

# 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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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 2014**

**My Fathers house** has a comfortable ring to it.....to come home after all this time! It is the place that we want to return to. Home is a great word. It describes the warmth and intimacy of the family and the core relationships that underpin all others. It is the place where we were nurtured, where we grew, and where we were loved and supported. Some evenings, when I was visiting my mum in the Nursing home, there was a lady who suffered from a form of dementia who would become quite anxious. Her parents were expecting her home she would confide in me, "they don't know where I am and Mum will have dinner ready." She would settle after she would describe her home, the love and attention of her parents, what an excellent housekeeper her mother was. The memory of home brought comfort.

Jesus wants us to hunger too for his *fathers house*. He wants us to share in the intimate relationship of home, his home. Jesus captures that longing for those first relationships that are etched in our heart. It brings to light the ease and comfort Jesus has in talking about the relationship of his Father. His Father is also Our Father through our intimate relationship with Jesus. Jesus asks us to believe in the relationship..I am in the Father and the Father is in me. They are that connected, he can speak for the Father. ...and about his Fathers house he has rooms prepared for you. There is that expectation that you will one day be there sharing in the intimate relationship of being one with them.

*Marguerite Martin*

## DATES FOR DIARY

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

## **De La Salle College Ashfield**

For those planning to enrol their son at De La Salle College for 2015, please submit an enrolment application form as soon as possible or contact De La Salle office at 9797 3200.

## Parish Planned Giving Campaign

Thank you to everyone who responded to Commitment Sunday by completing a Commitment Card. 30 new parishioners have joined the Planned Giving Program. A wonderful response, **I just have one request. I ask if all those who indicated they would like to pay by credit card, to please contact Carmen** at the Parish Office on 9798 2501 (Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm) to give their credit card details. Again, thank you very much.

Fr. Alan



## **St Vincent's Catholic Primary School**

is currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. We also have available spaces for Years 1-6.

## **CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL**

We have reached our quota!

*Thank you to all those who have generously supported this appeal.*

**Fr. Alan absent** Fr. Alan is 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.

**Welcome Fr. Jim Maloney cm and Fr. Phil Robson cm!!!**

## National Coordinator of the Rural Missionaries of the Philippines visits Ashfield.

Sr Mary Francis Anover will be speaking at an afternoon tea in the Parish House on Sunday 1 June at 4pm. Her focus will be Peace-building in the Philippines.  
All are welcome. For more information call Jenny on 0408 482 270.

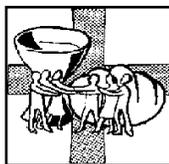
Mark your diaries! Well worth participating  
St Vincents Parish will host the e conference from the Broken Bay Institute entitled

**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 12 noon  
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



Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass:  
Monday to Saturday 8:00am

Summer Hill Parish Mass: Monday: No Mass  
Tuesday 8:30am. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00am

## Christian Meditation

On Thursday mornings at 8:40am, before Mass, you are invited to come to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Christian Meditation. Our school parents and children have been taking part in this wonderful prayer experience and we would now like to extend the invitation to our Parish community to come and pray together. I hope you can join us.  
*Sinead*

## St. Vincent de Paul Ashfield Conference

The Ashfield Conference of St. Vincent de Paul continues to help those less fortunate in our community.

During the first four months of this year, the conference has visited 39 individuals and families. We have been able to provide assistance through helping pay gas and electricity bills, putting food on tables, and providing furniture, white goods and clothing to those in need.

St. Vincent De Paul Ashfield Conference would like to thank those who continue to support its work through donations and contributions to the Poor box.

The Ashfield Conference meets at the Parish office on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you would like to join and put your faith into action, please call Stephen Fenn on 0423 027 657.

**The Joy of the Spirit** Pentecost Retreat  
Saturday, June 7, 2014 9:30am—6:00pm Vigil  
Mass. Cost \$40. For inquiries Verbum Dei  
Catholic Missionaries phone no 9313 7099,  
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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:1-7)

**PSALM:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19)

**SECOND READING:** You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:4-9)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:1-2)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:23