

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Pentecost

May 19, 2013

I once worked at a school called 'Holy Spirit'. I always felt that we had an unfair advantage, especially when competing against other schools when we would be barracking, 'Come on Holy Spirit!'

The Holy Spirit, the giver of Life gave birth to the Church through a motley bunch of very ordinary apprentices of Jesus, in a most spectacular way. Harnessing the forces of wind to project and propel them, and with the warmth and light to illuminate them, they became like gold in the furnace, leading the way bringing the message and good news of Jesus to the world. It was a dramatic scene that demonstrated the Power that Jesus had predicted for his followers.

We know, however, from the first Pentecost and from our own experience that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:

- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;
- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;
- clarity about what's true; and
- an 'at homeness' with God.



The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of the discernment of spirits. May be we need to barrack and pray 'Come Holy Spirit lead me when I should be, enlighten me with your power!'

Marguerite Martin

Today (Sunday 19th May 2013) is the final Sunday for the Year of Grace. The Year of Grace commenced on Pentecost Sunday 2012. We thank God for all the blessings that have taken place over this past year.

The Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia is on Friday 24 May 2013.

A Mass will take place on that day at **9:00 am**

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.

Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Terry Brady on **Saturday 25th May NOW at 2 pm** not 3pm as previously stated. We ask for your prayers for the candidates who are making this important leap to full initiation into the Church.

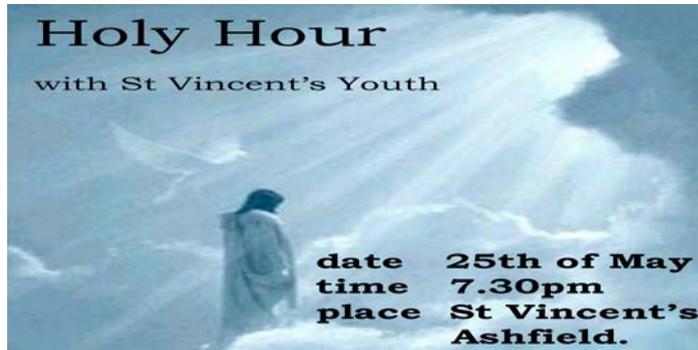
As part of our Ministry of Stewardship the Finance Committee will speak at all Masses on Sunday 26th May.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Profile of Ashfield Parish in this week's Catholic Weekly.
Obtain a copy from Lillie for \$2.

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.



Parish Masses this week:

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

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book is a wonderful way for you to save money and the school to make money. You can have discounts at very fine restaurants through to Pizza places, tourist attractions and cinemas...even dry cleaners! Flick through the sample at the back of the church.

The New Entertainment Book is available now through St Vincent's School P&F. Contact Dewi Salim dsalim14@gmail.com or 0401 461 864 or order online at www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/202w950

TALK BY UK AUTHOR, AUSTEN IVEREIGH

"The Justice and Peace Office invites you to an afternoon with well-known UK voice on church affairs, Austen Ivereigh who will be speaking on Sunday, 26 May from 2.30pm—4:00pm at Mount St. Benedict College, Pennant Hills. Austen has authored, "Faithful Citizens: a practical guide to Catholic social teaching and community organising," in which he reflects on years of experience with the civil society coalition London Citizens—a coalition where thousands of Catholics worked with others of goodwill to win concrete improvements for the people of London. Learn how community organising presents a practical set of tools to put Catholic social teaching into practice, and how these tools can renew Catholic communities by building relationships, developing leaders and giving the broader community a powerful example of the Church in action. RSVP with your name and contact to 9390 5935 or christine.drozario@sydneycatholic.org."

Pentecost

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages (Acts 2:1-11)

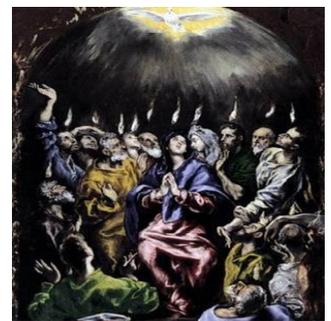
PSALM: Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth (Ps 46:2-3. 6-9)

SECOND READING: Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God (Romans 8:8-17)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The Holy Spirit will teach everything. (John 14:15-16. 23-26)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings
The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31

Ps 8:4-9

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15