

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

When we travel or go somewhere new there is a level of trust that we place in the directions. I know I have trusted in GPS applications that have taken me all around the world to get to places quite close and then wondered why I trusted! More so when we place ourselves and our lives in the hands of doctors, we have to trust in their ability, their experience and their reputation. Jesus asks us to trust completely in him. Thomas and Phillip ask the questions that I would always ask if I was hesitant about a destination. We are not sure where you are going so how can we follow? You talk about your Father but I have never met him? Jesus asks us to trust in him!

It is the talk about *my fathers* house and the familiarity and comfort of that human experience of home; with the hospitality that is promised, that makes this gospel so comforting at funerals. We will have our own room prepared and a guide to bring us there, we will not be alone on this journey. Jesus wants us to hunger too for this home, for his *fathers house*. He wants us to share in the intimate relationship of home, his home. Jesus captures that longing for those first relationships that are etched in our heart. It brings to light the ease and comfort Jesus has in talking about the relationship of his Father. His Father is also Our Father through our intimate relationship with Jesus. Jesus asks us to believe in the relationship..I am in the Father and the Father is in me. They are that connected, he can speak for the Father. ...and about his Fathers house where he has rooms prepared for you. There is that expectation that you will one day be there sharing in the intimate relationship of being one with them.

Marguerite Martin

Parish Dinner

"O what a night! It was early May back in 2017...." so the old song should go! We would like to thank the Parish Dinner committee for such thorough preparation for a wonderful evening of good food and drink, marvellous unique entertainment and dance. It was seamless preparation that appeared effortless but we are aware of how much effort you put in. Thankyou.

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Mothering God, we pray for the women who spread your mothering across the world: for young mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for others who are tired, stressed and depressed; for mothers who struggle to balance work and family; for mothers whose children have physical, mental and emotional disabilities; for mothers who raise children on their own; for mothers who mourn the loss of children no longer part of their lives; for women whose desire to be a mother has nor been fulfilled. We pray this prayer through Jesus, who understands the demands and the love that accompanies everyday mothering. Amen

Fr. Alan Absence Fr. Alan will be absent this week from Monday 15th may until Wednesday 17th May. He will be attending a Conference entitled "One Heart, Many Voices" which is being organised by Catholic Mission. Fr. Kevin Canty cm will celebrate the masses on those days in Fr. Alan's absence and will be available for any sick calls and funeral requests.

RCIC Candidates Next Sunday at the 10am mass Tatiana Terencio, Cyrelle Aclan and Sarah Gabriel (Bethlehem College) and Katie Szwecow, Sagar Pradhan, Rodrigo Terencio, and Alec Patmore (De La Salle College) will be received in to the Church at the 10am through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We congratulate these candidates on taking this momentous step in their faith journey.

Parish Telephone System At present we are having difficulties with the telephone system in the Parish Office. We are able to take calls if we are in the office at the time the call is made but not able to receive messages if we are absent. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please send us an email if you have attempted to ring the parish office and we have not responded. My emergency number 0410 894 651 is listed on the parish newsletter.

Thank You to the very kind people who have fixed our Parish office gate. It now opens with the greatest of ease!

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

*Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)*

Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee will give a report at all of our masses on Sunday 28th May.

CWF PASTORAL APPEAL: From everyone in our parish, we wish to thank you for supporting last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal for the benefit of our agencies such as CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Seminaries and Catholic Chaplaincies. Through you, they can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people's lives. We have reached our target. Thank you very much.

Abortion Bill Debate

The Abortion bill was defeated, 14 for, 26 against! Thank you to all parishioners who signed the Petition last weekend.

Catalyst for Renewal Inc invites you to a Forum with Fr. Timothy Radcliffe op on Saturday 27th May 2017. Doors open 9:00am. 1st Session 10:00am Lunch 12 noon. 2nd Session 1:15pm. Q & A after each session Concludes at 3:30pm. At Santa Sabina College, 90 The Boulevard, Strathfield. Entry is \$15 per head, contact 9990 7003., catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.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

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday 9.00 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:00pm

First Friday of the month 9:00am Communion Service.



2017 PARISH DINNER ROUND-UP

After the Parish Dinner, the Committee would like to thank all the people who helped to make it such an enjoyable evening: the people who helped set up the venue; Joy and Charles Lukasik who do the floral arrangements; Sheila Gooding who made the place cards; Jessica and Juliet who sold raffle tickets; the Parish Pastoral Council wine stewards; Irene Sykes from CFV; Mercedes Benz who loaned the bus; the special people who provided transport (& those who offered); the unflappable Carmen Yap, who helped in so many ways; Lynne Field who took the bookings; the musicians from De La Salle, Bethlehem and St Vincent's; Joan Carmody and her dancers, Christian and Anna, who got us up to dance the night away; Rita, the belly dancer and her belly dancing acolytes, Liz and Rosanna; the 6 pm Mass choir and friends who sang; Family Catering who are so obliging; Marc Tapson who looked after the less mobile; everyone, who helped with the clean-up; those who donated raffle prizes and all the people who came and supported us.

We are very grateful to our major sponsors - De La Salle & Bethlehem, Club Ashfield (Catholic Club); Raine & Horne, Ashfield and Nudie Juices. A special thank you to the many, many parishioners who personally donated money to the evening, especially those who were unable to join us on the night. We hope you had an enjoyable evening. Joe, David, Dominic, Keith, Mary, Michael & Paul and Fr Alan (ex-officio) (Parish Dinner Committee)

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:1-7)

PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19)

SECOND READING: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:4-9)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:1-12)

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**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21