

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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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

November 17, 2019

Today in our readings we hear of dystopian and apocalyptic times. The end times! All this would appear to have come to pass these past weeks as we are surrounded by smoky skies and ferocious fires, that have brought death and destruction to those in their paths. Today a few opportunities to hope! In His name we will gain the endurance!

Having the courage to walk forward with trepidation and hope *There comes a point in the grieving process when one feels a little stronger in themselves..... There has come a little courage that ensures that a grieving person is strong enough to begin to re-adjust to the world as it is, without the person who once formed such a central tenet of it. Where is God in all of this? These are the days where the hope of the resurrection begins to enter our world. Moving through the pain and desolation of out loss we begin to embrace not the suffering Jesus but the Healing Jesus and Risen Jesus. The pain, the sadness, the sadness, the anger, the guilt and the burden of out loss has started to slowly move from our shoulders. The God who extended the hand of support to his broken-hearted son Jesus has done likewise to those who have moved into the realm of acceptance. The who wiped away the tears of Mary, the mother of his Son, has also begun to dry the tears of those who mourn. God offers the healing touch of a Loving parent who cares for the broken hearted, the desolate and the lonely. Blessed are though they mourn, for they shall be comforted .(Matt 5:4) Margaret T Naughton "Walk with Me into the Light" PP35-36*

We pray :

Dear Lord, the tragedy of the ferocity of the fires brings us to our knees.

We pray for those who have died that God will cradle them in his arms;

We pray for those who are suffering because of the loss of children, partners, mothers, fathers and friends that God who walks with us will be visible to them in the person who comforts, who weeps with them and dries their tears;

We pray for those who are still fighting the fire with painful burns that the balm of God's love will calm the pain;

We pray for the fire-fighters, the brave men and women who have faced the inferno, that the kindness that inspired them to serve the community will never be burnt out;

We pray for all those who are displaced with no home that the support offered by the people of Australia will replace the security of the walls that once surrounded them:

All of us are so deeply affected by the suffering of our fellow Australians.

May our own trauma lead us to contribute in whatever way we can so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We make our prayer with confidence to our gracious God who never ceases to love us, care for us and nurture us, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit who will renew hope, faith and love. Amen

HOLY HOUR with the BLESSED SACRAMENT 11am to 12 noon

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

CWF Pastoral Appeal Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,784**. If you are able to help the Parish meet its quota please place your donations in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and can be placed on either of the collections. Our Parish is committed to raise this amount. Any shortfall will be made up from our Second Collection monies. So we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

Walk with Christ Sunday 24th November at 2:30pm

We currently have two prayer books in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The first book remains in the chapel for any parishioner who wishes to write a prayer petition. The second book which is clearly marked is for parishioners to take any other parishioner in the parish who are sick at this time so that they can add their prayer petitions as well.

If anyone is attending the Walk could you please contact the Parish office.

Religious Christmas Cards will be on sale today November 17th and 24th and December 1st or until sold out. They will be available today at the side door and in the foyer of the church and then in the foyer for the following two Sundays. There are two options - \$5 for 8 cards, or \$10 for 10 cards.

Fr Joti will be away from Monday 18th November to 22nd November for a meeting. Weekday Masses will be the usual time. We thank Fr. Kevin Canty for celebrating the Masses during the week.

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 STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Dates for your diary:

Sunday, 1st December “*St Vincent’s around the Hot Water Urn*” the Parish Council invites ALL parishioners to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 8am and 10am masses in the hall or playground (depending the weather).

Sunday, 8th December Parish Christmas BBQ after ALL masses in the playground.

Friday, December 13th Youth Group Trivia Night in the hall @ 7pm. Money raised will go towards Youth Group Expenses and church maintenance. All details on the brochure in the foyer of the church.

Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 17th November is the *World Day of the Poor*
- Wednesday 20th November is *Universal Children’s Day* and on this day in 1959 the UN adopted the Declaration of Rights of the Child
- Friday 22nd November; on this day in 1959 US President John F Kennedy was assassinated.

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7:00am

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9:00am

Saturday 9:00am

Morning Prayer: 8:40am (Saturday)

Sunday: 8am 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

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.



Columban Calendars: are now available @ \$9.00

Church Maintenance

JACK OF ALL TRADES required: A handy person who is able to undertake various maintenance jobs around the church (ie; small amount of brick laying, fencing and general maintenance. **This work will be paid for.** If any parishioner knows of someone who is reliable and a quality worker. Please contact the parish office and pass on the details or let the person know and to make contact with Parish office 9798 2503.

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.

Are families in your community struggling or experiencing a crisis?

CCareline helps Sydney families with relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health concerns. Call CCareline on 13 18 19.

We acknowledge the traditional owners an 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: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: The sun of righteousness will shine on you (Malachi 3:19-20)

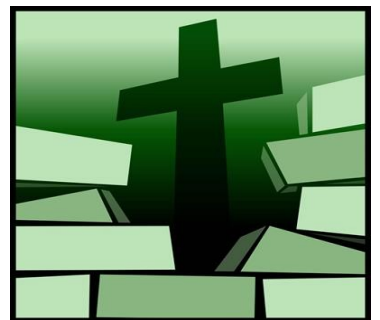
PSALM: **The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.** (Psalm Ps 97:5-9.)

SECOND READING: Do not give anyone food who refuses to work. (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Your endurance will win you your life (Luke 21:5-19)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



Next Sunday’s Readings

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 121:1-5

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43