

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

September 29, 2019

The story is quite clear, and it rings with so many of the apparent truths and contrasts of today's world. We count ourselves part of the 'lucky country', in the first world, yet even within our borders we have that great divide between the 'haves' and the 'have nots'. The rich man failed, not just because he was rich but because he failed in compassion. He ignored obvious need, starvation, that was at his gate. Jesus uses black and white images in this story to really bring us this message. No shades of grey, no compromise. Rich or poor; good things or bad things, the comfort of the bosom of Abraham or the fiery torment of Hades. Hear the message or reject the message. Lazarus was sitting outside the gates of the rich man's house. There was a barrier between them. The rich man could have opened the gate, could have alleviated the hunger at no real cost to him, but the real barrier wasn't the physical fence and gate but the mental one that stayed closed, I don't want to know about your pain, your suffering or your needs.

How do we measure up with the clarity of this message? How do we open our minds to the needs of the world? How do we share our good fortune? Does our bank account statement reflect that we have been convinced by the message from the one who has been risen from the dead?

Marguerite Martin

St Vincents Day and 125 Years Celebration

Thank you all Parishioners and to all who made the Parish celebrations last Sunday a great success. Special thanks to Sinead, Michael, Antonella Dolores, teachers, Students & Parents of St. Vincent's Primary School, the Fijian & 6 PM Combined Choir and Zimbabwean Community. Thank and Vinaka Vakalevu, God Bless you all.

Fr. Joti

Mass on Monday 7th October

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

HOLY HOUR
with the BLESSED SACRAMENT
11am to 12 noon

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

No one can say that St Vincent's presence in Ashfield was fleeting! 125 years of presence was celebrated last week. Some 13 years ago, Fr Michael Walsh asked me, "So, what do you know of Vincent?" and I said "A chain of shops?" Today I can report so much more from his presence in his people in Ashfield. Crews of silent parishioners who attend to night patrol and brekkie van, cooking up pots of soup, making sandwiches, donating and cooking bacon, sausages and eggs for those revealing the face of Christ in their poverty. And Vincent's feast day and 125 years in Ashfield was celebrated in the same generous and anonymous style. We thank Fr Joti, Sinead Kent, Jessica Manganaro and Michael Clay for their leave 'no stone unturned' organisation. We thank Fr Greg Brett CM the Provincial and Fr Alan Finn CM for concelebrating; St Vincent's day choir with the Fijian choir and the Zimbabwean community for so richly contributing to the Masses. The Zimbabweans also supplied and cooked more food for the parishioner attending the 6pm mass that night and donated many gifts for the SVDP Society. The teachers from the St Vincent's who encouraged the children's participation in all aspects of the day, we thank Antonella Dolores, the Principal who bought new hall tables for the occasion and what about the School & Parish TAFE floristry group who demonstrated their wonderful floristry skills! For the many who arrived at the hall at 7.30 to set out our party, and to Jane Lee and Karen Pham who worked tirelessly all day attending to our needs, thank you to the many people who helped to keep the kitchen tidy, helping with all washing up. To My Cake Rules competitors, all winners, as was the Art competition so thoughtfully crafted by the children. Again, so hard to have winners when they all were! We would also like to thank Tony Andreacchio, (Raine and Horne Real Estate Ashfield) for generously donating money towards our celebration and the many who brought plates and plates of delicious food, many reflecting the diversity of our Parish and the Vincentian spirit. And then we had the noble Australian 'Street food' sausage and onion roll cooked so expertly by the Parish cooks and served out so well by the helpers. For our entertainment we were blessed with The Block Community Band, boys and girls from our high schools led by Robyn Smart; cultural singers and dancers and the Fijian choir and singers within the hall. A big thank you to Stephen Fenn who was our Master of Ceremonies and kept the pace of the day moving smoothly. For myself, I would like to thank you for allowing me to crown St Vincent on your behalf, as we imbue ourselves in his spirit of compassion and generosity... *So much more than shops!*

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Church Maintenance: Scaffolding will be erected tomorrow Monday September 30th along the front of the main altar and two side altars to allow for the cleaning and restoration of the paintings. It may be in place for up to 6 weeks. *Mass tomorrow will take place in the Blessed Sacrament chapel, a decision on the location of future masses will be made on Monday.*

Also the scaffolding made disrupt the use of the overhead projectors for masses this situation will be looked at after the scaffolding is in place next week.

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.

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 29th September is **Social Justice Sunday**
- Monday 30th September; on this day in 1975 Australia ratified the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- Tuesday 1st October is the *International Day for Older Persons* and on this day in 2005 20 people were killed and more than 100 injured in the second Bali bombing
- Wednesday 2nd October is the *International Day of Non-Violence* and *World Habitat Day*
- Friday 4th October is the beginning of World Space Week
- Saturday 5th October is *World Teachers Day*.

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

St Vincent's Youth Group would like to invite all members of our parish for the Trivia Night 2019.

What: Trivia and Games

When: Friday, 13th December, 2019 @ 7.00pm

Where: St Vincent's Parish Hall

Who: Everybody in our Parish

Cost: 1 spot is \$15 or buy a table (8 spots) for \$100 (\$20 discount)

BYO Snacks/Supper.

Please join us and support your local Youth Group, get a group of friends together or join a table.

RSVP by 29th November, 2019 to the Jessica via email jessmanganaro@gmail.com Alternatively visit www.stvyouthgroup.weebly.com and fill in the online form too.

All funds raised will go towards the St Vincent's Youth Group and Church Maintenance.

See you there!

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled (Amos 6:1, 4-7)

PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 145:6-10)

SECOND READING: Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony (Luke 16:19-31)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when am brought low.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-9