

# 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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**Second Sunday of Lent C**

**February 24, 2013**

This week Stephen Fenn shares his reflection on the Transfiguration. Stephen is the Chairperson for the Parish Pastoral Council and is a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

## The Transfiguration

“That’s an awesome car!”  
“Her party was awesome!”  
“If you could help out that would be awesome!”

How often do we hear the term ‘awesome’ used to describe everyday things and events?

The modern usage of the term detracts from its traditional meaning - someone or something that inspires awe. Awe itself is difficult to comprehend – a curious feeling mixing wonder, joy, respect and admiration along with fear, dread and confusion.

Peter, faced with the truly awesome spectacle of the Transfiguration, betrays his own feelings of wonder, respect, fear and confusion. Stunned by the appearance of Moses and Elijah along with the transfigured Christ – Peter stumbles, babbles and in the midst of his confusion suggests they set up three tents for Christ, Moses and Elijah.

Peter, like us, is all too human, and we often find it difficult to comprehend and respond to the glorious majesty of Christ – who transcends the world and all human understanding.

Faced with such awe-inspiring concepts, we can feel helpless and inadequate. Yet in such moments we should dwell on the words of the Father who cuts short Peter’s ramblings on the mountain...

“This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him”

In and of Christ, there is nothing to be afraid. If we listen to and reflect on the Word, we too can transcend earthly fears and confusion, embrace the sublime truth of Christ, and experience his awesome Being.

We have three Lenten Prayer Groups meeting on Monday after midday Mass, Tuesday evening at 7pm and Sunday evening after 6pm Mass. Newcomers welcome.

- The meeting for the Blessed Sacrament Sub – Committee will take place on Monday 25th February at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.
- The meeting for Parish Finance Committee will take place on Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.
- Stations of the Cross Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Stations of the Cross can do so by placing it in the envelopes provided.



The Youth Group is looking for YOU!

Would you like to act or help out with the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at Ashfield Park

Please contact:  
**Dominic** on **0426216210** or via email **domsky007@yahoo.com**

## Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group

invites parishioners and friends to join them on Monday night 4th March in the Church at 7:30pm, to hear a talk given by Fr. Jack Soulsby S.M. on EVER GROWING FAITH.

Fr. Jack is an internationally well-known speaker who is full of enthusiasm for the Lord.

Supper will follow. ALL WELCOME.

Inquiries: Margaret Doyle at 9746 1916

## Confirmation

for the young people of this parish will be celebrated on Sunday 12th May by Bishop Terry Brady.

To register for this sacramental program please take registration form from the back of the church (pamphlet racks) and return it to Marguerite at the Parish Office.

**PARISH STAFF:**

*Fr. Alan Gibson CM  
Carmen Yap*

*Marguerite Martin*

Special Grand of Indulgences during  
the Year of Faith

Copies of the Cardinal's decree nominating the sacred  
and days for the gaining of the indulgence and a short  
catechesis about indulgences prepared by the Liturgy  
Office is now on the notice board at the back of the  
Church.

**Let us pray together:**

In our journeying with you,  
may we never lose our sense of direction,  
never lose sight of the landmark  
towards which we travel.  
And should cloud or rain obscure our vision,  
may we draw closer to you,  
so that our feet may tread  
in you footsteps,  
your words be our encouragement,  
and your love our protection.  
May we be a sign of your love  
and a welcome to others this lent  
encouraging them to tread in your footsteps.

**Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12noon  
Tuesday 7:00 am  
Wednesday 12 Noon  
Thursday 9:00 am  
Saturday 9:00 am



**Sunday:** 8am, 10:00am 6:00PM

Polish Mass 12 noon

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:10am — 8:40am

**Rosary:** Saturday after 9:00am Mass

**Morning Prayer:** Saturday 8:40am

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Sunday 9:00am

Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 8:00am

**Project Compassion...**this week we meet Raymundo who,  
at just 9 yrs of age, was destined for a life of drugs and crime.  
Thanks to Caritas Australia partner, Educar es Fiesta—an  
organisation that provides education and teaches circus skills  
to street children in Bolivia—Raymundo's life changed.  
Please donate to Project Compassion, with your ongoing  
support, we will continue to advocate for children's rights to an  
education and a fun-filled childhood.

**'Come Holy Spirit'**



**"Healing Mass", Friday 1st March  
2013. St. Therese's Church, 15  
Garrong Road, Lakemba. Rosary:  
7pm, Reconciliation: 7-8pm, Prayer  
and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass: 8pm. The celebrant  
will be Fr. Kim Ha**

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**Justice and Peace Gathering for Parishioners** in the  
Archdiocese of Sydney, Saturday 9th March 11:30am to 4:00pm  
St. Patrick's Church Hall at 5 Drynan Street, Summer Hill

An invitation to parishioners across the Archdiocese to be  
inspired, share ideas, and support each other in God's mission  
for justice and peace.

The next Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement  
will address the issues of global poverty, and call for Australia to  
renew its commitment to achieving the Millennium Development  
Goals in the spirit of Christ's mission on earth.

Free e-book on the daily Gospel of this year 2013

The following free e-book, entitled *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year  
C-1* presents the Gospel of each day of this Liturgical Year C-1 (2013),  
together with a reflection on each Gospel passage. It will also serve  
for any C-1 Liturgical Year. The book carries the Imprimatur of Bishop  
Anthony Fisher OP of Parramatta.

The e-book (7 mb size) may be downloaded to one's computer or to  
one's e-reader, and is free of charge.

The URL address to download the book is as follows:

[www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

**Refocusing on Christ as the centre of our journey can be difficult. Are we frightened by what lies ahead?  
Does being transformed this lent fill us with hope or are we too comfortable for change? When Christ reveals  
himself to us will we reveal him to others by our words and actions?**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face,  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**FIRST READING:** God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant  
(Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18)

**PSALM:** The Lord is my light and my salvation (Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14)

**SECOND READING:** Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious  
body (Philippians 3:17— 4:1)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the  
shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became  
brilliant as lightning (Luke 13:1-9)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.



Next Sunday's Readings  
Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15  
Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11  
Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12  
Luke 13:1-9