

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time C

October 6, 2019

Increase my faith that I will never doubt that you are there. Increase my faith so I can approach with certainty this anxiety or disappointment that is happening in my life. Increase my faith to understand why bad things happen to good people.

These are some of the challenges of being a Christian; that feeling of uncertainty. Often when faced with these questions we feel like we have failed God somehow. I have no faith or I have lost my faith. Is God punishing me? And yet it is this tension that must exist in the faith relationship with God. Firstly we have to take comfort in the knowledge that the mustard seed of faith has been planted by God is a true act of love. He initiates the relationship. To make it grow, feed it with the love of the Holy Spirit and trust. It is interesting to know that the apostles living, eating and sharing their lives with Jesus; still aspired to have more of this commodity we call faith. Yet Faith like love, trust and hope can only come from within as a response to grace, God's love.

And who we judge as truly faith filled people will all share their extraordinary periods of true doubt and struggles with faith 'the dark night of the soul' when they sought to understand the Why of Faith? We can look to someone like Mother Teresa, Vincent de Paul and Mary Mackillop and we can see they didn't desert their mustard seed of faith. It was that mustard seed that fed and educated the poor, gave the dying of Calcutta dignity and gave us an indelible example of Christ, the servant God.

Marguerite Martin

Catholic Mission Appeal

Today we will have the Propagation of Faith Appeal. This year's appeal highlights the life-saving work supported by Catholic Mission in Ghana. Envelopes are available in the seats. Anyone wishing to make a donation to Catholic Mission can do so by placing these envelopes on either the first or the second collection.

Miraculous Medal Novena Mass

Saturday, 12th October 9:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



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

will be at the Blessed Sacrament chapel until work will finish in the Church.

Church Building Maintenance: As you can see, the scaffolding was erected last Monday for the restoration of the paintings. The work begun on Thursday and will continue for some weeks.

On Wednesday, a meeting was held with restoration personnel and the Property Manager from the Archdiocese of Sydney, whose main domain is the upkeep of St Mary's Cathedral, but who has a role, along with the Cathedral's maintenance staff, in helping Sydney parishes with building maintenance advice. The discussion centred around what should be done with the 100 year old painting (in very poor condition) which was exposed with the removal of the painting of the Nativity (currently been restored off-site). The condition of the wall to which it is attached was a matter of concern as well. The outcome is such that there are two options. The **first option:** the old painting is professionally photographed for historical reference, removed and stored. The **second option:** the painting is restored to some sort of quality at a cost of many thousands of dollars. It will then sit underneath the other painting as it has done for over 100 years.

During that meeting other problems were foreshadowed to be addressed at a further meeting with experts on Friday – the results of which I shall inform you next week. The problems include the sealing of the wall where the Nativity painting sits, the repair of the frame around this painting and the washing and moisture proofing of the entire outside back wall of the church behind the altars.

How much this will cost at present is unknown, but assuredly will stretch the budget! After 125 years "Expect the Unexpected"

Overhead Projectors: Owing to the scaffolding, the screens are inoperable. The problem is being worked on and will be resolved asap...I hope!

Michael Clay

PS: Would you be upset if the 100 year old painting was removed ???

PPS: If you think it should be restored, how will we pay for it???

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!

Daily Mass Books & Break Open the Word 2020

Cost \$23 each, to place an order kindly ring the Parish Office at 9798 2501. Orders must be received by Monday 28th October 2019.

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:

- Tuesday 8th October is the beginning of Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
- Wednesday 9th October is *World Post Day*
- Thursday 10th October is *World Mental Health Day*
- Friday 11th October is *International Day of the Girl Child*.

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



Our Lady needs you!

Join us for a Nation-Wide Rosary Chain

12 October 2019, Saturday

**2:30pm - Ashfield Park, Cnr. Orpington St & Parramatta Rd
Ashfield NSW**

Bring your family and your Rosary.

"The family that prays together, stays together."

Fr. Patrick Peyton

Today, many blasphemies take place in public. We must make reparation in public. Witnessing our Faith to others. How are they to know about God if we don't tell them?

For inquiries, please contact Dina Franks 0431 632 055.

Sydney Street Feast for the World Day of The Poor. Friday 15th November 11-3pm at St Marys Cathedral Forecourt.

Last year our team had a wonderful time serving those we serve so often through Vinnies Night Patrol and Brekki Van on white tablecloths at a sit down meal.

Totally awesome and dignified! If you are interested in joining us give me a call, text or email ASAP.

Thank you Sinéad Skent00@gmail.com or 0420653637

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: The just will live by faithfulness (Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4)

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts
(Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9)

SECOND READING: Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord
(2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: If you had faith! (Luke 17:5-9)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him



Next Sunday's Readings

**Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 97:1-4

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19