

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

The Holy Spirit, the giver of Life gave birth to the Church through a motley bunch of very ordinary apprentices of Jesus, in a most spectacular way. Harnessing the forces of wind to project and propel them, and with the warmth and light to illuminate them, they became like gold in the furnace, leading the way bringing the message and good news of Jesus to the world. It was a dramatic scene that demonstrated the Power that Jesus had predicted for his followers.

This First Pentecost wasn't to be the last. It's still happening in our world today, when we can recognise extraordinary acts of goodness from ordinary people not for personal promotion but because Everybody Matters, Absolutely. This is the key message of the Gospel and the key work of the Holy Spirit....to be the agent that swirls the Godly gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel(Right Judgement), Fortitude (Courage), Knowledge, Piety (Reverence), Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe) among the people of God so Jesus' personality can be revealed in that great Spirit of Love. 'Come Holy Spirit lead me where I should be, enlighten me with your power!'

*Marguerite Martin*

**PARISH PASTORAL PLAN** The Parish Pastoral Plan which was approved by the Parish Pastoral Council last year after consulting the Parish Community is now on our parish website. Thanks again for all your input regarding this. Comments on how you think the Parish is going with the Plan are most welcome. If you feel improvement is needed your constructive comments on how this might be achieved would be gratefully received. Please email me at [alan@vinash.org.au](mailto:alan@vinash.org.au). Fr. Alan

Keep the date for the next e-conference  
**Gospel Leadership in times of chaos.**  
**The Hope of Pope Francis.** Thursday  
10 August 10:30am—2:45pm.

## Vinnies Winter Appeal

As the nights gets cooler and the days shorter, it's time to think about those less fortunate facing another winter without adequate clothing or shelter. The Ashfield conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its annual Winter Appeal today Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Envelopes will be left on pews and all donations will be gratefully received. For further information or to donate on line, please go to <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au>.



## **Miraculous Medal Novena Mass** **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am Mass**

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

## **Confirmation on Sunday 11th June** **with Bishop Terry Brady at 2pm.**

**Mass on Monday 12th June 2017** Being a Public Holiday mass on Monday 12th June 2017 will take place at **9am** instead of the usual time of 12pm (midday).

**Parish Social Justice Group** The Parish Social Justice Group has now met three times since the beginning of the year. The group has decided that the first issue to focus on is the matter of Affordable Housing. Over the next month members will be doing research to ensure a clear understanding of this issue which will in turn inform us what effective actions we intend to take. Also at our last meeting Care of the Elderly was also discussed and it was thought that there could be some connection between that and the matter of Affordable Housing. Our next meeting is on Saturday 24th June from 10am-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Rooms. New members are most welcome.

## **Sydney Alliance Assembly with Minister for Housing on Affordable Housing**

Anthony Roberts, the Minister for Housing has agreed to meet again with the Sydney Alliance to further discuss the matter of Affordable Housing on Wednesday 12th July in the evening. Exact starting time and venue are yet to be confirmed.

## **Social Justice Diary**

**4th June** Pentecost Sunday - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression 1989:Tiananmen Square Massacre

**5th June** World Environment day

**8th June** World Oceans Day

**10th June** 1838: Myall Creek Massacre  
1935: Establishment of Alcoholics Anonymous in New York

## **East Africa Emergency Food Appeal**

**Please pray** for the 23 million people who are currently on the brink of famine in South Sudan and other areas of East Africa. Caritas Australia partner agencies are on the ground providing water and food items to people most in need in South Sudan, Kenya and Malawi. Envelopes will be provided at all the masses next weekend for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

### **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.



This Tuesday 6 June " **Lessons from the Long Paddock**" [www.wf.catholic.org.au](http://www.wf.catholic.org.au) from 9am from the diocese of Forbes/Wilcannia, a discussion about Catholic Spirituality in the bush. Key note speakers Fr Frank Brennan sj and Bishop Columba Macbeth Green.

Last Friday evening a few of us met to discuss activities for people of a "certain age", certainly not seniors! The purpose of this group was to establish a few ideas for meeting both socially and spiritually. Many current events were discussed from Vivid, Art Gallery, the Tuesday evening dance class, meals and theatre groups. To that effect Ann Adams invites you to join her from 11 am on Sunday June 18 to Stitch, Knit and have a chat . We have a collection of woollen squares to be made into blankets and Chris O' Brien Life House Beanies to start. There will be a pot of soup on the stove at 5/42-44 Albert Pde Ashfield . Ring Ann 0419 427 486.

Next ...a visit to Leichhardt Community Gardens and the Beekeeper!

### **FATHER FACTOR. DID YOU KNOW *that men who had a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life?***

This June Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of **The Father Factor**, will address the critical importance of fathering for success & happiness, provide practical info on intentional fathering & recovering from poor or absent fathering. **7.30pm Tues 13 June**, School/Parish Hall, 21 Twentieth Ave, **Hoxton Park. 7.30pm Wed 14 June**, Parish Hall, 3 Mary St, **Hunters Hill. 7.30pm Thus 15 June**, Parish Hall, Crn Belmont and Flora St, **Sutherland**. Free Entry, all are welcome!

## **Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages (Acts 2:1-11)

**PSALM:** **Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth**  
(Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31,34)

**SECOND READING:** In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body  
(1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, Alleluia.



### **Next Sunday's Readings** **The Most Holy Trinity**

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Daniel 3:52-56

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18