



The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd September 2024**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On September 27th, our Mother Church celebrates the Feast of St Vincent de Paul. Both your priests, Fr. Sebastian and myself, here at Holy Family are Vincentians, belonging to the Vincentian Congregation of priests. And obviously St. Vincent de Paul is the heavenly patron of our Congregation.

There are a lot of great things spoken about St. Vincent. In a span of 79 years of his life on earth (1581 - 1660) he is reported to have done what six saints could have accomplished. He was appreciated and esteemed even a century after his death, during the French Revolution, when a rioting mob broke into the Pantheon in Paris, they smashed all religious statues but one - that of St. Vincent de Paul.

Though a great saint, he was not always a saint! I mean to say he was born and brought up just like any of us. He wanted to become a priest to secure a future for himself and his family. His conversion from Fr. Vincent to St. Vincent happened when he had to go through the hardest time of his life. In 1605, Fr. Vincent was returning home by boat from a trip after selling some property which he had received as an inheritance from a wealthy patron. While returning, he was captured by pirates, who brought him to Tunis in Northern Africa. He was sold into slavery, and he remained a slave for two years. During this time, he prayed to God, telling Him that if his life was spared and freed, he would devote the rest of his life to the service of the poor.



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Fr. Joby George VC

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Principal:

Paul Sharp

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Catechist:

Christina D’Couto

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls:

Available for hire –
Contact Parish Office

The sainthood in Fr. Vincent began when he stopped to think about himself and to think of and for others.

St. Vincent was inspired by the mission statement of Jesus found in Luke 4:18-19, *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* In his lifetime after his conversion, he instituted the Congregation of Mission in 1625 (CM Fathers) to preach the mission in parishes, now known as the Popular Mission Retreats for parish renewal. He also instituted Confraternities of Charity – an association of laywomen who visited, fed, and nursed the sick and poor. With St. Louise de Marillac, he co-founded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. The association was patterned after the Confraternities of Charity and was the first non-cloistered religious institute of women devoted to active charitable works. He instituted seminaries for the formation of priests. He conducted conferences called Tuesday conferences for the renewal of priests and religious. (St. Vincent de Paul Society, Vinnies as we call today, is instituted by Blessed Antoine Frédéric Ozanam in 1833).

St. Vincent hence found the mission that he was entrusted with. This is nothing new. All who are disciples of Christ share the same mission - living for others. St. James (2:17) speaks of a faith that is alive, faith expressed in actions. St. Vincent was a man of faith in actions. St. Vincent encouraged his followers to follow these virtues for a fruitful religious life: **Simplicity, Humility, Meekness, Mortification and Zeal for Souls.** With the three vows of the religious profession: **Poverty, Chastity and Obedience,** he added a fourth vow: **Perseverance.**

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CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Wisdom 2:12,17-20
Psalm 54:3-6,8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

MONDAY

**St Pius of Pietrelcina
(Padre Pio)**

Proverbs 3:27-34
Psalm 15:2-5
Luke 8:16-18

TUESDAY

Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13
Psalm 119:1,27,30,34-35,44
Luke 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY

Proverbs 30:5-9
Psalm 119:28,72,89,101,104,163
Luke 9:1-6

THURSDAY

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
Luke 9:7-9

FRIDAY

St Vincent de Paul
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Psalm 144:1-4
Luke 9:18-22

SATURDAY

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
Luke 9:43-45

We can summarise the life of St. Vincent after his conversion in the following way. **Vincent decreased, so that Christ increased in him to overflow into the others around him.**

When we celebrate St. Vincent, the church invites us to take up her mission to go out and preach the good news. **Let us go out of ourselves and become the good news to others.** Let us start from our own family and parish. Let us become the good news to one another. I humbly request your prayers for all Vincentians in the world, and in a special way, for us Fr. Sebastian, Fr. John Prince, Fr. Michael Payyapilly, Fr. Sabu (Bayswater), Fr. Rojan (Vincentian Retreat Centre, Melbourne), Fr. Alex (Syro Malabar Mission, Ballarat), Vincentian priests in Sydney/Perth and me. On the feast day, during the Holy Mass, we renew our commitment to God. All our Vincentian priests are not able to come together to celebrate Holy mass because of responsibilities. But we request you to come and celebrate Holy Mass with us on Friday the 27th.

God bless you all through the intercession of St. Vincent.

Happy Feast to you all dear children of God.

Fr. Joby George VC

VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF ST. FAUSTINA, APOSTLE OF DIVINE MERCY Saturday, 5th October 2024

Programme:

6.00 pm – Exposition of Relic,
Solemn Divine Mercy Chaplet

6.30 pm – Holy Mass,

Veneration of Relic and Repose.

*(Thanks to our Beloved
Spanish Community for
bringing the Relic of St. Faustina)*



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[https://divineretre
atcentre.org/](https://divineretre.atcentre.org/)*

PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK

For Children with Special Needs.

We will be praying for them in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask for in

prayer,
believe

that you have received it,
and it will be yours.
Mark 11:24

VACANT POSITIONS CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Positions for suitably qualified and experienced applicants could be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Animation Consultant, East Melbourne incl travel to Western Region
- ACMV Coordinator, Thornbury
- Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, East Melbourne

CDF Positions

- Relationship Support Officer, East Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Associate at St. Luke's Parish, Lalor
- Parish Secretary, St Joseph's Parish, Newport
- Parish Secretary, Mary Help of Christians Parish, Altona

Other Positions

- Library Manager, Mannix Library, East Melbourne



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO STUDENTS

Dear children we would like to wish you happy and safe holidays. And you are most welcome for our daily Holy Mass at our church. God bless you.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday
9.30am to 1.30pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)