

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014

Weather permitting we should have gathered outside again to hear the Palm Sunday gospel. The procession, holding the palms, links us to those first followers of Jesus who greeted him as he came into Jerusalem. That first procession mimicked the grandiose forms of processions that accompany royalty and possibly the Romans leaders. Jesus was a leader, Jesus was a King but he was riding a donkey. He wasn't flanked by ceremonial guards but his loyal followers, some of whom were originally fishermen. Trumpets did not announce his arrival it was the song of the throng, "Hosanna" that stirred the crowd to cause the turmoil of excitement that prevailed in Jerusalem that day. Palms were waved. This enthusiastic welcome of the ordinary people was for Jesus. Did it please him to be welcomed by these ordinary people who impulsively knew to honour him? And yet they would not have understood his purpose in Jerusalem.

Today our excitement level will not be as that first procession. We will listen to the Palm Sunday gospel but it will be tempered by our understanding of Jesus' Jerusalem assignation. We know and will hear what happened next. This coming week is a time to again enter into the purpose of the Passion and to realign our purposes with the One who gave for all humanity.



Marguerite Martin

Appeal for Vincentian Student House in the Solomon Islands

Many thanks to those parishioners who were able to donate to this appeal on Sunday 30 March and afterwards. A total of \$927.55 was raised and has been sent to the Solomon Islands this past week.

Annual Collection for the Church in the Holy Land

This collection will take place at The Passion of the Lord in the Church at 3:00pm on Good Friday.

Altar Servers Could altar servers who wish to assist at the Holy Week Ceremonies please write their name on the list which is now in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on **Monday 14th April at 6:30pm** in the Parish meeting rooms.

Reconciliation at Cardinal Freeman Village

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to the residents of Cardinal Freeman Village next Wednesday 16th April 2014 in the Chapel 9am—10am.

HOLY WEEK Please note there is **NO** 9am Mass on **Holy Thursday** morning **17th April**. Parishioners who are able to go are encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on that day. Mass **will not** take place on **Holy Saturday 19th April**.

St. Vincent's School—Installation of extra gate

As part of compliance regulations all schools now have to be secured. Therefore an extra gate will be installed at the end of hall for St. Vincent's Primary School during these school holidays. The instalment of this gate will both allow the school to meet compliance regulations and the parish community to have access to the parish hall. The gates will be opened on Sundays for all masses.

Parish Planned Giving Campaign In response to the 10 year Maintenance Plan carried out in the parish late last year the Parish Finance Committee has decided that we will run our own campaign to try and boost our Parish Planned Giving Programme this year. It will take place over four weeks. I will speak at all masses on Sunday 27th April outlining my vision for the parish and what I see we need to look after ourselves effectively over the next 10 years. The following Sunday 4th May parishioners will speak of their involvement in the parish and why they choose to give. Sunday 11th May will be Commitment Sunday where all parishioners will be given an opportunity to give their pledge to the parish over the next 12 months. On Sunday 8th June when the new envelopes are available some form of thank you gathering will take place thanking the people of the parish for their contribution. The details of this gathering are yet to be worked out. A letter outlining the reasons why will be going out to all parishioners listed on the parish census this week.



2014

Thursday April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
Kerala's Passover Seder Meal 9:00pm

Good Friday April 18

Stations of the Cross 10:00am
(Church & Ashfield Park)
Polish - Stations of the Cross 12 noon
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Saturday April 19

Reconciliation 8:00am—9:30am
RCIA Prayer & Preparation
for Easter Vigil 10:00am
Polish - Easter Food Blessing 12 noon
EASTER VIGIL MASS 6:00pm

Sunday April 20

Easter Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10:00am
and 6:00pm
Polish - Easter Sunday Mass 12 noon

**Kerala's (South India) Passover Seder Meal
On Holy Thursday after the church service you are
invited to join us in sharing the seder meal in the
hall.**

This year we are sharing in Kerala's Passover ritual. "Pesaha" is the Malayam word for "Passover". In many Kerala homes, Kerala Christians observe the unleavened pesaha meal commemorating the last supper of Jesus. The ritual observance are linked with the Passover tradition, the Jewish community and the early Christians going back to the early Jewish settlers who arrived in Kerala during the time of King Solomon.

Our Kerala parishioners are leading the seder, you are most welcome!

1st Charitable Work Fund Appeal will take place at all Masses on Sunday 4th May. Envelopes will be placed in the seats for anyone wishing to donate and these can be placed on either the first or second collection. Thank you for your continued support of this important work.

Stations of the Cross A plaque/plaques acknowledging those who have paid to sponsor a station of the Cross will be placed in the Church in the next few weeks.

St. Vincent de Paul
"Brekky Van"

Sunday 4th May 2014

We need to provide the food and approximately 10 to 16 people to set-up.

The items we will require are:

Sausages, Bacon, Eggs, Bread, Long-life Milk, Juice Poppers/Cartons, Biscuits,

Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Soap, Hand Sanitiser, Tissues, Shampoo, Conditioner etc. (travel sizes are great)

If you would like to be part of this outreach please contact
Sinead Kent on 0420 653 637

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00 am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday NO MASS

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:00am to 9:30am

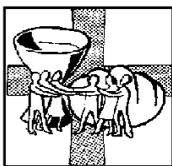
Saturday NO MASS

Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 9:00am



Palm Sunday

ANTIPHON: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL: Blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord (Matthew 21:1-11)

FIRST READING: I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed (Isaiah 50:4-7)

PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2)

SECOND READING: He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high (Philippians 2:6-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 26: 14-27:66)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



Next Sunday's Readings

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9