

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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Third Sunday of Easter

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Keeping it Real!

Our media age has taken the edge off reality. We have what is knowingly called "Reality TV" where people are placed in structured and designed abnormal situations and we, the viewers are placed like flies on a wall to watch just how they will react? Is that reality?

There is that beautiful book by Margery Williams called the **Velveteen Rabbit**, where the rabbit asks "What is Real?"

It is another character, the Skin Horse who responds to this question.

"Real isn't how you are made, it's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but really loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asks the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

The gospel today is challenging the apostles to take the reality of Jesus. His wholeness and reality is forged in Divine love. The Apostles fear is our fear and it is grounded in so much of our humanity....the painful events of Calvary, and the understanding of the Resurrection. Could this also be their lot? Did they dare to pick up the Cross? To these fears Jesus says "Peace be with You!"

Jesus reality was physically present to the apostles but the challenge Jesus extended was to take this selfless reality to all people in His name, bringing His forgiveness so that the channel of God's love would flow for all people and for all nations.

The fear of becoming fully Real in Christ may hurt, but as the Skin Horse said, "Once you become Real, you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always."

Marguerite Martin

ST. VINCENT'S ASHFIELD SOCIAL JUSTICE

GROUP. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday 21st April, in the Parish Meeting Room, at 12 Bland Street, ASHFIELD, from 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. PH: 9798-2501.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

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.

This Sunday we welcome Dina Franks, one of our parishioners who has taken up the responsibility to organise our Parish to be part of OxRosary#53. Dina will talk to this at each Mass this Sunday after Father's Homily. Thank you Dina.

Oz Rosary #53

On Sunday 13th May, Fatima day, Australia will hold their own big national rosary right around the country. A group of Sydney people under the patronage of Bishop David Cremin have been busy organising the event since November last year.

Last October on the Feast of Our lady of the Rosary over 1 million people gathered in Poland around their geographical borders to pray for the protection of their country and for their young people. This initiative was picked up and repeated in Ireland and soon in the UK and France.

The plan is that Ashfield will be one of the OzRosary centres (before 10am Mass) and that we will pray the Rosary from 9.15 am on Sunday 13 May.

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.

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.

*We, the Parish community of
St. Vincent's, with a genuine sense of
belonging, strive to follow the example of
Christ and spread the Vincentian spirit
throughout the Ashfield district.*

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.



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www.catholiccare.org

Please do not leave any used clothing or items on the pamphlet racks or outside the doors of the church or in the door of the Parish office.

Thank you.

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.

Third Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead
(Acts 3:13-15, 17-19)

PSALM: Lord, let your face shine on us (Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9)

SECOND READING: Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world (1 John 2:1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead
(Luke 24:35-48)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations,
alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday
Of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26,
28-29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18