 9:30 mass

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St Vincent de Paul... Pray for Us**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

**FIRST READING:** From the correspondence of St. Vincent de Paul

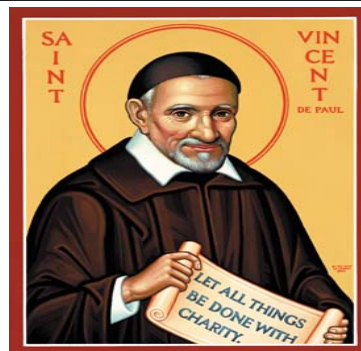
**PSALM:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** Reading from the first letter of Paul to Corinthians  
(1 Cor 1:26-31, 2: 1-2)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! As you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven  
(Matthew 5:3-12)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



### Next Sunday's Readings

**Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Amos 6:1, 4-7  
Psalm 145:6-10  
1 Timothy 6:11-16  
Luke 16:19-31