

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

There is nothing so "putting off" than a sheet of rules. School seemed to be full of them. I came from an era where school hats and gloves were vitally important to the well being of the school, well the rules told me they were. In fact being caught without them in public was a near hanging offence...well a lot of detentions any way. The people of Jesus time surrounded themselves with heaps of rules too. The rules surrounding the Sabbath day were exhausting, although mainly for women who had to get everything done ahead of time. There were only so many steps that you were permitted to walk. It wasn't just to keep the Sabbath holy but fear of the authorities and the penalties that caused the rule to enslave. Jesus rule is different. It is based not on fear but on love. *If you love me you will keep my commandments.* Jesus commandments were not a book of law and exact rules but two rules to be interpreted at any given time and place. **Love God and Love each other.** Many in our community love God in different ways. We benefit from the love and dedication of our ministers of the music, the word and the altar who share talents and time with us each week and we admire the love and work of parishioners who choose jobs that benefit the disadvantaged. This is the faithful love of God that takes many forms according to the varied talents. Then we look to loving each other, in that form of Christian kindness, which acknowledges the shared life within each of us with its many seasons of happiness and sadness.

Jesus has set the rules. The Spirit of Truth is the helper that helps us to adapt them to our world. The Spirit of Truth is also the Spirit of Love.

Marguerite Martin

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.

Fr. Alan

RCIC Candidates This Sunday at the 6pm mass Cyrelle Aclan (Bethlehem College) and Katie Szwecow, Sagar Pradhan, and Alec Patmore (De La Salle College) will be received in to the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We congratulate these candidates on taking this momentous step in their faith journey.

Coming from the Parish Dinner....

There is a first meeting of women and men of 'a certain age' to form a group/social group **next Friday 26 May in the Parish meeting rooms at 6.30pm**. For more information ring Ann Adams 0419427486 or Marguerite 0414566961

Social Justice Meeting The Parish Social Justice group will meet this Saturday 27th May from 10am-11.30am. New members are always welcome.

Parish Finance Committee

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

CONFIRMATION

We are meeting with our 21 candidates for Confirmation with Bishop Brady on Sunday June 11th. A quarter of these candidates have been baptised here! The theme this week has been the Spirit, and talking about something invisible yet powerful. It could be said that we give primacy to those things that are invisible such as love, loyalty, aspiration and spirit yet describing them is often hard unless we feel them. The apostles felt the Spirit with fire and wind and it was the Spirit that caused them to go out and start the sensation we call the Church. Please pray for these candidates in this period of preparation.

Social Justice Diary

- 22nd May International Day for Biological Diversity
24th May Mary Help of Christians, Patron of Australia
26th May National Sorry Day
27th May National Reconciliation Week begins

Christianity across the Ages

A Journey of Faith and a Journey through the Evolution of Western Music.

Powerpoint Presentation of slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj PhD, FASMC(Musicology)

Regional Centre. 5Alexandra Ave, Croydon June 2 9am-12pm

Entry by voluntary donation.

Bookings essential Email marie.levey@sosj.org.au

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.



Australian Catholic Youth Festival This three day festival will be held in Sydney **7-9 December 2017**. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for those aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, www.acyf.org.au.

CATHOLICCARE: Supporting Families Week 2017. CatholicCare services assist families to live and thrive. We provide disability services, counselling and support for children, young people and families. If you or your family are struggling, call us to find out how we help. To find out more call **13 18 19**, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

PALMS AUSTRALIA 2017 is proving to be another busy year for Palms. We are supporting [volunteers](#) on mission in Timor Leste, Samoa, South Africa, PNG, Kenya and Thailand and we have many requests for assistance from communities in all of those places and now Myanmar. So we still need to recruit and prepare volunteers. Parishioners looking for an stimulating volunteer opportunity locally can provide invaluable assistance in Palms Petersham office. For more information you can contact 9560 5333.

DATES FOR DIARY

- 4th June SVDP Winter Appeal
10am Mass Bethlehem Ex Students Mass
11th June Confirmation

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17)

PSALM: Let all the earth cry out to God with you (Ps 65:1-7, 16-20)

SECOND READING: In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life (1 Peter 3:15-18)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate (John 14:16-21)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with your for ever, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20