

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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## Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2014

How did they tell Thomas? The gospel very dryly reports that the disciples saying "We have seen the Lord." But surely the spoken word would have been very different. There would have been no calmness in those five words. For the disciples entombed by fear in the closed up room, Jesus came, stood and showed in three dimensional flesh, blood and breath, just what resurrection means. Just the depth of the dawning of that realisation would have been overwhelming. For all resurrection brings transformation of life, and their old friend, companion and mentor, Jesus, had died to his former life and was standing among them breathing the new life of Resurrection over them. They had witnessed the last breath Jesus expired on the Cross. Now he was breathing this new life over them, sharing with them, the breath of the Spirit of God. Never had God been so fully on display to the disciples. The power and authority of God the Father, the gift of Jesus in his wounds and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit of peace, joy and transforming Life.

Surely they would have screamed the news to Thomas. WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD, and all that meant. Surely, the witnessing disciples would have undergone that Pentecostal transformation, the Spirit that brought them from fear to joy would have been apparent. They would have had that energy and that clarity of knowledge and wisdom as they reflected on the experience of Jesus. What did Thomas think when he refused to believe them? Was it fear of persecution that prevented his belief? Or was it that he no longer had the energy to believe? It is Thomas, who embodies us. It is Thomas who utters in sheer faith My Lord and My God. It is Thomas who comes from disbelief to the spirited faith that witnessed to half the known world!

*Marguerite Martin*

**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 continue support of this important work.

**Association of the Miraculous Medal** A short session regarding the **Miraculous Medal** and the Association of the Miraculous Medal will be held in the Parish Centre Sunday **May 4th**, after the 10:00am Mass.



### BAPTISMS

Saturday, 3rd May 11:00am

ALEXANDER SAMUEL CHILOV  
LEOPOLDO DANIEL HOCHULI  
NICOLAE ALEXANDER IONITA  
NATHANIEL PHILIP SALCEDO

**Mass on Thursday 1st May** will take place at **10:00am** instead of the usual time of 9:00am and will include the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by morning tea in the parish meeting rooms.

*From the  
Pastor*

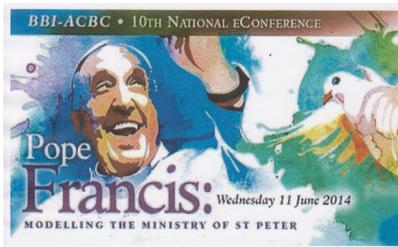
### EASTER CEREMONIES...THANK YOU!!!!

A very big thank you to everyone who participated in the Easter Ceremonies; RCIA team, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Music Ministry, to those who took up collections and to our counting team who gave their time counting the collection last Tuesday morning and to all those who spent time doing up the rosters, arranging flowers and the environment in the Church. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

**St. Vincent's School—Installation of extra gate** As mentioned in previous bulletins the extra gate at St. Vincent's Primary School has now been installed. I understand this now restricts access through the school grounds during weekdays and I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. The reason for this work taking place is because all schools are required to be enclosed in order to meet compliance regulations. The instalment of this gate allows both the school to meet these regulations and the parish community to continue to have access to the parish hall. The gates will also be opened on Sundays for all masses. *Fr. Alan*

Mark your diaries! Well worth participating  
St Vincents Parish will host the e conference from  
the Broken Bay Institute entitled

**Pope Francis:  
Modelling the  
Ministry of St Peter  
on Wednesday 11  
June from 10am - 3pm**  
Speakers include  
Sr Monica Cavanagh



**Catholic Weekly** Your copies of The Catholic Weekly for the issue of this Sunday 27th April, will include a special full-colour 84 page souvenir supplement to mark the canonisation of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. The supplement, which is available free with each copy of the Catholic Weekly that is purchased.

**Healing Mass** Friday 2nd May 2014 St. Therese Church, 15 Garrong Road, Lakemba. Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7—8 pm, Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass: 8:00pm.

Celebrant will be Fr. John Iacono.

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#### Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon  
Tuesday 7:00am  
Wednesday 12 noon  
Thursday 10:00am



**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

#### Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 9:00am

**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. Hopefully all parishioners currently on our parish census have received a letter from me by now explaining the reasons why. I will speak at all masses on Sunday **27th April** outlining a shared vision for the parish and highlight what I think we need to do look after ourselves effectively over the next 10 years. Next 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. The 10 year Maintenance Plan can now be downloaded from our parish website.

Fr. Alan

All are invited to a public seminar on Pope Francis' first apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium—The Joy of the Gospel* presented by the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Speaker: David Schutz. The seminar will take place at The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St., Lidcombe on Wednesday, 30 April 2014 at 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Supper will follow. RSVP to Maree on 9646 9010.

Elderly North Indian lady seeks temporary shared accommodation later in the year.  
Close to church. Contact Joan 0404 243 198.

## Second Sunday of Easter

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** The faithful lived together and owned everything in common (Acts 2:42-47)

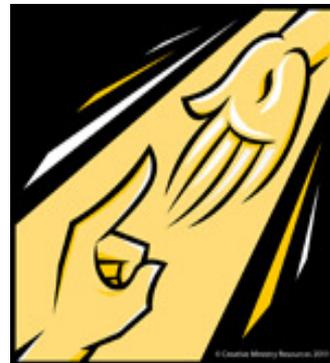
**PSALM:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24)

**SECOND READING:** He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3-9)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! (John 20:29)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia!



#### Next Sunday's Readings Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-23

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35