

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Fifth Sunday of Easter C

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Glory, glorious, sparkling, superlative, amazing. It is surprising with the superlative words that have come into vogue, glory hasn't become an 'in' word. We talk of things being 'awesome' and 'brilliant'. Maybe we can lead the craze. John's gospel that we have shared today, is about Jesus sharing the glorious knowledge. Judas has started the ball rolling, he has left the last supper, with his feet cleaned and has headed off to betray Jesus. Then for us it all becomes a little confusing. Jesus talks of his ultimate sacrifice in terms that are not familiar with our human condition. It is for God's glorification through this ultimate gift, of the ultimate man. And God, in turn, will glorify the Son of Man.

Through this sacrifice we share in the new glorious life that is revealed in the reading of the Apocalypse, where there is 'a new heaven and a new earth,' where the kingdom of God reigns and God walks with us, and there is no more suffering, no more mourning, no more sadness. How glorious is that!!!!

How do we get there? Follow the glorious path of loving one another, not just in a half hearted manner, but in the sacrificial manner of Jesus, gloriously knowing that we are working in and for the kingdom.

Then all will know we are His disciples.

Marguerite Martin

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on May 15 at 2pm in this Parish by the Very Rev Gerry Gleeson VG. We have met with a small but delightful group of enquiring minds over the last two weeks and will resume our meetings after the holidays on 27 April.

Monday 25 April ANZAC Day
Mass will take place at **9:00am**
instead of the usual time of midday

Baptisms It is with great joy that I wish to advise that Jared Masakadza and Damian Mudiwa Masakadza from the Zimbabwean Catholic Community will be baptised at the 6pm mass today.

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

Parish Dinner Saturday April 30th
7pm
Bethlehem/De La Salle Hall

LAST CHANCE—If you haven't filled in a Pink Booking Form and you wish to attend the parish dinner, please see a committee member at one of the church exits after mass TODAY.

Don't be shy otherwise you will miss out on an entertaining evening.

Thank you Fr. Kevin Canty for saying all the Masses in St. Vincent's over the last 10 days whilst Fr. Alan had a short break. Welcome back Fr. Alan. We have been well looked after.

Head Count I have been asked by the Sydney Archdiocese to conduct a head count of people attending all masses for 4 weeks from Sunday 1st May. I am currently looking for volunteers who may be willing to assist at the 10am mass during this time. Please contact the Parish or email me at alan@vinash.org.au if you are able to help.

Fr. Alan

Before and After School Care

Please see or contact Fr. Alan Gibson cm, if you have any concerns/questions regarding this proposal. Please refer to previous week's bulletin for more information.

DATES FOR DIARY

- 30th April Parish Dinner
- 15th May Confirmation
- 22nd May Parish Finance Committee to speak at all Masses
- 19th June 10am Mass — Ashfield Council & Bethlehem Ex Students
- 21st August 10am Mass Club Ashfield Annual Mass

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



Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday 26th April at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

ANZAC Day

The First World War, I have heard described as the Uncles war, because these young men who died where the brothers of those who remained to bear the next generation.

The horror of this war that we celebrate/commemorate within our secular society as 'the sacrament of Australia' is the memorial day for so many who went to war and were killed or returned damaged. It is important that we do not forget them and the character that they presented to the world of the Australian, that was so different from the other Allied soldiers. It is this image of the "Good bloke" that we like to celebrate on this day, with the likes of Simpson and his donkey, who heroically rescued many on Gallipoli, ironically without violence. That these wars are remembered is important especially for those who went, fought and came home, but not remembered for the glory but for the horror that war is.

The famous poet Wilfred Owen's poems written in the fields of France speak of the *Futility*

Move him into the sun--
Gently its touch awoke him once,
At home, whispering of fields unsown.
Always it woke him, even in France,
Until this morning and this snow.
The kind old sun will know.

In a letter, May 1917, to his mother he wrote about his reflections on his experiences
I am more and more a Christian. . . Suffer dishonour and disgrace, but never resort to arms. Be bullied, be outraged, be killed: but do not kill."

For followers of Jesus, ANZAC Day should be a call for us to remember and invite us to do things differently – to work to build a culture of peace.



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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: They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them (Acts 14:21-27)

PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Ps 144:8-13)

SECOND READING: He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes (Revelation 21:1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: I give you a new commandment: love one another (John 13:34)

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 C
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29