

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 3, 2018

In years gone by the major focus of this feast of Corpus Christi was a procession that usually concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Many of us have fond memories of Benediction: a bejewelled cope and monstrance, the flickering candles, the Divine Praises and Latin hymns. It all worked to create a magical atmosphere. As richly theatrical as it was, the magical side of it was part of the problem.

In medieval times Catholics rarely received Holy Communion. So much so it was in this context that the Church ruled that we have to communicate at least once a year. In the absence of communion, veneration of the Blessed Sacrament took on a great significance. Seeing the host was thought to impart an intense power.

Although in the last 100 years we have been encouraged to receive communion more frequently, the magical properties ascribed to the host persist in some people's devotional thinking.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Eucharist. And although we believe that Christ is present in the Scriptures, the assembly and the ministers of the Church, we hold that Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy and uniqueness.

The Eucharist is not intimate and unique because it is magic. It's not intimate and unique because we gaze upon the elements. The Eucharist is intimate and unique because earthly signs are transformed by God's love, and are consumed in faith. As we eat and drink these elements Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ. *Richard Leonard SJ*

#Let's Talk invites any members of the parish who are 18-35 years old to join us after 6pm Mass on the 17th June for food and faith! Visit our website: stvietstalk.weebly.com for more info!

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.

Ashfield St. Vincent De Paul Winter

Appeal will be having their annual appeal today at all Masses, envelopes are on the seats for anyone who wishes to donate to this appeal.

3 Collections will take place this Sunday, 2 at normal Offertory time the 2nd being for SVDP.

Corpus Christi Procession, Walk with Christ 3 June 2018

Please see notice board regarding this.
Procession will take place this afternoon at 2:30pm

Fr. Joti Absence Fr Joti is away from Thursday 31st May — Friday 8th June. He will be assisted by Fr. Roland Maurer who will celebrate the 8am Mass today, Fr. Phil Robson to celebrate the 10am Mass and Fr. Kevin Canty for the 6pm Mass. Fr. Kevin will also be doing the week day Masses. We thank you all for your generosity in looking after the parish during this time.

Miraculous Medal Novena Mass Saturday 9th June 9:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



Thank you to all those who have generously supported the Charitable Works Fund Appeal.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 18th June at 6.00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 20th June at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Social Justice Corner

The Sydney Alliance (a collection of church and community groups who are working for Social Justice Issues) in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul, is running a training day on how to work for affordable and stable housing in our local area on Saturday 16 June from 9:30am - 2pm at St Stephen's Uniting Church, 197 Macquarie Street, Sydney. To attend, register individually on <https://register.eventarc.com/40784/going-local-affordable-secure-housing-campaign-briefing-coordination-and-training-session>. There is a \$10 donation for lunch.

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 3rd June – Corpus Christi – On this day in 1992, a decision in the Mabo Case is made by the High Court
- Monday 4th June – On this day in 1989 the Tiananmen Square Massacre occurred
- Tuesday 5th June is World Environment Day
- Friday 8th June is World Oceans Day

DATES FOR DIARY

June 17th Let's Talk
June 18th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6pm
June 20th Parish Finance Meeting 7pm
August 8th E Conference 10am

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.



Confirmation. Pentecost Sunday 20 May....Thank You

It is always special for our Confirmation candidates to receive the sacrament on Pentecost Sunday with Bishop Terry Brady. This year was no exception. The reports from the families have glowed with the warmth of the Spirit that was in the church that afternoon. We have many people to thank....Sinead Kent, who stepped in my absence in those final weeks of retreat and preparation, Jess Manganaro and Praneeti Cyril who made themselves available to assist that afternoon and the 6pm choir, who by all accounts excelled. Let's keep the prayers going for these young newly confirmed in the Year of Youth, that the Spirit will keep their faith alive and vibrant in our Church.

St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School Ashfield Enroling now for Kindergarten 2018 and Years 1 to 6

Religious Education in the Catholic Tradition Integrated elearning in the contemporary classrooms, elearning & Digital Citizenship, academic success, Diverse learning programs (G & T Support Learning Programs) Music, Creative Arts & Sports.



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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8)

PSALM: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Ps 115:12-13, 15-18)

SECOND READING: The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves (Hebrews 9:11-15)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: This is my body. This my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

Tenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Genesis 3:9-15
Psalm 129
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35