

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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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

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I have noted in recent times self-promotion is part of our culture. In job applications, one doesn't just list what job experiences they have had, but to mention how brilliant and innovative they were when they accomplished them. We see our leaders telling us how they have achieved so much, without too much evidence from the electorate. Our world leaders love to 'blow their own trumpets' and then denigrate their opposition. Surely the proof of the pudding is in the eating! It becomes evidential that their reason for holding office is other than serving and providing policy for the betterment of the people.

It is interesting to note that the Pharisee, the people who we love to denigrate, had a prayer culture of self-promotion. It was all about the outer appearance and no one likes the tax man, obviously a man of dubious repute.

In Jesus' story the Pharisee is seeking God's approval by telling God how great he is and drawing a comparison between himself and the tax collector.....was the Pharisee. The tax collector went to God recognising his need for God's mercy. His was a prayer of true humility. It was a prayer from the heart with no pretence. It was the prayer of a man who seeks relationship not reward. Over last few weeks Jesus has been giving us insights to prayer. Persistence, gratefulness, humility, honesty and above all, form a relationship with a loving Father using all these traits. Jesus in this story points out whose prayer won the approval? say no more!

Marguerite Martin

JESUS IN THE WORD

This week our emphasis in Eucharistic celebration is on our readings. We proclaim the Word of God, culminating in the Gospel, the experience and teachings of Jesus in and to the world. Fr. Joti breaks open these readings, explains them to us in his homily, to give us relevance in Ashfield in the 21st Century. These readings are God's word and Jesus was the expression of God in the world. This is another way we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. As we prepare to hear the Gospel, we place three small crosses on our forehead, on our lips and on our hearts and say, **Jesus in my mind, Jesus on my lips, Jesus in my heart.**

Dear God

As our friends at Bethlehem, De la Salle and other high schools sit for their HSC exams,

We, as Parish community, thank you for their gifts and talents.

We ask that You help them to remember all they have learned.

Calm their nerves and anxieties and to be gracious with what they have overlooked.

We ask You to guide their way. Holy Spirit journey on with them.

Amen

St. Vincent pray for us.

BAPTISM

Saturday, 2nd November 2019

Finn Soren Cecil

Royce Hunter Chung

Oona Ptera Hernandez

Julia Christhel Paranis



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

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

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.

CWF Pastoral Appeal: Our parish will ask you to support the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal** next weekend 3rd November. Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Sydney Archdiocese for the benefit of this community so we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Thursday 31st October is *World Cities Day*
- Saturday 2nd November is the *International Day to end Impunity for Crimes against Journalists*.

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

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office @ 02 9390 5812.



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.



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 0420 653 637

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!

Could you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night.

Tuesday 5th November, 5.30 to 7.30pm

Family Spirit, Suite 301, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19)

PSALM: The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 32:2-3, 17-19, 23)

SECOND READING: All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

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: The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not (Luke 18-9-14)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

Luke 19:1-10