St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

I will make my home in you. Jesus doesn't just want to live in me he wants to make his home in me. The word 'home' holds for me so many connotations. In my parents last years and days their minds often drifted to that place 'home'. Dad in his dementia, had walked into the kitchen of 'home,' but his mother wasn't there; and for my mother, Ireland was always 'home' and she would tell of life on a rural farm with such great warmth, although I know that through that time of the Depression there was such great poverty and suffering, with diseases like Tuberculosis rampantly afflicting and killing the near and dear. You see the word 'home' is not a structure; it comes from a root word meaning haunt. It is that nostalgic haunting that affects our hearts and stomaches, that place where we were truly compassionately understood and loved. Home is within real relationship. Home is the place of unmasked reality, no pretence; it is the place of unity of heart and mind. It is here with me that Jesus wants to make his 'home'. This truly is a God who dwells among us, not on high. He desires to be part of our living, in the many little deaths and resurrections we suffer, he wants to share in our humanity intimately and be at home with us. The big part of this offer is left up to us. Can I welcome Jesus in to my 'home'? What is holding me back? There are no demands, just the haunting warmth and comfort of knowing you're 'home'.

As Fr. Alan has another commitment on that day the Mass on **Wednesday 8th May** will take place at **9:00am** instead of the usual time of 12 noon.

Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal

Today is our appeal. Many lives through the years have been changed for the better because of the work of our six main benefiting agencies. The CWF is the premier charity of the Sydney Archdiocese; it exists to address the difficulties and needs of our community and can only continue to function, provide adequate services and care with your help. On behalf of the Sydney Archdiocese, please give the CWF Appeal your whole-hearted support.

** Our Schools will be preparing the *

** Liturgy to remember Mother's Day on *

** Thursday 9th May at our *

** 9:00am Mass *

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Marguerite Martin

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.

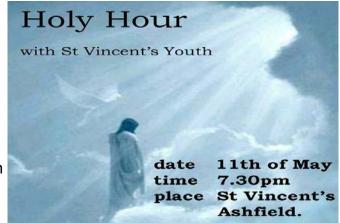
Sydney Alliance Leaders Assembly

On Monday 20th May from 5:30pm to 9:30pm to be held at Trixie Forest Centre, St. Scholastica College, 2—4 Avenue Road, Glebe.

Please go to the website https://

register.event.arc.com/14738leaders.assembly.20th May to register for this event.

Also, if you would like to know more about the Sydney Alliance you are warmly invited to attend a parish meeting on Sunday 19th May from 3—4pm in the parish hall. In the spirit of Sydney Alliance we will commence and finish on time.



PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM

Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

Will you join a small group to visit Matt Talbot Hostel for Mass and morning tea on a Sunday morning once a month?

We have been asked, because we are Vincentian laity to join in this outreach ministry in the spirit of Vincent. Please express your interest by placing your name and phone number at the back of the church.

Cardinal's Pentecost Catechesis for Young Adults - Friday 17 May

Cardinal Pell is inviting the youth and young adults of the diocese to join him for his annual Pentecost Catechesis on the topic of "Why Faith Matters" on Friday 17 May at St. John's College within the University of Sydney. An optional Holy Hour will take place in the College Chapel at 5:30, dinner at 6:30pm, the Cardinal's presentation at 7:30pm in the Great Hall and conclude with desert, tea & coffee around 9:00pm. St. John's College is located at 10 Missenden Road, Camperdown. All young people are welcome at this important Archdiocesan event but space is limited and we do request an RSVP by Wednesday 8 May. Please send your RSVP to pentecost@cys.org.au or call Catholic Youth Services on 9764 4357.

Parish Masses this week:

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



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 "May Celebrations in honour of Our Lady and to pray for Peace in the World & the Welfare of Australia will take place in St. Mary's cathedral on Saturday May 11th commencing at 11.30am with an entrance procession of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart, (specially blessed by Pope Paul VI in 1967 to promote the important Fatima message of Hope and Peace). The programme will include Rosary, Litany of Loreto and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Mass will be celebrated at 12.10pm from St. Mary's Cathedral. The Most Rev Bishop Peter Comensoli will be principal celebrant and preach the homily.

An Information Afternoon on the Vocation of the Permanent Deacon will be held on Saturday 25 May from 12pm to 4pm at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. The afternoon will include lunch, talk, prayer, testimonies and Q&A. Enquiries/Registration: 9390 5941 or diaconate@sydneycatholic.org. Registration essential for catering purposes.

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 Otellet, 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential (Acts 15:1-2. 22-29)

PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8)

SECOND READING: He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven (Revelation 21:10-14.22-23)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you (John 14:23-29)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings
The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1: 1-11 Ps 46:2-3. 6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53