

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

May 5, 2019

Do you Love me?

There is a game we play with Children. It's called "How much do you love me?" We start off by saying alternatively, 'I love you as big as the Harbour bridge' and gradually increase the distances and sizes of love until love takes in all the galaxies and constellations in the universe...and back.

Jesus wasn't playing that game. He had already suffered, died, descended and burst back with New Life. Now here he was, once more, convincing his closest and dearest on earth what it was all about.

...and Peter hadn't forgotten his denial, his great sin. His near nakedness on the fishing boat, had to be covered before he again stood before the transformed Lord. Jesus quizzes Peter three times, echoing the three time denial. Scholarship has gone to the old Greek text of this gospel. The Greeks have different words to describe different forms of love. Jesus asks Peter "Do you unconditionally love me' like I have unconditionally loved you." He used the *agape* word for love. Peter responds using another type of love word. "You know 'I love you like my brother,' Lord". Peter uses the *philio* word for love. After a couple of attempts Jesus finally says, "Peter, do you *philio* me" He knew that his *agape* form of total unconditional love was beyond Peter at this time, even though he knew that Peter would eventually die for him with that *agape* love. 'Trust me, throw out your net and your reward will be huge,' he said.

'Eat with me and you will never be hungry,' he said.

'Attempt to love me as I love you' he said. 'And don't just tend my flock, FEED my flock with what they are hungry for.'

Marguerite Martin

St. Vincent's School Mothers Day High Tea

Parishioners are invited to join our celebration on Friday 10th May in the Parish Hall.

Liturgy 9am followed by High Tea. RSVP Sinead Kent 0420 653 637.

BAPTISM

Saturday, 4th May 2018

Charlotte Summer Danao

Amelia Rose Kaufmann

Benedict Lee



CWF Pastoral Appeal this Sunday

The parish's quota for this first quarter of the year for the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal is \$4,100.**

Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Sydney Archdiocese for the benefit of this community. Our Parish has a commitment to raise this amount. Any shortfall will be made up from our Second Collection monies. So we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION will be held on 9th June.

The first Confirmation gathering is today, 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 Sinead 0420 653 637.

Miraculous Medal Novena Mass

Saturday, 11th May 9:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



Church Painting Restorations

Work on the restoration of the 5 paintings at the front of the church will now take place during the next school holidays in July. This has come about due to the restorers who are currently working on the restoration of the Stations of the Cross in St. Mary's Cathedral experiencing a few unexpected difficulties, which has set them back.

ORGANIST/PIANO PLAYER REQUIRED FOR 8AM MASS *(The search continues)*

8am mass is in need of volunteer organist or pianist willing to join the current musicians.

The position/s would be on a rostered basis approx 1 or 2 Sundays a month or when time suits.

Young or young at heart, music student, retired teacher or someone who is musically talented and can lead the early morning attendees at 8am in the prayer of music.

If you are interested or you may know of someone and require more information please speak to the musician at 8am mass, or if you know someone that fits the bill contact Parish office, so contact can be made.

Counselling available with no waitlist

Several highly qualified relationship counseling professionals have just joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

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 12noon

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

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday 9.00 am First Wednesday of the Month, 3:30pm Reconciliation, 4:00 Mass & Anointing, First Friday of the month 9:00am Communion Service.



Home/Sick Visitation

Perhaps you know someone...a relative, friend or a neighbor who would like to be visited by Fr. Joti for either Communion or Anointing. Please contact Parish office at 9798 2501 or 2503.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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.

Social Justice Corner

The Social Justice group meets on the **3rd Saturday** of the month in the **parish centre** at **9.45am**.

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 5th May is the beginning of Ramadan
- Monday 6th May; on this day in 1992, mandatory detention of asylum seekers was introduced in Australia
- Wednesday 8th May is *World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day* and on this day in 1970 the first anti-Vietnam War Moratorium march occurred in Australia
- Friday 10th May: on this day in 1994 Nelson Mandela gave his inaugural address as president of South Africa
- Saturday 11th May is *World Fair Trade Day*

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: We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit (Act 5:27-32, 40-41)

PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13)

SECOND READING: The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing (Revelation 5:11-14)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish (John 21:1-19)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them. Alleluia



Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 99:1-3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

John 10:27-30