

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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## **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

**June 22, 2014**

This week we pray particularly for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. The theme for this year's **Refugee Week** is **Restoring Hope**.

The theme of hope is intended to draw our attention to three aspects of hope:

- that the journey of a refugee, although initiated in suffering, also begins in **hope**,
- the responsibility of destination countries to restore **hope** to refugees; and
- acknowledging that many refugees have still not had their **hopes** fulfilled.

There are a great number of refugees for whom hope has not been fulfilled. 61% of refugees live in a *protracted* situation (that is, one with no durable solution for five or more years?, and the average length of this protraction is 20 years. They are the modern-day exiles.

*"fleeing from situation of extreme poverty or persecution in the hope of a better future, or simply to save their own lives, millions of persons choose to migrate. Despite their hopes and expectations, they often encounter mistrust, rejection and exclusion, to say nothing of tragedies and disasters which offend their human dignity."* **Pope Francis**

There are so many other ways, small or large, symbolic or more tangible, that we can restore hope—not only to refugees, but to ourselves, that we can be a people living with compassion for and in solidarity with, our brothers and sisters seeking refuge in this blessed land.

### **St. Vincent's School** **Installation of extra gate**

In response to concerns by parishioners about the recent installation of the new gates and fences in the parish grounds the parish has been in negotiation with the Catholic Education Office. This week the side fence covering the Church door was removed. Conversation will continue over the next couple of weeks regarding widening the entrance of the middle gate and fence.

### **Parish Planned Giving Campaign**

The new envelopes are now ready for collection in the Church foyer.

### **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 today (**Sunday 22nd June**).

### **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 by the end of 10am Mass today. This book will be presented on behalf of the parish at the procession this afternoon.

**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](mailto:alan@vinash.org.au) if you would like to attend.

### **Annual Holy Father's Appeal** **(Peter's Pence)**

The Holy Father's Appeal will be held next Sunday 29th June at all Masses. This appeal supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, addressing the needs of our disadvantaged brothers and sisters by providing them with the assistance they require through his network of charitable and humanitarian projects. You are encouraged to open your hearts and give generously.

**Kepu Talanoa** At 6pm mass last weekend we welcomed so many to pray with the Talanoa family over the sudden death of Kepu last April. Thanks goes to St. Vincent's Primary School Parents and Friends for preparing the BBQ. A particular vote of thanks goes to our 6pm Youth Choir for all their work in preparing and leading our music as well as they did during last Sunday night's liturgy.

*Fr. Alan*

## First Reconciliation

**If your child is 7 years 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.**

### DATES FOR DIARY

19th — 20th August First Reconciliation  
16th — 23rd November First Communion at all

#### **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

On this feast, the Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, we celebrate the gift given so freely to us, to support and nourish us, and to connect us so completely with each other and with our God. The beauty of God's gift became so much more to me one day when I was a Minister of the Eucharist. You see it was the hands that came forward to receive communion that I was drawn to. The old and gnarled, the young and podgy, the smooth and elegant, with the variants of the colours of the skin; all reaching out in a commonness of purpose to receive Jesus. This is the communion with each other. To the arthritic hands, I am, in my communion, with you and share your pain. To the young hand, I, in my communion, share in the responsibility of your faith foundations. To the worn out, calloused hand, I am, in communion with you as you work for your families. And so on! As we reach to receive Jesus into us we become more like him and we are given the building block to build the kingdom of God. Our greatest challenge!

The beauty of the hands embodies that aspect of the *action* of Eucharist. This is the meal that was given to nourish and support *action* and no other part of our body can do what hands do, they can break and make, caress and care, they can reach and give, they can share and serve. By our communion with each other we leave our Eucharist reflecting not our individuality... but Jesus in action. *Marguerite Martin*

### A New Beginning

**Beginning Experience:** renewing the light of hope peer support for those who have suffered a loss through death, divorce or separation.

Are you grieving the loss of a spouse through separation, divorce or death? Are you having trouble accepting that you no longer have a partner? Do you experience hurt, guilt, loneliness and despair over broken dreams? Is there some unresolved anger you need to deal with?

For more information about our weekends phone Lee 9499 5317 or Kevin 4981 0626.

## **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**FIRST READING:** He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16)

**PSALM: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem** (Ps 147:12-15, 19-20)

**SECOND READING:** Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink (John 6:51-52)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



### Next Sunday's Readings

**Saints Peter and Paul**  
**Acts of Apostles 3:1-10**  
**Ps 18:2-5**  
**Galatians 1:11-20**  
**John 21:17**