

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 of Easter

April 14, 2013

Do you Love me?

There is a game we play with Children. It's called "How much do you love me?" We start off by saying alternatively, 'I love you as big as the Harbour bridge' and gradually increase the distances and sizes of love until love takes in all the galaxies and constellations in the universe... and back.

Jesus wasn't playing that game. He had already suffered, died, descended and burst back with New Life. Now here he was, once more, convincing his closest and dearest on earth what it was all about. Scholarship has gone to the old Greek text of this gospel. The Greeks have different words to describe different forms of love. Jesus asks Peter "Do you 'unconditionally love me' like I have unconditionally loved you". He used the *agape* word for love. Peter responds using another type of love word. "You know 'I love you like my brother', Lord". Peter uses the *philio* word for love. After a couple of attempts Jesus finally says, "Peter, do you *philio* me" He knew that his *agape* form of total unconditional love was beyond Peter at this time, even though he knew that Peter would eventually die for him with that *agape* love.

'Trust me, throw out your net and your reward will be huge,' he said.

'Eat with me and you will never be hungry,' he said.

'Attempt to love me as I love you' he said. 'And don't just tend my flock, FEED my flock with what they are hungry for.'

This was the gospel chosen for Blessed John Paul 2's Requiem Mass.

Marguerite Martin

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 15th April at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The first Charitable Works Fund Appeal will take place on Sunday 5th May.

Corpus Christi Procession The Corpus Christi procession will take place on Sunday 2nd June from 2:30pm—4:30pm. It will commence from St. Patricks, Church Hill and will conclude at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Book of Life is now in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for parishioners to write in their prayer petitions. Any parishioner willing to carry the Book of Life in the Procession on 2nd June are asked to see Fr. Alan.

May They Be One Bible Campaign The following email of thanks was received from Richard Allcock during the week. "Please accept my sincere thanks for your personal support and your parish Community at **St Vincent's Ashfield**, for the very generous contribution made towards the "**May They Be One**" Bible" Campaign last weekend, 7th April 2013."

Through their love for those less fortunate, the amount of **1519.50** was raised at your Parish.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently looking for 1 more person. 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.

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.

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.

However come for what part of the day you can!

A few of the parish youth volunteer with the Capuchin Friars' Van Ministry by bringing good conversation and a hot cuppa to the homeless. We need help if anyone has old/ new clean blankets that we could distribute now that the weather is getting colder that would be great! Please contact: Joyce Lim 0423326230 Email: jyylim@gmail.com

The Great Grace—Receiving Vatican II Today: Conference, Sydney 20-23 May 2013

Venue: Australia Technology Park, Redfern
To commemorate 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the Second Vatican Council, a national conference will be held in Sydney. 'The Great Grace' will be a wonderful opportunity for Catholics involved in all fields of Church life to come together and gain a renewed appreciation of the 'great gift' of Vatican II. Featuring international speakers Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop Arthur Roche and more. Lay people, clergy and religious all welcome. For more information visit www.thegreatgrace.org.au or call (02) 9281 0284.

Anzac Vigil Mass of Remembrance.

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Wednesday, 24 April at 5:30pm**. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

You are warmly invited to CCJP's next Sunday Seminar

When: Sunday 21 April 2013, 9:45am—12:30pm
Where: 9 Alexandra Avenue, Croydon NSW
Topic: **The Politics of Skilled/Labour Migration**
Speaker: **Dr. Chris Wright**

Come along and bring some interested people with you. Cost \$10 if able. Morning tea will be provided at the break. For more information, please see our website: www.ccjpoz.org

Sydney Archdiocese Youth Camp "iBelieve" for Yrs 7—10

Attention Parents!!! Looking for something for your teenagers to do these school holidays? Want to get them off the iPod, iPhone or iPad and interacting with others? Look no further—your prayers have been answered!!! On Monday 22nd April—Wednesday 24th April Catholic Youth Services Sydney is holding its annual Youth Camp at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood. "iBelieve" is all about helping young people encounter Christ while having a whole heap of fun in great company! The camp involves drama, music, sport, multimedia, testimonies, outdoor activities and more! Cost is \$120 which covers all accommodation, transport, meals and activities. To register download a registration form from www.cys.org.au and return ASAP to camp@cys.org.au. Questions? Call CYS Office on (02) 9764 4357.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
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

Third Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit. (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41)

PSALM: I will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me (Ps 29: 2. 4-6. 11-13)

SECOND READING: The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory and blessing (Revelation 5 ;11-14)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish (John 21:1-19)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it the them, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14. 43-52

Ps 99:1-3.5

Revelation 7:9. 14-17

John 10:27-30