

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Pentecost Sunday B

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'It's a bit like painting the Harbour Bridge' a colleague of mine once said about the cyclic nature of the liturgical year and sacramental preparation sessions. It could be like that but every year as I become immersed in families, personalities, and the subject matter, I discover something new. This year, through the confirmation program, I have entered into the humanity of the apostles. Peter's frailties are well documented in the gospels but the other apostles are shadowy figures but at the same time full of the same stuff, like Peter and like me.

In a time when the term of 'radicalisation' is used in a particularly frightening way, we can have some insight into how Jesus and his followers were seen some 2000 years ago. They were scarily different, they interpreted God differently, almost sacrilegiously, and liberated lives and inspired daring. Considering our faith is apostolic, built on the daring travels and recounts of those 'radicalised' twelve, what was it that caused them to extend themselves rather than to just go home, 'I mean it's too hard for me' after the Ascension?

Just think of the two disciples walking away from Jerusalem, on the way to Emmaus, still talking about 'it' but 'it' had all become too hard....in so many cases that is me. Then 'their hearts burnt' when the Risen Jesus again explained the scriptures. Every year we get to revisit the gospels of the liturgical seasons and feasts, and we get that chance to become 'radicalised' by Jesus, and today, Pentecost Sunday, open to the Spirit of Truth who will open us to be the radical witnesses of Christ.

Today we will hear that dramatic story of Pentecost, that recounts the arrival of the Holy Spirit with all the special effects of a good Stephen King movie. The Spirit blew in and really became the wind turbine force to generate and energise, and then like all good spirits, to flame and light them up with a fire that burns today in the hearts of all who hear the good news.

We are the descendants of that event.

Marguerite Martin

For Your Diary: Tuesday 23 June
10am to 2:30pm

An E-Conference from Broken Bay Institute
Religion-Catalyst for Violence or Peace?

Probing the Abrahamic Traditions for Answers.

This promises to be a challenging discussion.

PARISH FINANCES Members of the Parish Finance Committee will speak at all masses on Sunday 31st May.

CONFIRMATION will take place in the Parish on Sunday 31st May at 2:30pm. The mass will be celebrated by the Very Reverend Dr. Gerry Gleeson, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Sydney. All parishioners are most welcome to attend this mass. Please pray for all of our candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mass of the Angels 3 June @6pm

Through this Easter to Pentecost season the Church celebrates the gift of New Life.

New Life is the most precious gift bringing with it new hope, new wonder and a deepened spirituality that connects with our God of Wonder and Awe.

Following Mothers Day we want to recognise and remember with the families who have experienced New Life but only for a shortened time and have lost their babies and children in miscarriage, still birth, infancy and SIDS.

It may have been recently or it may have been 40 years ago, but this 'New Life' lives on in memory.

To especially remember these children we are celebrating their precious short lives with a Mass of the Angels on Wednesday 3 June in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6pm. Please come and invite others who also have experienced this sadness. Some have kept mementoes of this life and you are asked to bring them with you.

Reconciliation Registration Forms

Available in the Foyer Racks. If your child is 7 years or older and baptised Catholic, they are eligible to register to celebrate The Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Although not a Sacrament of Initiation, it initiates your child into the community that rejoices in God's loving forgiveness.

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.

Mustard Seed Advanced Movie Screening!

'The Good Lie' starring Reese Witherspoon. An inspirational film about a group of Sudanese refugees given the chance to resettle in America, where their encounter with an employment agency counsellor forever changes all of their lives. At the Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe—on Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm. **Book your tickets** (\$5 each) by phone on **9646 9000. Tickets are strictly limited!**

The Word made flesh

The Council documents declare that 'it is Christ who speaks' when the Scriptures are proclaimed in Church. This has incredible implications, not just for the readers who enable Christ to become present amongst us through their word and the example of their lives, but also for us the assembly. How do we ensure that our hearts are fully open to receive God's Word? This requires prior preparation. It also requires our physical attentiveness to engage with the proclaimers and preacher during the Liturgy of the Word.

Sr. Carmel Picher RSJ

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00 am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 9:00 am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

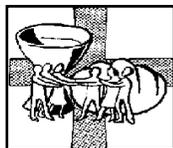
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



Walking the Camino An 80 minute audiovisual presentation by Peter Kearney about a 700km pilgrimage walk in Spain. Q&A session at conclusion. Three locations: **North Sydney**, Saturday, 30 May 11.00am (nearly full) and 2.00pm, Tenison Room, Mary MacKillop Place, 80 Williams Street; **Winston Hills**, Sunday, 31 May 11.00am, Fr. David Scott Parish Centre, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 40 Buckleys Road; **Strathfield**, Saturday, 27 June 12.30pm. St. Martha's Hall, Churchill Avenue. Suggested donation \$10/\$8 concession. **Limited seating.**

Registration essential:

camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au *Please specify event location, session time and number of seats needed.*

Ignite Conference 2015 an annual national catholic youth conference held from **24-27 September 2015 at the Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Redcliffe.**

The Ignite Central stream, for adults, offers excellent formation through keynotes and workshops from leading Australian and international catholic presenters covering areas such as leadership, worship, culture, mission and discipleship. **Ignite High** will cater to high school students through relevant formation and faith experiences, while **Ignite Kids** will provide faith and fun for primary aged children.

Sample newsletter notices and the video are available from www.igniteconference.com.au/downloads.

If you would like any further information please contact our team on (07) 3217 5199 or at info@igniteconference.com.au

Jesus came for two reasons: he came to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

Dorothy Day

Pentecost Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understand what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages (Acts 2:1-11)

PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth (Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34)

SECOND READING: The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-25)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings

The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20