

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 27, 2016

I heard a young Belgian, who after the bombings this week, had the need to gather with his countrymen in the street and celebrate Peace. He spoke of the remoteness of his day to day life and made him question why did it take an atrocity for him to go out to seek solidarity and peace? Isn't it true that celebration of the best and most important things comes after an absence...the love of a spouse after time apart. Life and Love must be celebrated within a certain fast-feast rhythm. Even God rested after working 6 days! So how has our Lent been and can we joyfully celebrate Easter?

Each year I enter into Lent full of good intentions, I'm not going to raise my voice, or I'm going to try to be on time, or not eat chocolate, drink wine, etc. Some how these efforts are going to bring around a reform in me that will make me more in tune with God's plan for me. Yet God does not work because of what I do or don't do! It is not like selecting the God channel on Foxtel...and we have arrived at journeys end because I have chosen. Jesus' resurrection means we have a living God that walks with us and in us daily. We are called to be God like! Wow! So what does that mean? Daniel Berrigan is quoted as saying, "Before you get serious about Jesus, first consider how good you are going to look on wood!" Our God is a God who enters into our disgraceful bits, our broken bits, our angers, our sufferings and our imperfections with an overwhelming love. Our call to be Godlike is to enter into relationship with the next person in their suffering with love, and let them possibly encounter God's Mercy through us. *Marguerite Martin*

On behalf of Marguerite, Carmen and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. May the joy of the risen Christ shine in your hearts throughout this Easter Season. Fr. Alan

Congratulations to our newest members!!!

Lawrence and Jessica Luo and their son Eric. Della and her sons Leon and Vincent Hooker and their cousin Kirra, Grace Tetzlaff and her son David. We also welcome Valerie Bugarin who has completed her initiation with confirmation. We are delighted to welcome you! Sunday morning, we welcome Hyeon Lee, Aaron Nguyen, Wendy-Margaret Sheehan-Hazell and Maxamillian Pearce who have prepared to be initiated through De La Salle, Ashfield. Congratulations to all!

Easter Monday

As it is a Public Holiday, Mass on Easter Monday 28th March 2016 will be at 9am.



BAPTISMS

Saturday, 2nd April 2016

ISABELLE ROSE BUCKLAND
TÉA PATRICE ELLIS
THOMAS PETER FOKKES
LAUREN HARPER SALCEDO
EVANA BEATRICE VALDEZ

ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

The playground of St Vincent's Primary School is going to be resurfaced during the next school holidays. This area extends from the Charlotte Street side of the school up to the middle gate in the parish/school grounds. Unfortunately it will not be available for parish parking or for pedestrian access between the dates of **11th April and the 26th April or until further notice**. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Parking will still be available in the parish/school grounds from the Bland Street entrance up to the middle fence. **Fr. Alan**



The Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Through Lent our Liturgy group picked up on themes connected with Mercy and could think of no better symbol than the one Pope Francis chose when he went to say Mass on Lampadusa, one of his 'first outside Rome' visitations as Pontiff. The Pope said Mass on the timbers of a wrecked boat. Lampadusa, an island in

dangerous waters, is the first safe place for many asylum seekers fleeing from unimaginable horror. It was the simple action of solidarity and encountering God's Mercy.

Our "Mercy" boat was not meant to be a political statement. It was planned to challenge but also be interpreted individually. It was meant to encase the faith, love, tenderness, forgiveness and compassion that our God reveals in his Mercy. We are all in the 'same boat.' None of us really reach the expectations of the God, we struggle to realise the kingdom of God in our world, yet we are all beneficiaries of God's boundless Mercy.

On a light note, the week of the gospel about 'the tender gardener', a wilted plant was put in the boat along side a watering can and trowel. Through the week, the plant had encountered God's Mercy as it had been watered and weeded and is now bearing fruit!

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 9:00am

Tuesday 7:00am

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



2016 Annual Parish Dinner will be held on Saturday Night April 30th in the De La Salle/ Bethlehem Hall. All Parishioners will be invited to attend. Start looking for something pink, gray or white to wear!!!

Personal invitations are now available for collection at the foyer of the church. If your name or address are wrong on the envelope, please correct it and put the envelope in with your booking form. If you are new to the Parish please write your details on the form in the foyer of the church. Even if you are not going to the dinner please take your invitation. Thank you!

DATES FOR DIARY

29th or 30th March 6:30pm Initial Confirmation meeting

30th April Parish Dinner

15th May Confirmation

22nd May Parish Council to speak at all Masses

19th June 10am Mass — Ashfield Council & Bethlehem Ex Students

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2016 Lenten appeal.

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Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday morning 3rd April at 2:00am. Please don't forget to adjust your clocks one hour backward. If not you will be early for Mass.



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.

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Mass during the day)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead (Acts 10:34, 37-43)

PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Ps 117:1+-2, 16-17, 22-23)

SECOND READING: Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is (Colossians 3:1-4)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead (John 20:1-9)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrifice, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday
Of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20: 19-31