

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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The Most Holy Trinity Year C

May 22, 2016

Following last Sunday's victorious feast of the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost, the church today celebrates Trinity Sunday. It is the feast that calls us to reflect on the nature of God. *Glory be to the Father, the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.* This is the prayer that I so often casually rattle off and yet it glorifies the God that always was, is now and always will be. The equality of the natures of the three persons of the one God, are bound inextricably in love and purpose. And the purpose of God is His relationship with me! Yet our belief is that the relationship of the Trinity is the essential core of God. Our God demonstrates that he is a God of relationship. We believe that the Father, Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch the divine.

Marguerite Martin

Parish Finance Committee

We welcome the Parish Finance committee who will be speaking at all masses today. Anyone wishing to join the Parish Planned Giving Program are invited to fill out a commitment card which are situated at either the side door or in the foyer of the church.

Sydney Alliance Table Talks Will take place in the Parish Meeting Rooms on Wednesday 22nd June from 5pm -7pm and 23rd June from 7pm-9pm. A presentation and conversation will take place on the plight of Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,504** so if you still want to make a donation, please place your donation in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and place it either on the collection plate or drop it in the Parish office.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Emilia and Salvatore Finocchiaro are celebrating 50 years of marriage. They will exchange rings and have their marriage blessed today Sunday 22nd May at the 10am mass.

Parish Pastoral Plan 2016-2021

Thank you to all those who responded to the request to make comments on our priorities for the next 5 years. All suggestions are currently being examined.

DATES FOR DIARY

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| 22nd May | Parish Finance Committee to speak at all Masses. |
| 29th May | Reconciliation Sunday. |
| 19th June (10am) | Ashfield Council and Bethlehem Ex Students. |
| 21st August (10am) | Club Ashfield Annual Mass. |

Last week our 21 candidates were confirmed by Very Rev Dr Gerry Gleeson VG in a very moving Mass. The candidates shared what they truly believe.

What about this one? ***When I step out in faith, the Spirit steps in...with Power***. *Sophia Albao* Terrific belief!

Reconciliation Sunday

Next Sunday 29 May, we will be installing the Aboriginal Cross, that has been gifted to us by the 6pm Choir.

Healing Mass And Retreat

to be conducted on **Sat, 28** 9.00am – 5.00pm and **Sun, 29 May** 2.00 – 5.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz Street, Rockdale. Organised by Jesus Light of the World. Contact for more information: 02 8964 7034 / 0433 455 114 or Email: jlowpcom@gmail.com.

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.

POSITION VACANT – Parish Secretary

Holy Cross Parish, Woollahra.

We invite applications from suitably qualified persons interested in taking on the role of Parish Secretary. This is a part time position working 10 hours per week over two (2) days. Hours of work negotiable. The position involves managing the parish office including correspondence, emails, telephone calls, maintaining records; production of the weekly bulletin, diary management, bookkeeping and payroll management (MYOB), liaising with parish groups and volunteers, and welcoming visitors and guests. For more information or to obtain a position description please contact the parish office on **93893156** or by email admin@hc.org.au. **Applications close Friday, 27 May 2016.**

Conference: "Violence in the Name of Religion...: Conference of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion". ACU is hosting an international conference in July on the topic of religious violence. **Wednesday, 13 July - Sunday, 17 July 2016.** St Patrick's Campus (Melbourne), Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. The conference is open to academics, professionals, religious practitioners, military, police, and anyone interested in engaging this topic in respectful dialogue. For more information or to register, please visit the conference website:

<http://www.acu.edu.au/covr2016>.

Inquiries: +61 3 9953 3169 or covr2016.FTP@acu.edu.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

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



FR RONALD ROLHEISER OMI IN SYDNEY.

Catalyst for Renewal warmly invites you to join Fr Ronald Rolheiser in Sydney as he presents two topics: "*Seeking Mature Discipleship and Beyond*" and "*Carrying Ecclesial Tensions Today.*" Fr Ron, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, is a popular speaker with an international reputation. **Saturday, 2 July 2016.** Doors open 9:00 am, First Session 10:10 am, Concludes at 2:00 pm. The Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney (alongside St Mary's Church). BYO Lunch. Morning/Afternoon Tea Provided. Tea/Coffee Available. Entry: \$15 per head. Tickets available via www.trybooking.com/195424 or **02 9990 7003** or Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

THE ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

GATHERING is on again, with expert speakers and practitioner-lead workshops, this enjoyable day will be on caring for creation and caring for our common home. Come along and learn how you could be living Laudato Si'. Renew old acquaintances, meet new friends and enjoy the great tucker! Registration essential.

When: Saturday, 4 June, 2016

Time: 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

Where: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick Street, Leichardt North

Cost: FREE, including the lunch and refreshments provided. **For more information and to register** go to www.justiceandpeace.org.au or call **9307 8465**.

Walk With Christ Postponed.

Due to complications associated with the Light Rail works in the CBD, the decision has been taken to postpone the annual Eucharistic Procession, Walk With Christ, to a time close to the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 20 November 2016). This will allow us to close the Year of Mercy with the Eucharistic Procession. His Grace also hopes that he might be able to accompany the procession in November. We are extremely grateful for the efforts of the personnel at Sydney's Transport Management Centre for the collaborative way in which they have engaged with us and we are hopeful of resolving a suitable route for November.

The Most Holy Trinity

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING: Wisdom was born before the earth was made. (Proverbs 8: 22-31)

PSALM: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Ps 8: 4-9)

SECOND READING: To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit (Romans 5: 1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! **Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it. (John 16: 12-15)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



Next Sunday's Readings

The Body and Blood of Christ

Genesis 14: 18-20

Psalm 109: 1-4

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Luke 9:11-17