

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## Most Holy Trinity

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Would it be easier if our God was a wooden figure with an awesome reputation? If God could only be seen in the one pose, we could examine the figure thoroughly be able to walk around him and know all. Truly, the fewer dimensions, the easier it is to label and once something is labelled, it can be put in the box and taken out when needed. 'Do you believe in God?' "Sure, I'll go and get God out for you."

Would it be easier if our God never revealed who he was to us? Stories of creation and arks, stories of people's beliefs and testimonies are one thing, but the reality of blood and flesh, death and life. What for? To convince and save us!

**Yes God loved the world so much he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life. John 3: 16** Jesus let God out of the box. Through Jesus, God is unmasked as the total gift of selfless love for us.

This is God who stretches his arms out, in desperate abandonment on a cross, for love. What does this God want from me that he would give so completely? This is a God that so wants relationship....ongoing relationship, so ongoing he stays, pervades and persuades with his Spirit of love and mystery. This is God, this is love. ...and our part in the deal is choice. To choose to respond to so great a love is overwhelming and humbling. The mystery of the Trinity is the mystery of God. Marvellous isn't it.

*Marguerite Martin*

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will take place on Monday 16th June at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

**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.



Welcome to Bethlehem College Ex-students at the 10:00am Mass today

## **Parish Planned Giving Campaign**

The new envelopes are now ready for collection in the Church foyer. Many thanks to the generosity of the Men's Group for providing the bbq, drinks, tea and coffee after each mass last Sunday, including going the "extra mile" of being present after the Confirmation Mass last Sunday afternoon.

I am sure that I speak on behalf of many parishioners in saying that your efforts were deeply appreciated.

*Fr. Alan*

**Parish Planned Giving Campaign—End of Financial Year** The computer system for the planned giving campaign cuts off before Sunday 29th June. Parishioners in the Planned Giving Program are therefore asked to place all contributions that they wish to have considered for this year's end of financial year in the second collection by **Sunday 22nd June**.

## **Thankyou to the Newly Confirmed of St Vincents.**

Last weekend we even defied the gloomy weather forecast of rain to celebrate our gift of Confirmation with Bishop Terry Brady. The joy of the Spirit was evidenced on the faces of the 26 newly confirmed as they were greeted as fully initiated Catholics by their sponsors on our behalf. The music was glorious, may we never be complacent about the generosity and giftedness of our choirs that enhance all we do. (I'm still humming the beautiful litany!) We thank Mrs Sinead Kent and Mrs Sarah Bluestone for their assistance in the program and in the celebration... and thankyou to the Mens group who couldn't see the newly confirmed go away without one of their delicious barbequed sausage rolls. Now it is up to us to take that Spirit out into our world, our homes, our families, our schools and our workplaces. We have that edge, the Holy Spirit, to bring transformation to our world.

## Kepu Talanoa

At 6pm mass this weekend we welcome many of the Kepu Talanoa's family and friends. We were all so deeply shocked when Kepu died suddenly early ANZAC morning in Christchurch. Katrina and Kepu were central to St Vincent's school P and F and took St Vincent's words of the "Let us love God, but let it be at the expense of our arms and in the sweat of our brows" very much to heart. Their beautiful girls crowned the statue of St Vincent for us last year on St Vincent's Day, and their sons enhanced our nativity tableaux. We pray together for Kepu, his family in their grief and ourselves who knew him and his generous heart.

## First Reconciliation

**If your child is 7years or older and baptised Catholic and you wish them to celebrate the Sacrament of God's love and mercy please take a form from the racks at the back of the church.**

**First Reconciliation must be celebrated before First Communion.**

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### 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

**Sydney Alliance Table Talks** The next table talk to be held in the Parish Meeting Rooms will take place on Wednesday 25th June from 7pm -8:15pm. Please contact Fr. Alan on 9798 2501 or alan@vinash.org.au if you would like to attend.

St Bakhita Centre, 2 Hornsey Rd, Flemington (Homebush West). Do you have time to help a Sudanese Refugee on a one-on-one basis with English on Friday morning from 10-12.30? Please contact Denise Shakeshaft on 0404 231 971 or on dshake@ozemail.com.au Or to assist a Sudanese man on Saturday morning with English? Or to take an English class on Wed morning (10-12.30) from July 16 - August 26 as a relief teacher? Or to assist on Thursday evenings (6-8) with English, Driving Theory or Tafe? Or to assist with child minding Wed or Friday mornings? Please contact Sr Maria on 0408 615 671 or at mariasull@bigpond.com Your help can make so much difference. Many, many thanks

**ALTAR SERVERS CAMP** The Sydney Guild of St. Stephen will be holding their Guild Regional Conference at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale NSW from Sunday 6th July to Wednesday 9th July 2014. The Guild of St. Stephen is a form of club those who serve at the altar. Among its activities, the Guild organises an event held over the winter holidays for boys in Years 5 to 12, which is called the *Regional Guild Conference*. All conference activities include altar server training and games. Places are limited, if you live in NSW or Queensland book a place now by ringing 0433 765 400 or 0417 259 617. The full cost is \$250.00 with a \$50.00 discount for Early Bird bookings by Sunday, 15 June 2014. Applications close on Monday, 1 July 2014. Those not yet serving (willing to serve) in the Parish or School may attend. Please refer to the attached for further information and application form.

## Most Holy Trinity

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**FIRST READING:** The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving (Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9)

**PSALM: Glory and praise for ever!** (Daniel 3:52-56)

**SECOND READING:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** God sent his Son to save the world through him (John 3:16-18)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



### Next Sunday's Readings

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16**

**Ps 147:12-15, 19-20**

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**John 6:51-58**