

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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The Ascension of the Lord

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What parent hasn't heard "You don't understand!" and what child hasn't heard "Do you understand..!" How important it is to be fully understood and it was to this end that the Holy Spirit becomes the mysterious Holy Clarifier of the Word of God.

The Apostles are being commissioned to go to the ends of the earth, to speak of what they have been witnesses to, but still they are in a bit of a cloud, a haze. Jesus has to recount constantly what has happened, but still the penny hasn't fully dropped.

We can appreciate that the spoken and unspoken connection needed in close and intimate relationship...to be one in purpose is a wonderful thing, to be able to share motivation and vision, to understand the other fully. Jesus came to share God's vision of the kingdom, he demonstrated God's overwhelming love for the world, and all this was going to become clear "*when they were clothed with the power from on high.*"

And what was the first thing that was noted after the arrival of the Holy Spirit to that group of Apostles at Pentecost. So much confidence, especially in the message that just days before was hazy. They understood with confidence what it was they were truly called to do. They were one in purpose. The Barrier to true understanding was lifted! And everyone could understand in their own language...the Holy Spirit became the Holy Clarifier, the Holy Barrier remover.

What Barrier do we have that prevents us from truly understanding what we are called to do and be? God understands us; with the Holy Spirit we can understand him.

Marguerite Martin



*Wishing all Mothers a very Happy Mothers Day.
May this special day be filled with many blessings!!!*

Fr. Alan



**Thank you for supporting
Charitable Works Fund
May Appeal**

Meditation Group will be on Wednesday
15th May at 10:00am
in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

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.

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!

Bishop Terry Brady will be visiting ALL St Vincent's Confirmation candidates next Thursday Night 16 May in the Church at 6.30pm. He will be returning to confer Confirmation on Saturday 25 May at 3pm. We pray for our 35 candidates, just over one third were baptised here at St Vincent's.

Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 15th May at 7:00pm in the parish meeting rooms.

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. Inquiries: pentecost@cys.org.au or call Catholic Youth Services on 9764 4357.

BUPA Volunteer Event

BUPA Nursing Home Ashfield is looking for Volunteers to spend maybe an hour to talk with Residents who have no families. There will be an Orientation Day on Thursday 16th May from 10:00am to 11:30am at BUPA Ashfield Garden 126 Frederick Street Ashfield. For more information please see flyer in the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

Ashfield Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel each Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30pm. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us for prayer for your needs and for healing. For more information please contact 0414 815 018.

**St. Vincent's Family Playgroup
Thursday 9:00am
Parish Hall**

New Program of Activities, Stories, Songs and Crafts.
All preschool children, toddlers and babies welcome. We have toys for all ages, a book corner, crafts and snack time. Time to chat over a coffee or tea and an opportunity to make new friends! Looking forward to seeing you soon. If you have queries or suggestions contact Sinead Kent at school or on 0420 653 637 or email sinead.ket@syd.catholic.edu.au. For more info please refer on the notice board.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
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 to 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
Summer Hill Parish Tues & Fri 9:00am Wed & Thurs. 8:30am

Holy Hour
with St Vincent's Youth

date 25th of May
time 7.30pm
place St Vincent's Ashfield.

The Ascension of the Lord

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven (Acts 1:1-11)

PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Ps 46:2-3. 6-9)

SECOND READING: He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven (Ephesians 1:17-23)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: While blessing them, he was taken to heaven (Luke 24:46-53)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings
Pentecost

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