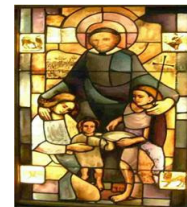


# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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 Lent C**

**March 21, 2010**

Week 5: To serve justly

## The Wellspring

Moving water has a fascination of its own, creeks gurgle, waterfalls drop, springs bubble, ocean tides crash. The foam, the bubbles, and the noise draw us. The water sustains us, we need water for our physical life, but somehow it soothes our spirit. Desert animals travel many miles to find a water hole, and we see birds in the city cluster around bird baths and rain puddles. We pay money for plastic bottled water. For thousands of years springs and wells provided the only access to clean water. Cities were designed in locations surrounded by reliable water sources.

God knew we need more than physical water, through Isaiah God flash-forwards His promise to Jesus comparing life with Him to a never-ending thirst quenching spring. What are you really thirsty for? Do you long to know the meaning of life? Are you longing for the kind of love that fills you up rather than drains you? Are you forever trying to feel acceptance and respect? Or are your longings so deep and buried that you can't even know what to say? Perhaps you just can't even get beyond feeling empty...

When we invite Jesus in every aspect of our lives, He can exchange our past pain for present comfort and turn our deep sorrows into divine delight, He can take old wounds and turn them into fresh wisdom. He can turn old stale thoughts into new ideas and creative ways to solve our problems. He can take a cold silence and turn it once again into a warm conversation. If we just ask He can take those things we are ashamed of and cast them into a sea of forgetfulness, allowing us to experience true and deep joy.

Only Jesus can identify those deep longings and fill your thirsty soul, seek out for Him, He knows everything you ever did. He is God's promised wellspring who will fill you to overflowing with His goodness and love, transforming you in body, mind and spirit. No rejection, no circumstance, no past can ever take that away from you. He is your constant source of stability.

*Rossana Riccio*

## HOLY WEEK 2010

### HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper **7:30pm**  
Passover Meal **9:00pm**

### GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2

Stations of the Cross **10:00am**  
(Church & Ashfield Park)  
Polish - Stations of the Cross **12:00 noon**  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion **3:00pm**

### Saturday APRIL 3

Reconciliation **8:00am - 9:30am**  
RCIA - Prayer & Preparation for  
Easter Vigil **9:30am**  
Polish - Easter Food Blessing **12:00 noon**  
**EASTER VIGIL MASS** **7:00pm**

### Sunday APRIL 4

Easter Sunday Masses **8:00am, 10:00am  
and 6:00pm**  
Polish - Easter Sunday Mass **12:00 noon**

Expect God to do a new thing in you!

"Create in me a serving heart"

Our Lenten Penitential Service will be held at  
**7.30pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Frances Mary O'Sullivan & Milton John "Rusty" Morgan



Calling all parishioners who are seeking a leisurely Saturday morning stroll. The Youth sub-committee will be doing a letter box drop to our neighbours informing them of our Holy Week ceremonies. Please join us at 10am at the parish house Saturday

March 27 if are able to assist.

If you are unable to join us.... "Let's come together" fliers are at the back of the church please take a bundle and drop them into your neighbours letter box in your street or why not personally invite them to our Easter Ceremonies.

## Collections

A necessary part of the life of any parish is the counting of the weekly collection. This a work undertaken by volunteers. Due to sickness, the number of volunteers who carry out the role has declined. A 'faithful few' are left. If you have an hour or two (every week, every month) to help out, please ring the office at 9798 2501. Counting takes place day time or evening.



### **St. Louise de Marillac**

Please see the notice board for some details of St. Louise, founder of the Daughters of Charity. Louise was certainly a remarkable woman.

We celebrated her feastday on Monday, 15th March. Louise died on this day in 1660, 350 years ago.

We celebrate with the Daughters of Charity on this special feast day.

**PARISH STAFF:**

*Fr. Michael Walsh CM*  
*Carmen Yap*

*Marguerite Martin*

God calls us not only to life, but life to the full. This week's Project Compassion story introduces us to Teresa from El Salvador, who lives in one of El Salvador's most impoverished communities. Teresa and her youngest of four sons, are living with HIV. They are supported by Caritas Australia who fund a preventive education and accompaniment program that aims to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS and support those living with and affected by it. Your Project Compassion donation enables Caritas Australia to continue to address the physical and emotional wellbeing of people like Teresa who are suffering from HIV/AIDS and give them access to improved health as well as promote their confidence and self esteem.



### *Sisters of Charity Outreach*

Sister of Charity Outreach is committed to supporting people in need within NSW through the active participation of trained volunteers and staff.

Roles of Volunteers: Visiting the socially isolated, helping in court support, assisting in parent education programs or in crisis accommodation for mothers and children escaping domestic violence, transporting our country friends from the airport or rail to medical appointments and assisting in our shop/raffle/market days.

Training Essential: begins May 24th (Liverpool), May 26th (Darlinghurst). 7 Sessions

Application or enquiries 9822 5980 or 8383 6430  
www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au

#### **Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 Noon  
Tuesday, 7:00am  
Wednesday 12 Noon  
Thursday 9:00am  
Saturday 9:00am

**Sunday :** 8am, 10:00am, 6pm  
Polish Mass 12 noon

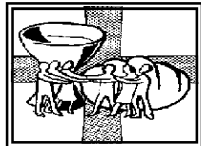
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

**Rosary:** Saturday after 9:00am Mass

**Morning Prayer:** Saturday 8:40am

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Sunday, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday, Sat 9:00am



The Gregorian Schola of Sydney will chant Vespers for Lent at St Vincent's Church, Bland Street Ashfield, on Saturday March 27 commencing at 4pm. All are welcome. To join the schola ring 8741 2341.

White Book for the period Easter to Pentecost are available at \$4 from Lillie in the foyer.

Australian Catholics Easter 2010 magazine now available in the pamphlet racks.  
Get your free copy.

#### Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace

CCJP Sunday Seminar: "Housing is a Justice Issue"  
The Speaker will be Dr. Gabrielle Gwyther, Social Justice Social Change Research Centre, Uni Western Sydney

Date: Sunday 21 March 2010  
Venue: 9 Alexandra Ave. Croydon NSW 2132  
Time: 9.45am—12.30pm

Morning tea provided. Registration \$10  
All Welcome

#### **The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in Daily Life**

St. Ignatius developed a dynamic pattern of prayer exercises that invited those who made them to encounter Jesus Christ profoundly, be deeply converted and live their daily lives with a renewed sense of mission.

The opportunity to be individually directed through the full Spiritual Exercises is offered. This would involve daily personal prayer and reflection on that prayer, followed by a weekly meeting with a spiritual guide. Meetings would be at Gethsemane Community, 5 Oxford St., Petersham, at a mutually convenient time, and the process would take about nine months. Contact Myree Harris RSJ on 9564 0194 or email myreeharris@ozemail.com.au for more information.

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent C**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

**FIRST READING:** I am about to do a new thing: I will give drink to my chosen people (Isaiah 43.16-21)

**PSALM:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Ps 126.1-2a, 2b, 3, 4-5, 6)

**SECOND READING:** I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, so that I may attain Christ (Philippians 3.8-14)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me, says the Lord, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

**GOSPEL:** Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone (John 8.1-11)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Has no one condemned you? The woman answered: No one, Lord. Neither do I condemn you: go and do not sin again.



#### Next Sunday's Readings Passion (Palm) Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Ps 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23  
Philippians 2.6-11  
Luke 22.14-23.56