

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Saints Peter & Paul

June 29, 2014

Who do you say I am? This is the loaded question that Jesus put to his Apostles. Jesus knew what others thought but what did his most intimate friends think....did they truly understand his nature and his mission. However Peter's answer is inspired. **'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'** This was his theological acknowledgement of the Second person of the Trinity. Where did that come from? In Matthew's gospel, Jesus recognises the voice of God, his Father in that inspirational answer. Peter has been given the Gift of unshakeable Faith. This God given Faith will give him clarity to Jesus' divine mission on earth, and vision in establishing God's kingdom. No wonder he was appointed 'the Rock'. It is the same Peter who later is imprisoned in Herod's jail. He is viewed as such an important political prisoner he has many to guard him. **All the time the Peter was under guard, the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.** The prayers to God came before the angel and Peter's miraculous escape. For Peter's Faith community living under persecution there would have been the blessed assurance of the Living God with them. Equally as dramatic is St Paul's famous conversion on the road to Damascus. Paul is given Faith and a blindness that can only be restored within a Faith community with prayer and shared vision. It would seem the power of the Faith community for these two famous leaders would indicate the living God active in the collective Body of Christ.

Today we celebrate St Peter and Paul. They symbolise the aspects of any organisation, maintenance and mission. Peter was establishing the ground rules and Paul was breaking them...tensions not much different from the present time. It is from these tensions that our Church has grown. It is for us the Body of Christ to always pray that our leaders will not be bound and that the Vision of the Christ will always be before their eyes. *Marguerite Martin*

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

The Holy Father's Appeal will be held this 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. Thank you.

Parish Planned Giving Campaign

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

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.

Mass Intention Just a gentle reminder that should you wish to book a mass intention to please do so through the parish office. Also, because of the volume of requests for mass intentions we may not always be able to offer the mass in the parish on the day and time requested. In these cases arrangements can be made for the intention to be offered up in a mass elsewhere.

Baptism next Sunday 6th July at 10am Mass

The baptism celebrating the entrance of Samuel Jonah Udit into our parish family will take place next Sunday 6th July at 10am mass.

DATES FOR DIARY

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

The **Zimbabwe Catholic Community** is hosting A Zimbabwe Interstate Congress on 25-28 September 2014. Venue: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre , Grose Vale Sydney (North Richmond). Fr. Alan will be celebrating the opening Mass. To register or for more information contact Margaret Deshe at 0409 797 768 or Oscar at 0413 758 185.

'Come Holy Spirit'



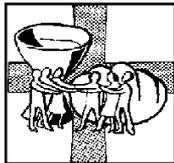
"Healing Mass", Friday 4th July 2014. St. Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Road, Lakemba. Rosary: 7pm, Reconciliation: 7-8pm, Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass:

8pm. Exposition (after Mass) The celebrant will be Fr. Terence Millard.

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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

Walking the Camino An audio-visual presentation by Peter Kearney. **Auburn, Sunday July 13th.** Two sessions—**11:15am and 2:00pm.** St. John of God Parish Centre, 2 Alice Street, Auburn. **Seats limited to 30 per session. Registration essential.**

To register: email Peter Kearney at caminopresentation@gmail.com with your name and the number of seat(s) required. Registration will be acknowledged by reply email from Peter. **\$10/\$8 concession** at the door.

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

St. Bakhita Centre, 2 Hornsey Rd, Flemington (Homebush West). Needs volunteers to teach English on different days or a relief teacher or child minding. Please contact Sr Maria on 0408 615 671 or at mariasull@bigpond.com. Your help can make so much difference. Many, many thanks.

Saints Peter and Paul

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

FIRST READING: Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod (Acts 12:1-11)

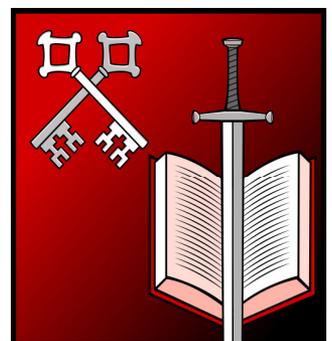
PSALM: The Lord set me free from all my fears (Ps 33:2-9)

SECOND READING: All that remains now is the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:13-19)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living of God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.



Next Sunday's Readings

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30