

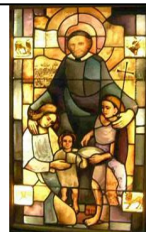
St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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

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Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2014

We have two accounts of Jesus' Ascension into heaven. If the followers of Jesus wanted a phenomenon that related to super powers here it was! Jesus not just disappearing, but rising into the heavens in way that has captured religious art for all time. The apostles knew Jesus, they had eaten, slept and walked with him. They had shared conversations that were never written down. They had the complete Jesus experience that was going to make them demonstratively different for all time...but the separation from Jesus was to bring anxiety. In both accounts that we hear today the apostles show that. In the Acts of the Apostles account, the apostles are like children asking 'Are we there yet?' as they wait for the fine details of when and how the kingdom is to arrive. In the gospel of Matthew they fall on their feet before him. But both accounts end with messages of the hope of the continuation of Jesus mission that is so reassuring and hopeful for us today. "I am with you always, yes even to the end of time" St Augustine famously said that God is closer to us than we are to ourselves.

"Late have I loved, O beauty so ancient and so new. For behold you were within me and I was outside: I sought you outside...You were with me and I was not with you." *Marguerite Martin*

Sydney Alliance Table Talks As a follow up to the Sydney Alliance Gathering that took place at the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday 26th March. Fr. Alan is hosting a table talk in the Parish Meeting Rooms this Wednesday 4th June from 7pm to 8:15pm. Dinner will be provided. This is an opportunity to continue the conversation on housing, transport and employment opportunities for both young and indigenous people as a lead up to the State Elections next year. Please contact Fr. Alan should you wish to attend.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated next Sunday 8th June 2014, at 2:30pm with Bishop Terry Brady. Please pray for our 26 candidates, who this week will have a retreat day "A day in the Spirit" with Catholic Mission.

Parish Planned Giving Campaign

Next 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. This will conclude the Parish Planned Giving Campaign. Just a final reminder that the 10 year maintenance development plan is now available for viewing on the website. Thank you again for supporting St. Vincent's Parish, Ashfield.

Fr. Alan

BAPTISMS
Saturday, 7th June
11:00am

MICHAEL SERAPHIEL COLLIE
FRANCIS ISAAC GALANG
JEREMEY LACHLAN IMPORTANTE
ALESSANDRO ANTONY LAHOUD

Ashfield St. Vincent De Paul Conference Winter Appeal 2014



St. Vincent de Paul Ashfield will be holding their Winter Appeal at all the masses today. Envelopes will be on the seats for parishioners to contribute to this appeal.

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. Sr. Mary will also speak at the homily time at the 6pm mass this Sunday.

Altar Servers Roster New Rosters for the next four months (June—September) particularly for those not on email are now ready for collection in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

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



Walk with Christ Sunday 22nd June Feast of

Corpus Christi Starting from St. Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard at 2:30pm, and accompanied by shared prayers and hymns, the colourful procession culminates with Benediction at St. Mary's cathedral at 4:30pm. The Book of Life Prayer Book is now in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where parishioners are invited to write their prayer petitions.

A parishioner is needed to present this book on behalf of the parish on the day of the procession itself. Please see Fr. Alan if you are able to help.

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 Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm 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

DATES FOR DIARY

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

LITURGY OFFICE

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

FORMATION & TRAINING WORKSHOP

For

Extraordinary Minister of

Holy Communion

This program is for those who, with the support of their Parish Priest, are or will soon be assisting as EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

It is also the pre-requisite course for those men who wish to attend the Acolytes training course.

WHEN: Tuesday 10th, 17th & 24th June 2014
Time: 7:00pm—9:00pm

WHERE: St. Michael's, 29 Banks Avenue
Daceyville NSW 2032

Required documentation for registration:

1. Endorsement by the Parish Priest
2. Baptism Certificate

Registration: Please send the complete Registration Form, Parish Priest's Endorsement, and a copy of your Baptism Certificate to:

Liturgy Office
Level 12, Polding Centre
133 Liverpool Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Phone: 9390 5801 Fax 9390 5825

Email: liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org

HEALING MASS, Friday 6th June 2014. St. Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Road, Lakemba. Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7-8pm, Prayer & Praise 7:30pm Mass 8pm. Celebrant will be Fr. John Ssemaganda.

The Ascension of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your kingdoms of the earth, sing to God: praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven (Acts 1:1-11)

PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Ps 46:2-3, 6-9)

SECOND READING: He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven (Ephesians 1:17-23)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: All authority in heaven and on earth has given to me (Matthew 28:19, 20)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103.1, 24, 29-31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23