

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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Parish Office Hours: 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday

Palm Sunday

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Today's gospel is a constant reminder of who God chose to be identified with...and it wasn't with the Palm Sunday crowd

Christianity is the only religion which worships the scapegoat, the one who is hated, excluded, spat upon, blamed for everything, ridiculed, shamed, and made expendable.

God is not to be confusedly identified with the myths of success, power, glamour, and popularity. Never confuse God and what is holy with current cultural religion which, antithetical to Christ, worships the included, the glamorous, the ones who aren't shamed and ridiculed, and the ones who seem important and indispensable. The God of our culture and the God that is preached in so many of our churches is not the God who dies on a cross, is hated, spat upon, and is excluded and scapegoated in ignorance. No, our culture does not worship a crucified God. The God Jesus revealed, is still, in our very own culture, excluded, mocked, scapegoated, made expendable, and often killed, mostly in the name of God and truth. Where do we see this?

Our own culture, like every other culture past and present, creates a category of persons that it deems expendable and then subsequently victimizes through exclusion, ridicule, scapegoating, and often through actual death. Who constitutes that category shifts slightly from time to time, but there is always a common denominator, it includes always those who are the weakest. Thus for instance, our culture, marginalizes and scapegoats the sick, the poor, the handicapped, the unborn, the unattractive, the non-productive, and the aged. These we deem expendable and subsequently decertify in terms of full status within the human race. Worse still we identify God and holiness with those who are doing the excluding. But that is antithetical to true religion – and true wisdom. Where is God? God is on the side of the victim, standing with the one who is excluded, specially present in the one being ridiculed, and dying in the one who is being put to death. True Christianity know this: it worships the scapegoat.

Extract from Ron Rolheiser

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 97995158

This week we WELCOME Fr Brian O'Sullivan cm to the 8am and 10 am Masses and Fr Tim Williams cm to the 6pm Mass. Thank you Fathers for making yourselves available for us when Father Alan is recuperating.

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

HOLY WEEK Please note there is **NO** 9am Mass on **Holy Thursday** morning **2nd April**. Parishioners who are able to go are encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on that day. Mass **will not** take place on **Holy Saturday 4th April**.



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.**



Holy Thursday (after Mass in the Hall approx 8.30pm) Join us in celebrating another cultural tradition of Prayer, Song and Food lending from one of the many Holy Week traditions from the Philippines. If you would like to assist call Rosanna Riccio 0413 113 188.



EASTER LITURGIES

The times of the Easter liturgies are as follows:

Thursday 2nd April (Holy Thursday) at 7pm
Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at 10am
Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at 3pm
Saturday 4th April (Holy Saturday) at 7pm
Sunday 5th April (Sunday) 8am, 10am, 6pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Stations of the Cross (Church and Park)
The Passion of the Lord
Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday

To combat the variable weather patterns affecting farmers in Vinsen's village in Indonesia, a local community program supported by Caritas Australia, is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life—regardless of the changing weather.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in remote West Timor grow sustainable crops for life, regardless of changing weather patterns.



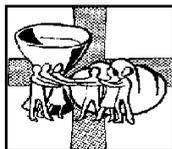
Daylight Saving

A reminder that daylight saving time ends at 2am next Sunday (Easter) morning...so remember to put your clocks BACK!!!



Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00 am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday NO MASS
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:00am to 9:30am
Saturday NO MASS
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm
Polish Mass 12 noon
Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel
Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 9:00am



Palm Sunday

ANTIPHON: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL: Blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord (Mark 11:1-10)

FIRST READING: I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed
(Isaiah 50:4-7)

PSALM: **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?** (Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2)

SECOND READING: He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high
(Philippians 2:6-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mark 14:1-15:47)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.



Next Sunday's Readings

Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34, 37-43
Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Planned Giving Envelopes

Donors are asked, please, to seal their envelopes and write the amount in the space provided on the front. Thank you in advance.

Annual Parish Dinner Saturday May 2nd

Invitations will be mailed out early next week, giving details of this year's event. If any parishioner may have changed address over the last 3 years or more recently, or you are new parishioner, there is a form at the back of the church which can be filled in, so as the address list can be updated. A representative of the organising committee will be there for any further questions you may have.

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 12th 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