

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

Last week Shepherds and sheep and this week vines, branches and fruit. Another very agricultural image provided by Jesus in the Gospel to illustrate his relationship with us. Around here we don't have too many vineyards to use as examples although I have seen a few vines growing, with great tenderness in the next suburb of Haberfield. So to what purpose are the vines grown? To produce the fruit that produces the wine....the better the fruit, the better the wine! Jesus declares "I am the true vine..." He is not saying, I am like a vine, but that He is the vine. Like the vine, Jesus was firmly planted in the earth and longed for a full productive life that brought much fruit. To produce luscious fruit he needed others who shared in his life to be the branches. With the confirmation candidates we speak of the fruits of the Spirit and our dream for the better world. Peace, Love, Joy, Goodness, Patience, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. Jesus demonstrated these fruits in his personality that drew people to him to become part of the vine, the branches that would reach out. But there is a warning, as branches you are part of the vine. The vine will provide. Trust in the vine. Trust that the vinedresser will continue to gently prune those errant little wild tendrils that want to lead else where so that the life of the vine will continue to flourish and produce the excellent fruit for the world.

Marguerite Martin

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.

Faith in Action

St Vincent's school and parish personnel will be staffing the St Vincent de Paul Brekkie van **next Sunday 6 May**. Our parish involvement is to help supply the eggs, bacon, sausages, tomatoes, bread, orange juice poppers, and serviettes to give our friends a great breakfast. These donations can be left at Parish house or give Sinéad a call 0420 653 637 to organise a pick up.

St Canice's Kitchen Again this is a call to the whole Parish. We need shift members, and lunch donators and cooks. We haven't been given our days as yet but please offer your services now so we are ready when we are called. Marguerite 0414 566 961.

DATES FOR DIARY

April 30 th	Catechist Gathering Lidcombe Parish
May 2 nd & 3 rd	Confirmation Program in Parish Meeting Rooms
May 6 th	Charitable Works Fund Appeal
May 6 th	Brekkie Van
May 10 th	Confirmation Retreat at Hunters Hill
May 13 th	Oz Rosary #53 at 9:15am
May 16 th & 17 th	Confirmation Program
May 20 th	Confirmation with Bishop Brady at 2:30pm
May 21 st	Parish Pastoral Council

CFW Pastoral Appeal: Our parish will ask you to support the **Charitable Works Fund (CFW) Pastoral Appeal** next weekend. Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Sydney Archdiocese for the benefit of this community so we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

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.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STALL There is a Religious Goods Stall in the Parish House that is well stocked with cards (Baptisms, Communion, Confirmations, Sympathy), Baptismal Candles and gifts (Children's Bibles, Missals, Rosaries, Necklaces etc), St. Christopher keyrings for new drivers, Miraculous Medal items from Rue du Bac. All very well priced and available between 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Mass to mark 200 years of the Blessed Sacrament in Australia

200 years ago, Father Jeremiah O'Flynn – the unofficial Catholic chaplain to Australia – was arrested and shipped back home because his credentials had not arrived. By accident or design, he left behind a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament. Next Sunday, 6 May, the Australian Catholic Bishops will come together to concelebrate a Mass marking the 200th anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament being preserved in Australia. 12pm, St Patrick's Catholic Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. All are welcome.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

- The Justice & Peace Office of the Archdiocese are holding a Social Justice Gathering with theme of "Caring for God's People and Creation" to be held on 5th May, 11am to 3:30pm, at St. Colomba's Church, 213 Elswick Street, Leichhardt. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** RSVP for catering: jpointo@sydneycatholic.org or 02 9397 8465.
- Because the call to care for God's Creation is central to the Church's teaching, the Justice and Peace Office have set up a pilot bulk-buy to assist Catholic communities and families who would like to put their faith into action by installing solar power. To find out more or to register to attend an Information Session on 9th or 16th May, go to <http://justiceandpeace.org.au/caring-for-creathion-through-solar-2/> or call Kimberley Doyle on 9307 8461. **This bill-buy offer closes on 31 May 2018.**

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues:

- Tuesday 1 May is International Workers' Day This day in 1838 there was a massacre of Aboriginal People at Slaughterhouse Creek NSW
- Friday 4 May is Holocaust Memorial Day
- Next Sunday the 6th Sunday of Easter. This day in 1992 was the Introduction of mandatory detention of asylum seekers

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.

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: He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey (Acts 9: 26-31)

PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Ps 21:26-28, 30-32)

SECOND READING: His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another (1 John 3:18-24)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit (John 15:4-5)

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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Psalm 97: 1-4
 1 John 4:7-10
 John 15:9-17