

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 23, 2013**

## **Who do you say that I am?**

Jesus' question to the disciples is also addressed to us today. It is a question that every Christian person must answer honestly if they are to grow beyond the simple faith of their childhood. The answers revealed to us may change many times throughout our lives but it is our desire and honest efforts to answer the question itself that will continue to call us forward. There are a couple of billion people in the world today who call themselves 'Christians' – followers of Jesus Christ. However, if you were to ask each of them, 'Who do you say Jesus is?' you would get thousands – even millions – of different answers. When I speak about Jesus, his teachings and values, I have certain characteristics and beliefs of and about Jesus in mind. I can't be certain that the person listening has those same concepts. Our answer to Jesus' question is an indicator of what we need him to be at that time; who we are at that time; and what we are called to be at that time. **Greg Sunter**

Jesus is more than a prophet.

Jesus is more than a fully enlightened, compassionate being.

Jesus is more than a wise teacher who portrayed a noble way of life and was done to death by a squad of Roman soldiers.

Jesus of Nazareth:

is the body language of God,

is the way God is under conditions of space and time,

is the conqueror of death, the vanquisher of the grave,

is the One anointed to bring us salvation, a share in that conquest and victory,

is the One who will transfigure our bodies in the light of his resurrection,

is the One who will fill us with eternal joy. **Michael Tate**

## **Wednesday 26th June 2013**

As Fr. Alan will be away this Wednesday a Communion Service will take place at 12 pm.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 9am Mass this Thursday 27th June 2013



## **FIRST RECONCILIATION STARTS THIS WEEK**

For Catholic children the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the start of an awareness of a gentle forgiving God truly active in their lives. Registration forms are now available for parents who wish their child to make their First Reconciliation this year on the 13 or 14 August.

**The Initial Parent Meeting** for this program will be on **Tuesday 25 June @ 9.15am or Wednesday 26 June @ 6.30pm**. To receive reconciliation the child must be baptised and be aged 7 years or more.

**N.B The Sacrament of First Reconciliation must be celebrated before First Communion.**

Registration Forms are available from the pamphlet rack at the back of the Church, the Parish Office or St Vincent's School Office and must be returned by Fri 21 June.

## **Planned Giving Envelopes Programme**

A reminder to assist our finances those who do not wish to receive a tax deduction would you please fill out the form at the back of the Church or alternatively contact the Parish Office.

## **Sydney Alliance Parish Meeting**

If you would like to know more about the Sydney Alliance you are warmly invited to attend a parish meeting on Sunday 28th July from 4—5pm in the parish Hall. This invitation is particularly extended to parishioners who have yet to attend a Sydney Alliance gathering. In the spirit of the Sydney Alliance we will commence and finish on time.

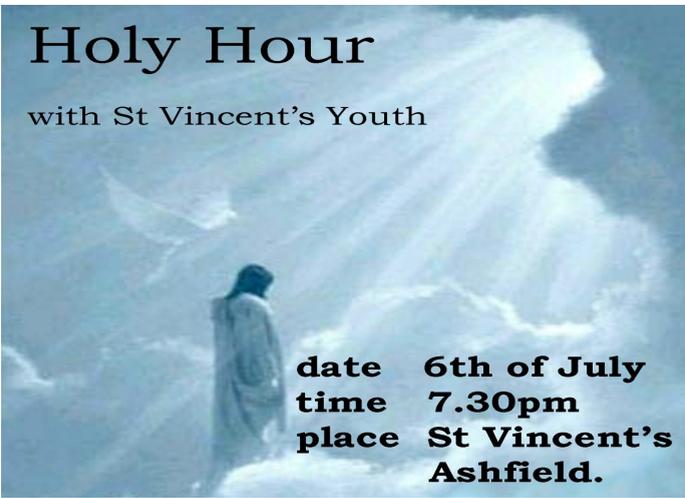
**KASIN** a speaker will be here this Sunday 23rd June at all the Masses to speak about the work of KASIN (Kids at School in Nepal).

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Work on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel began last Thursday 12th June 2013 and will continue for two weeks until 26th June 2013.

## Holy Hour

with St Vincent's Youth



**date** 6th of July  
**time** 7.30pm  
**place** St Vincent's Ashfield.

### Parish Masses this week:

Monday	12 noon	
Tuesday	7:00 am	
Wednesday	12 noon	Communion Service
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

**Planned Giving Envelopes** for the Financial Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, are available for collection at the back of the Church.

Contributions to the Planned Giving program is 100% tax deductible. Existing Planned Giving Numbers from 246 to 260 have been assigned new numbers. You will find them in alphabetical order. To facilitate the location of your box of envelopes, please refer to the listings provided on the table.

**Registration Forms** for the **Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes** can be found at the back of the church for anyone not contributing and who would like to do so.

**The receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the financial Year 2011-2012, will be available for collection in July.**

Thank you for your continuous and generous support to the Parish.

### ANNUAL HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

The Annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held next weekend **30 June**. This appeal supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, addressing the needs of our disadvantage brothers and sisters by proving them with the assistance they require through his network of charitable and humanitarian projects. You are encouraged to open your hearts and give generously. Thank you.

### Position Vacant - Rector, St John's College

St John's College within the University of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Rector**. Further detail about this position is available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au). Applications close 8 July 2013.

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**FIRST READING:** They will look on the one whom they have pierced (Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1)

**PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Ps 62:2-6. 8-9)**

**SECOND READING:** You who have been baptised have put on Christ (Galatians 2:16. 19-21)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** You are the Messiah sent by God. It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer much (Luke 9:18-24)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The eyes of all who look to you, Lord and give them their food in due season.



#### Next Sunday's Readings

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:16. 19-21  
Ps 15: 1-2. 5. 7-11  
Galatians 5:1. 13-18  
Luke 9:51-62