

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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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2013

We are at journeys end or are we? The theme of the little solitary figure travelling down the road over Lent has brought me to consider my own journey and not just to Easter. Each year I enter into Lent full of good intentions, I'm not going to raise my voice, or I'm going to try to be on time, or not eat chocolate, drink wine, etc. Some how these efforts are going to bring around a reform in me that will make me more in tune with God's plan for me. Yet God does not work because of what I do or don't do! It is not like selecting the God channel on Foxtel... and think I have arrived at journeys end because I have chosen. Jesus' resurrection means we have a living God who walks with us and in us daily. We are called to be God like! Wow! So what does that mean? Daniel Berrigan is quoted as saying, "Before you get serious about Jesus, first consider how good you are going to look on wood!" Our God is a God who enters into our disgraceful bits, our broken bits, our angers, our sufferings and our imperfections with an overwhelming love. Our call to be Godlike is to enter into relationship with the next person in their suffering with love, and travel a way with them on their journey. It has been a refreshing and thrilling Lent with the election of Pope Francis. It isn't just we have a new Pope but we seem to have a Pope who is adamant that the Church is to reflect the basic teaching of the gospel...that every body matters absolutely to everyone in the Church. This is the call.... to bring resurrection into the lives of another.

Marguerite Martin

This Easter we celebrate the full initiation of two very special people. Carol and Linda we welcome you. It is wonderful how God calls people to himself and you have been especially called to us. For this community you have enriched us with your journey in faith.



*Fr. Alan, Marguerite and Carmen
wish everyone God's special blessings this Easter!!!!*



8:00am Sunday Mass

The Musicians from the Sunday 8am Mass are looking for people willing to sing. Please see Fr. Alan if you are interested. Alternatively, please contact him at the Parish office at 9798 2501 or alan@vinash.org.au.

**Mass on Easter Monday
will take place at
9:00am**

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently looking for 2 more people. If you are interested in serving the parish in this way, please see Fr. Alan after Mass or contact him at the parish office on 9798 2501 or email alan@vinash.org.au.

Little White Book six minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Easter (Year C) to Pentecost Sunday is now available at \$4 from Lillie in the foyer.

NB Thursday 16 May
We are again hosting the BBI e-conference
Gospel of St Mark
A Crucified and Risen Messiah
Two excellent speakers
Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Sr Michelle Connolly RSJ.
From 10am to 2.30pm.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

MAY THEY BE ONE is a special project of the Bible Society in Australia. It aims to provide Bibles for people in the Philippines. Although the Philippines is a Christian country, many people do not have a Bible. Backed by Churches across denominations and with the support of the Philippines' Catholic Bishops Conference, May They Be One aims to raise funds to provide five million Bibles to poor Filipino families at a subsidised price (approx. AUD \$1). In addition, about one million Bibles will also be given free to Filipinos in need. Next weekend Mr. Richard Allcock from Bible Society Australia will be visiting us to speak at all Masses about the Bible campaign and to invite us to offer practical support.

Fr. Ed Champion will hold a free public lecture titled "Clerical Celibacy In Context" on Thursday 11th April at 7:30pm at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Road, Strathfield. All Welcome.

New Solo Parent Group

The Strathfield based Solo Parent group of the Archdiocese of Sydney will meet for the first time for an afternoon coffee at DI STEFANO'S Caffe, 17-35 Parramatta Road, Homebush, on Sunday 21st April at 3,00 pm. Single parents from Strathfield and surrounding areas are most welcome to attend.

Liturgy Office Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Formation & Training Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This programme is for those who, with the support of their Parish Priest, are or will soon be assisting as EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION in the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is all a prerequisite course for those men who wish to attend the Acolytes training courses.

Wednesday 24th April & Thursday 2nd, 9th May 2013
at 7:00pm—9:00pm
St. Kevin's, 35 Hillview Road, Eastwood

'Come Holy Spirit'



"Healing Mass", Friday 5th April 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. John Iacono.

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Parish Masses this week:

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

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:00am to 9:30am

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

Summer Hill Parish Tues & Fri 9:00am Wed & Thurs. 8:30am

An Easter Prayer

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men and women who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold; that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence.

May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Easter Sunday

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia

FIRST READING: We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead (Acts 10:34. 37-43)

PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23)

SECOND READING: Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is (Colossians 3:1-4)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead (John 20:1-9)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16
Ps 117:2-4. 22-27
Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19
John 20:19-31