

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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Third Sunday in Ordinary time A

January 26, 2020

Embracing change is a challenge. We have observed or maybe been involved in the devastation with the people of our burnt nation that have had all they knew destroyed in the unprecedented inferno. The development of the crisis with the loss of life, the loss of property, the loss of privacy, loss of control, exposed so many people to complete vulnerability. It was here we observed the beauty: the care and compassion of the first responders led by a man who won our love and trust with his honesty, dignity and care. We have watched lines of strangers offering food, clothing shelter, water and to listen to the grief that has to be heard. These people who responded in this way felt they had no other option but to share what they had. It is unfortunate that it was through so much pain and personal tragedy that we get to glimpse the kingdom in the companionship given, on the heart to heart basis.

In the gospel today we hear that Jesus too, accepted change through crisis. It was on hearing that John the Baptist had been arrested, that Jesus moved from the familiar and comfort of Nazareth to Capernaum. It was here on the new ground that Jesus needed the companionship of others who would listen and share in the new changed life. He called and they instantly responded. What did they hear? Their ears had been formed by John, and they were ready to hear that the kingdom of God was at hand. The message of how useful they were to be, as fishermen in this new kingdom, was liberating as they joined forces to follow Jesus, the hope of the world.

Marguerite Martin

Bush Fire Appeal: Archbishop Fisher has asked all parishes in the Sydney Archdiocese to this weekend take up a special collection for the Bush Fire Relief Fund, all money collected will be sent to the St Vincent De Paul Society for the work being carried out by the Society for this cause.

If anyone wishes to donate, there are special envelopes on the seats (White envelopes with Red splashes) place any donation in the envelope and place them on either collection plate. This will then be sent on wards to Vinnies.

Please note, if there are no envelopes on the seats, see Fr. Joti or a warden at the back of the church, where a special collection bag will be located.

If any one wishes to donate to the Bush Fire Appeal and would like a receipt, please do so via Vinnies Bush Fire Appeal online.

Mass on Monday 27th January

As it is a **Public Holiday**, Mass will take place
on Monday 27th January
at 9:00am
instead of the usual time of midday.

Funeral of Fr. Gerald Scott CM
will be on Friday 31st January
11am at St. Anthony's Parish
54 Agincourt Road, Marsfield

Maintenance Report: What a welcome the rain was last weekend, to lift the spirits of many. Sadly our hall roof didn't come to the party and decided to spring a leak, right above the back part of the building which did damage to the interior ceiling upstairs where the After School Care operates during school time. The damaged ceiling has been fixed and repainted, The leaking part of the roof has been located so next Tuesday (more) scaffolding will be erected so as the access the very top part of the exterior slate roof (it is a long way up there) and rectify the situation. Sadly the repair bill will be around \$5500.

Michael Clay

Happy

Australia Day



Kung Hei Fat Choi!

To all our Parishioners who are celebrating
Chinese lunar New year!

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Mary McNally (Safeguarding
Officer)

The Parish offers sincere CONGRATULATIONS
to

**Mr Selvakumaraswamy
& Wilma**

for celebrating their 67th
Wedding Anniversary!!!



Sunday, 2nd February “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).

New to our Parish? Please take time to introduce yourself/selves to Fr Joti and other parishioners & know that you are most welcome to the (125 year and some months old) Parish of St. Vincent's Ashfield. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the Parish census, please contact the parish Office on 9798 2501 or email vinstaff@vinash.org.au.

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.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 9:00am

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.



You can't do everything. You can't do nothing, But you can do something.....Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The story of Australia

It's the story of me

It's the story of you

It's the story of we

In parts it is painful

In parts it is raw

In others it's beautiful

Inspiring great awe

It tells of many people

From far and wide

And those who've been here

Since the beginning of time

It brings us together

And tears us apart

We all have our views

So where do we start

By listening to each other

And sharing our part

We're all part of the story

Australia Day

Reflect Respect Celebrate

Back by Public Demand...sort of

CHURCH MAINTENANCE 100 CLUB.

100 Club?.....Just to refresh, It is a fund raiser for the parish's ongoing maintenance, it runs for a 10 week

period. For a single payment of \$40, 100 members choose one number 01 -100 randomly. **Father Joti** will draw out two lucky numbers each week for 9 weeks. If you hold the first number drawn out, you will win \$80.

The second number will win \$40. In the the tenth and final week, first prize will be \$500 and second prize will be \$250. **The 100 Club is open to parishioners, family and friends.**

Winners' names will be published each week in the church bulletin. Funds raised will be used to maintain our aging church building. **Numbers will go on sale Sunday February 16th after ALL masses.**

The 100 Club will commence when all 100 members have been signed up and are financial.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light (Isaiah 8:23—9:3)

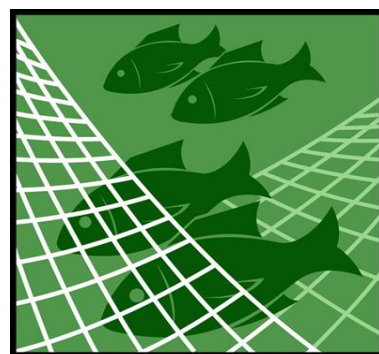
PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 26:)

SECOND READING: I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled (Matthew 4:12-23 pr 4:12-17)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



Next Sunday's Readings
Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalms 23:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32