

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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Parish Office Hours: 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday



Sunday of Resurrection

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"The Easter Bunny never rose from the dead." This memorable piece was seen recently on a church notice board. Underneath some wit had scribbled, "But that wasn't in its job description!" However, rising from the dead, is in our "job description" and it can mean many things. We can be grateful that Jesus has led the way in this department, setting us an example in his suffering and death, and coming out the other end more full of life than ever! We could respond by simply giving thanks for him, get lost in admiration and then move on without the Resurrection having much to do with our daily living. However, we declare our belief in Resurrection in our creed and we stand on the shoulders of the early Church whose faith lay in the Risen Jesus. It is the Risen Jesus who is here with us this day through the grace of the Holy Spirit, and it is here with us this day through the grace of the Holy Spirit, and it is here that he could realistically hope to see signs of his risen life in us.

Where is the Crucifixion at work in your life? It is precisely from there that Jesus now invites us to rise. It may take years to complete. It might seem impossible. It might be beyond us at the moment. However, it is there that he is waiting for you and for me to rise with him.

Perhaps your cross is loneliness, a broken relationship, health that has been lost, a family crisis of some kind. Perhaps you carry in your heart the pain of the wider world, and the suffering of peoples in places far away. Perhaps you carry in your heart the suffering of someone dear to you. Again Jesus, with gentle patience and understanding, is waiting for you to join him in his rising from the dead. And you'll know, he'll wait for as long as it takes.

So are we Easter Bunnies or something more? Happy Easter!

Adapted from "Glimmers of Grace" Fr. Kevin Bates sm

He is risen, alleluia!"
On behalf of Carmen,
Aparna, Marguerite and
myself. I wish you all
a happy Easter and may
the joy of the Risen Christ shine
in your hearts throughout this Easter
Season. Alleluia Maranatha!

Christ is Risen!

Fr. Joti

CONFIRMATION will be held on 9th June. The first Confirmation gathering is on 5th May at 10am Mass for enrolment followed by an information session. Forms are now available at the back of the Church to be filled in and return in the Parish Office. For more information please contact

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia



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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or

safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 7:00am

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am

Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon