

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

The Shroud of Turin, although clouded with some controversy, has been an object of some devotion for centuries. Part of the allure has been seeing the face and wounds of Jesus. I heard recently about a film producer of no faith background who in making a documentary about the mystery of the Shroud and the carbon dating science that now surrounds it, came to a fervent faith in Jesus. Like Thomas it was in the wounds that he recognised him.

For the apostles entombed in fear, locked in the room, Jesus came to share his liberation. **"Peace be with you."** The disciples were filled with the joy of the resurrection, both Jesus' and theirs as they received his transforming peace, that brought them from cowering fear to spirit filled mission. They recognised him by his wounds.

For me I ponder how even in the resurrection that Jesus, who cured the disfigurement of leprosy still had the wounds of crucifixion as his identifying feature. Why weren't the wounds left behind in the tomb? Are the wounds to closely align the resurrection with humanity. God made human, really shares in the imperfection and suffering that is humanity. It is Thomas, in his crisis of faith, who is invited to first put his finger, then his hand into the wounds of Jesus.

**"My Lord and my God."**

Jesus wanted his wounds to be his identification..... exposed wounds, not hidden, inviting people to come to belief. The wounds say...this is who I am. And I am there!

What sort of wounds? We are talking of the wounds inflicted by life, by relationships, by abandonment, by cruelty, by illness or by death. Can we expose them and say this is who I am? Can we invite others in to our wounded self?

It is in the resurrection that new life is gained, not the old one restored or air brushed!

*Marguerite Martin*

This week we buried Lillie Furlong.... great lady who brought all of herself to St Vincent's. How will we remember her? It has been suggested that we have a memorial to this great lady and her family before her, who gave so much to this place. Any suggestions please ring Marguerite

We welcome today, at 10am and 6pm Masses, the candidates for Confirmation who will formally enrol in the Confirmation program.

### BAPTISMS

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Kaia-Rose Jackson

Mollie Grace Norton

Marcus Gabriel Parra

Sophia Princess Ricardo

Alessia Nora Toscano



**Parish Mens Group** will meet next Tuesday night 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Club Ashfield. Men of all ages most welcome. An informal night of conversation in relaxed atmosphere.

### Miraculous Medal Novena

**Mass Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**9:00am** Miraculous Medal Novena

Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



### **Catechist Needed!**

So...we are desperate. **Please can you help?** I appeal to all our Uni students, especially those education students, who now know their Uni schedule or those wonderful retired school teachers! It really isn't that hard speaking to kids about your faith, through an approved syllabus. What it entails is 40mins every second Thursday at midday. Please contact Marguerite.

### Readers for Weekday Masses

Readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist are desperately needed for the weekday Masses. Monday and Wednesday 12 noon; Tuesday 7 am; Thursday and Saturday 9 am. If you can help, please leave your details with Carmen in the parish office.

# Religious Goods Available for Sale

Items for sale include  
Prayer books, Rosaries ,  
Rosary bracelets, small crucifixes, medals,  
cards, baptismal candles  
and many more.

All from the Parish Office...Monday to  
Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

## Pacific Island Anti Slavery & Worker Exploitation

You are invited to [join us](#) in solidarity on April 14<sup>th</sup>  
for a Service of Lament followed by a short  
assembly **with** decision makers who can end these  
practices.

The Service of Lament & Assembly

**WHERE: Strathfield Uniting Church, 11 Carrington  
Avenue, Strathfield**

**WHEN: 3:30pm for 4pm– 6pm Saturday 14 April**  
(refreshments provided afterward)

**RSVP: [www.Sydneyalliance.org.au/April 14](http://www.Sydneyalliance.org.au/April 14)**

## ST CANICE' SOUP KITCHEN

We have been invited to form a Parish team to provide  
Sunday lunch for about 120, lunch and dessert, at St  
Canice's kitchen, Elizabeth Bay. Different parishes work on  
a roster, and each shift is from 9am to 1.30pm (Kitchen open  
between 11am and 1pm). If you can see this as something  
that you could participate in please express your interest to  
Marguerite at the Parish office.

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

Thank you to all those who assisted in making Easter so  
special for all of us. On Holy Wednesday, the feeling of  
peace that the penitential rite of reconciliation brought to  
us was beautiful. Thankyou Frs Joti and Kevin for  
administering the sacrament and for the gentleness of the  
music led by Jenny and a few from the 6pm choir. Holy  
Thursday, Father Joti arrived back from the cathedral  
with the new oils blessed by the Archbishop and they  
were ceremoniously carried into the church. These are the  
oils that father will use as he administers the sacraments to  
us this year. Then we celebrated the second most beautiful  
mass of the year....The mass of the Lords Supper. How  
splendid was this with the wonderful accompaniment of  
the 10am choir. The removal of the Eucharist to the Altar  
of repose and the stripping of the altar were symbols of  
the desolation of what was to happen the next day. Good  
Friday morning, the Stations of the Cross were well  
attended in both places, the Church and Ashfield Park.  
We particularly congratulate Reuben and Robbie, both  
received into the church on Saturday evening for taking  
the roles of Jesus and Mary in the Stations of the Cross. It  
is and was a hard task to literally carry the cross!!!! as  
well as the young people from the youth group who took  
the other roles. Good Friday afternoon we continued our  
remembrance with the Solemn Good Friday Ceremony,  
always highlighted by the excellent reading of the Passion  
and the reverencing of the cross. Holy Saturday morning,  
with the RCIA group who were to be initiated later that  
evening, we prepared the baptismal pool..(I thought we  
did a very good job this year!) All leading to the  
highlight of the our churches year. The Easter Vigil! and  
even better the full initiation of Reuben, Robbie, Fridah  
and Lestari with John and Stevent receiving Confirmation  
and First Communion. Congratulations to them and  
congratulations to us as we with them re commit our lives  
to what really matters. The Kingdom.

## Second Sunday of Easter

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
That in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** The whole group was united, heart and soul (Acts 4:32-35)

**PSALM:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting  
(Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24)

**SECOND READING:** Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world  
(1 John 5:1-6)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them (John 20:29)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be  
unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



## Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday  
Of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9

1 John 2;1-5

Luke 24:35-48