

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 22, 2015**

In the reading that we use today from Year A we have that wonderful reading from Ezekiel that evokes the song Dry Bones. I'll get you humming it, "Those Bones, those bones, those dry bones. ♪ The Bones in Ezekiel's vision are the bones of those slain in battle, silent witnesses to the futility of war. Imagine the scene where a dull rattle is heard: bones coming together, sinews connecting, muscle and tendon adding form, and skin rebuilding identity. A silent army stands on the plain, silent because there is no spirit, no breathe to animate it. "Come from the four winds, O mighty Spirit, breathe into these people my spirit so they may resettle the land."

This wonderful vision story is placed with the story of the raising of Lazarus. The sisters send word to Jesus, "The beloved is dead." Jesus hears the message and comes to comfort his friends. Martha, impatient to see him, leaves her friends and relations who are taking part in the mourning rites, and runs to meet Jesus. As she has run out to meet him so he invites her to go further on her spiritual journey. The new vision. "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even though they should die will come to life, and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die."

The life that Jesus brings is the enhanced version of the Ezekiel animation of the Dry Bones brought to the fullness of life by the Spirit. The life described as resurrection is not human life but divine life - life from above, this gift transcends everything even death itself. Jesus himself will end his life in death. There is no exception. All that is human will die. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus is in you, you have Life and this Life will continue forever.

Patricia Stevenson rsj

**You are invited** to share in the Joy of Easter New Life with our newest members Lonell and Carol after the Easter Vigil Mass in the hall.

- ✦ Come and congratulate them, get to know them and share their story.
- ✦ Bring a plate of food that you can share, that can be left in the hall prior to the Vigil Mass.

Are you available to assist the hospitality group in setting up or serving, please give Joan O'Connell a call on 97995138

## **Reconciliation Service**

A Reconciliation Service in preparation for Easter will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation itself will be made available in this time.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing Mass at Cardinal Freeman Village**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation at Cardinal Freeman Village will take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9am**. This will be followed by mass at 10:30am which will include the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

## **Message from Fr. Alan**

I wish to thank the Parish and Schools for their prayers at this time. I am getting better but recovery is going to take longer than anticipated or originally hoped for. At this stage it is my hope to return soon after Easter.

*Fr. Alan*



Easter Family Mass on April 5  
@10am

EVERYBODY is WELCOME to be part of our CELEBRATION especially if your family is

involved with Reconciliations,

1st Holy Communion or Confirmation this year.

If you would like more

details contact **Marguerite Martin at the Parish Office 9798 2503 or Sinead Kent on 0420 653 637.**



**You are chosen to be PEACE**

## **EASTER LITURGIES**

The times of the Easter liturgies are as follows:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Holy Thursday) at 7pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday) at 10am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday) at 3pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April (Holy Saturday) at 7pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday) 8am, 10am, 6pm

Communal Rite of Reconciliation

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Stations of the Cross (Church and Park)

The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

### **Project Compassion**

Living in a remote Andean village in Peru isn't easy.

Until recently, Cristian (a 33 year old farmer) had to travel one kilometre to access running water.

Cristian's community in rural Peru has always lived a traditional life, with simple diets and crops dependent on rainfall.

With the help of Caritas, Huacho, 33 year old Cristian and 14 other young farmers have introduced running water and irrigation to the village. They now grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable crops, which provide them all with a secure income and a wide variety of food for life.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in Peru grow and harvest sustainable crops, providing their families with food for life.**



### **Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7:00 am

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

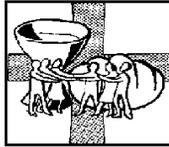
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



### **Vincentian Student House in the Solomon Islands**

Parishioners may remember that in March last year that there was an appeal to provide adequate accommodation and drinking water at our student house in the Solomon Islands. A report and photos showing how this money has been used is now on our notice board in the foyer. A further \$AUD4200.00 is required to complete the project. For those wishing to donate to this project a **leaving collection will be taken up on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Alternatively other ways of making a donation can be done at any time by making out a cheque payable to the Vincentian Fathers and giving it into the parish office or can be made by going to the Vincentian website [www.vincentians.org.au](http://www.vincentians.org.au)

**A note for your diary... Parish Dinner will be held on Saturday night May 2nd in the De La Salle & Bethlehem College Hall. More details to come.**

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### **Fifth Sunday of Lent (readings from Year A)**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The waves of death rose about me; the pains of the nether world surrounded me. In my anguish I called to the Lord; and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

**FIRST READING:** I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live (Ezekiel 37: 12-14)

**PSALM: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption** (Ps 129)

**SECOND READING:** In the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies (Romans 8:8-11)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL:** I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:1-45)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 15:1-39