

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter B

May 3, 2015

Last week Shepherds and sheep and this week vines, branches and fruit. Another very agricultural image provided by Jesus in the Gospel to illustrate his relationship with us. Around here we don't have too many vineyards to use as examples although I have seen a few vines growing, with great tenderness in the next suburb of Haberfield. So to what purpose are the vines grown? To produce the fruit that produces the wine....the better the fruit, the better the wine! Jesus declares "I am the true vine..." He is not saying, I am like a vine, but that He is the vine. Like the vine, Jesus was firmly planted in the earth and longed for a full productive life that brought much fruit. To produce luscious fruit he needed others who shared in his life to be the branches. With the confirmation candidates we speak of the fruits of the Spirit and our dream for the better world. Peace, Love, Joy, Goodness, Patience, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. Jesus demonstrated these fruits in his personality that drew people to him to become part of the vine, the branches that would reach out. But there is a warning, as branches you are part of the vine. The vine will provide. Trust in the vine. Trust that the vinedresser will continue to gently prune those errant little wild tendrils that want to lead else where so that the life of the vine will continue to flourish and produce the excellent fruit for the world.

Marguerite Martin

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BAPTISMS

Saturday, 9th May 2015

GIANLUCA FAZIO

EVELYN KATALIN GYETVAN

JOAQUIN ANDREW RECABE

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Parish Website The Parish website is continually being updated with the work of the various groups. The latest addition is the Sunday 6pm Choir under Ministries and Groups.

1st Charitable Works Funds Appeal will take place at all Masses this 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.

Mother's Day School Mass Mass for Mothers Day will take place this Thursday 8th May at 9:00am. Students from Bethlehem College will prepare the liturgy for the day.



Miraculous Medal Novena Mass Saturday May 9th 9:00am Mass Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass each second Saturday of the month.

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.

St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School Parents, if you have a child that will be starting Kindergarten in 2016, please come to the school office and pick up an Enrolment form as soon as possible.

Transportation to Mass A parishioner is asking if anyone in the parish is available to drive them to and from mass. Please see Fr. Alan if you feel you are able to help.

Accommodation Required A parishioner is in urgent need of accommodation and wishes to stay in the Ashfield area. Please either see Fr. Alan or contact him at the Parish Office on 9798 2501 if you are able to help.

Children's Liturgy Appeal

If you are interested in being part of the Children's Liturgy Ministry which takes place during 10am Sunday Mass, please contact Sinead Kent 0420 643 637 or the Parish Office with your details and I will contact you. A few weeks ago I took details from some new volunteers, I mislaid my note and I know I missed one person from that list! If you said you want to be involved and have not had any communication from me. Please give me a ring or leave your details to the Parish.

Many thanks, Sinead.

Rome Pilgrimage Tour — 3 June 2015

Departure There are some vacancies still available on the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's Rome Pilgrimage Tour which **departs on 3 June 2015**. The 7-night tour package includes return economy airfares, accommodation at Domus Australia, all breakfasts and dinners, and all tours including admission. For full details go to www.romepilgrimages.com or call 1800 819 156.

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.

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

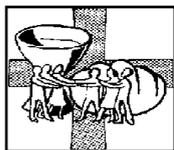
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



Ashfield Vinnies Conference Quarterly Report

Over the first quarter of 2015, the Ashfield Conference would again like to thank the ongoing support and generosity of the parish. Your donations continue to help put food on the tables of the people in need, keep people off the streets, and help them meet other essential costs of living expenses.

The Ashfield conference is one of the oldest in the State, having been established in 1894. Members meet at the Parish office on the first Tuesday of each month. If you are looking for a great way of putting your faith into action, please contact Stephen Fenn on 0423 027 657.

Downpour—Pentecost Youth Rally **Saturday 23 May 2015**

Join with hundreds as we celebrate Pentecost 2015 and pray for Sydney! This awesome night will feature worship by Steve Angrisano (USA), Gary and Natasha Pinto (Melbourne), and Stephen Kirk (Canberra) with a dynamic preaching by Fr. Chris Ryan MGL. A night not to be missed! Tickets and information available online at downpoursydney.com.

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Brochures are in the church or see www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Trinitarian prayer

Did you know that the liturgical prayers follow a distinct pattern? Notice as we pray the Mass today. We always address our prayers to God, Our Father in heaven. We make our prayers in the name of God's Son, often with the familiar ending, 'through Christ our Lord'. We dare to pray in Christ's name because it is God's Spirit who urges us to pray. The Trinitarian nature of our prayer reminds us as that we are one holy people caught up into the mystery of one loving God. Sr. Carmel Pilcher R SJ

Fifth Sunday of Easter B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey (Acts 9:26-31)

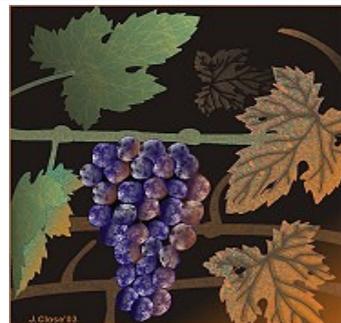
PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Ps 21:26-28, 30-32)

SECOND READING: His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another (1 John 3:18-24)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit Alleluia!

GOSPEL: All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit (John 15:1-8)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter B
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Ps 97:1-4
John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17