

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Third Sunday of Easter B

April 19, 2015

Keeping it Real!

Our media age has taken the edge off reality. We have what is known called 'reality TV' where people are placed in structured and designed abnormal situations and we, the viewers are placed like flies on the wall to watch just how they will react. Is that reality?

There is that beautiful book by Margery Williams called the Velveteen Rabbit, where the rabbit asks "What is Real?"

It is another character, the Skin Horse who responds to this question.

"Real isn't how you are made, it's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but really loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

The gospel today is challenging the apostles to take on the reality of Jesus. His wholeness and reality is forged in Divine love. The apostles fear is our fear and it is grounded in so much of our humanity.... the painful events of Calvary, and the understanding of the resurrection. Could this also be their lot? Did they dare themselves to pick up the cross?

To these fears Jesus says "Peace be with you!"

Jesus reality was physically present to the apostles but the challenge Jesus extended was to take this selfless reality to all people in His name, bringing his forgiveness so that the channel of God's love would flow for all people and for all nations.

The fear of becoming fully Real in Christ may hurt, but as the Skin Horse said, "Once you become Real, you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always."

Marguerite Martin

CONFIRMATION

Next Friday evening, 24 April we will be having a Spirited Evening with our Confirmation candidate for 2015. It is a night of exuberance and fun!

Next Sunday 26 April our candidates for Confirmation will formally present themselves to the community in preparation for Confirmation at the 10am and 6pm Masses. They have been asked to consider what confirmation into the St Vincent's Community means...on our behalf we will warmly welcome them!



Vincentian Student House in the Solomon Islands

Thanks for your generosity in regards to the above appeal. \$1,149.10 has been raised to date.

Fr. Alan's Absence

Thank you for all the cards, messages and prayers for me during my recent absence. I will be away again this time for holidays from 16-24 April. We welcome back Fr. Jim Maloney CM who will celebrate the weekday masses and the 8am and 6pm masses on Sunday 19th April during that time.

Reception of Communion

Communion may be received either on the tongue or in the hand. Both Eucharistic Ministers and those receiving communion are asked to act in accordance with the Church's teaching on this. Please see me if there are any concerns or any need of clarification in regards to this.

Fr. Alan

1st Charitable Works Funds Appeal

will take place at all Masses on Sunday 3rd May. Envelopes will be placed in the seats for anyone wishing to donate and these can be placed on either the first or the second collection. Thank you for your continue support of this important work.

Workshop for Lectors (Readers) A training session will be held in the Church on Thursday 14th May from 7pm-8:30pm. Both current and those wishing to become lectors (readers) at either the weekday or Sunday masses are invited to attend.

Workshop for Ministers of the Eucharist A training session will be held in the Church on Thursday 21st May from 7pm to 8:30pm. Both current and those wishing to become Ministers of the Eucharist (giving out communion) at either the weekday or Sunday masses are invited to attend.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



Annual Parish Dinner Saturday May 2, 7pm.

If any parishioner has not yet returned their acceptance form, could it be done by this Tuesday, please.

A representative from the Dinner Committee will be at the back of the church after all masses to answer any questions people may have.

To all -: Come along and have an enjoyable night with fellow parishioners.

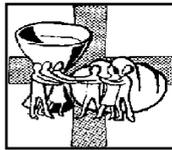
Cana Communities are having a gathering on Sunday 3rd May from 11am—3pm at Redfern Park, Redfern to celebrated their 40th anniversary. All Parishioners are invited to attend and enjoy the celebration with those who have been touched by Cana Communities over the last 40 years. RSVP to can40th@gmail.com or enquiries to 0476 010 718.

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



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Centenary of ANZAC Vigil Mass of Remembrance

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Friday, 24 April at 5:30pm**. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in the military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday, **26 April** is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. **In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as World Day of Prayer for Vocations also known as Good Shepherd Sunday.** On this annual worldwide event, the Church invites you to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation and to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Liturgy Did you know that 'liturgy' has only become a familiar term for Catholics since the Second Vatican Council? Liturgy is a Greek word that means 'work of the people'. For many centuries liturgy had become almost solely the action of the clergy only. But ancient Christians understood that liturgy encompassed everything they did officially as church—their daily worship; proclamation of the gospel through the daily example of their lives; and charity: their sharing of their material possessions with the poor and needy.

Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ

Third Sunday of Easter B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19)

PSALM: Lord, let your face shine on us (Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9)

SECOND READING: Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world (1 John 2:1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead (Luke 24:35-48)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Christ had to suffer and to third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings Fourth Sunday of Easter B

Acts 4:8-12
Ps 117:1-8, 21-23, 28-29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18