

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2014

Do you ever want to pick up and run away from a situation? Children who are behaving in an ugly fashion, demanding impossible parents, unemployment, mounting bills, interest rate rises, fear, can't cope, betrayal of hopes and dreams. All these situations and more could be gone if you left and started again.

Two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem. They had left and were walking away downcast. All through Luke's gospel, the journey of hope was leading to Jerusalem. In their conversation were they reassuring themselves about how lucky they were to have got out before the authorities caught them? Were they going over the 'if only' statements that we make after personal trauma? Were they trying to make sense of the chaos that must have lay in their hearts and heads? Jesus joined them and he asked what they had been talking about. They *stopped short*, they didn't recognise him? could they trust him? and why didn't he know?, *their faces downcast*.

They précised the story of their despair: that Jesus had proved that he was a great prophet; and then he had been taken and killed. *Our hope had been that he would be the one*. Then the women and their friends went to the tomb and *they saw nothing*.

They were walking away. Their faith had been dashed, their faith was based in the kingdom of Israel, not in the kingdom of God.

I wonder who they thought their learned companion was when he could run them through the whole of scriptures to give meaning to the events, maybe they should have tweaked a suspicion from their companion's knowledge, but it was only when they chose to extend their hospitality to a meal that they *recognised him at the breaking of bread*.

The truth lay not in the logic, not in the witness, it lay in letting Jesus in to share lives no matter how ugly and desperate they are. This is the Jesus who broke himself in an ugly and desperate manner so he could be there for our brokenness. Invite him in and share the meal.

Marguerite Martin

This Sunday at 10am and 6pm we have candidates for Confirmation on June 8th officially enrolling in the Confirmation program.

We welcome and congratulate them on this decision to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.

1st Charitable Work Fund Appeal will take place at all Masses this 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.

Parish Planned Giving Campaign Thanks to all parishioners who have either responded to my letter or to the talk I gave last Sunday. This Sunday 4th May parishioners will speak of their involvement in the parish and why they choose to give. Next Sunday 11th May will be Commitment Sunday where envelopes will be placed in the seats giving all parishioners the opportunity to give their pledge to the parish over the next 12 months. On Sunday 8th June when the new envelopes are ready for collection a thank you gathering in the form of a sausage sizzle will take place after all the masses. Just a reminder that the 10 year maintenance development plan is now available for viewing on the website. Fr. Alan

Mass on Monday May 5th As Fr. Alan has other commitments on this day, Mass on Monday May 5th will take place at **6pm** instead of the usual time of midday.

Mass for Mothers Day will take place this Thursday 8th May at 9:00am. Students from Bethlehem College will prepare the liturgy on this day.

Miraculous Medal Novena Mass Saturday May 10th 9:00am Mass Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass each second Saturday of the month.

Next Sunday is the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations on this annual worldwide event, the Church invites you to pray especially for those God is calling to the priesthood and religious life.

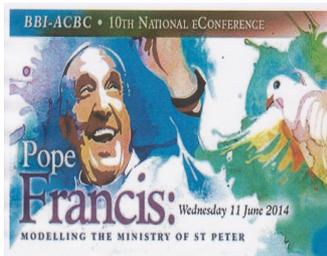
Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 12th May at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Fr. Alan absent Fr. Alan will be away from 15 - 26 May, giving a retreat to the Vincentian students in Fiji. Fr. Jim Maloney will look after the weekday Masses and Masses on Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am. Fr. Phil Robson CM will celebrate Mass at 6:00pm on Sunday May 18. One of the Columban Fathers will celebrate the 6:00pm Mass on Sunday May 25th.

Free Information Morning on the Vocation of the Permanent Deacon Saturday 10th May, 10:00am — 12:30pm at Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd., Homebush. Registration is essential. To enquire or register, contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate on 9390 5941 or diaconate @sydneycatholic.org.

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 RSJ



Parish Masses this week:

Monday 6:00pm
 Tuesday 7:00am
 Wednesday 12 noon
 Thursday 9:00am

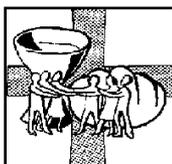
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

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



Grace & Silence Retreat Days. We would like to invite young women aged 17-30 yrs who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa on Saturday 24 May; 28 June. 9:30am to 4:30pm at 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa. Cost \$20 which includes lunch. For more information & registration contact Sr. M Julie 0408 738 334 or juliecar@gmail.com.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vonnie Unwin
 Josephine Compton
 Kepu Talanoa

DATES FOR DIARY

8th June Sunday	Confirmation at 2:30pm
19th — 21st August	First Reconciliation
16th — 23rd November	First Communion at all Masses

An Invitation to a Eucharistic Celebration to mark 2014 Africa Day

To mark the 2014 AFRICA DAY, the African Catholic Community in the Diocese of Parramatta would like to invite you to the celebration of the Eucharist with **Bishop Anthony Fisher OP** as the Principal Celebrant. The Mass is a unifying and spiritual means for us to celebrate our African Unity and Culture.

Date: Sunday 25th May, 2014

Venue: St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown (51-59 Allawah Street, NSW 2148)

Time: 2:00pm

The Zimbabwean Community from this parish will be attending so therefore will be unable to here to lead our music ministry on that Sunday.

Third Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the Glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: It was possible for him to be held by the power of Hades (Acts 2:14, 22-23)

PSALM: Lord, you will show us the path of life (Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11)

SECOND READING: The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:17-21)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: They recognized him at the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13-35)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognised him at the breaking of the bread, alleluia!



Next Sunday's Readings
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41
 Ps 22:1-6
 1 Peter 2:20-25
 John 10:1-10