

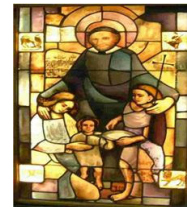
# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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 C**

**May 2, 2010**

The word *love* has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

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## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday  
6th May from 9:30am to 4:00pm Our prayers are for  
Priests and for an increase of vocations to the  
priesthood and religious life.

## Parish Dinner Friday May 7 LAST CHANCE

If any parishioner who has a received a letter and **NOT REPLIED** and wishes to go to **the dinner**, the FINAL cut off time is tomorrow (Monday May 3). Please contact Carmen at the Parish Office, 9798 2501 **before 2pm**. Please Note, if you filled in the "Expression of Interest Form", and did not receive a letter or if you have received a letter and not returned it and you wish to attend, please contact the office.



## The Pope, the media, and the sex abuse scandal

The past few weeks have been a difficult time for the Church in the media, with the horrific crimes of child sex abuse being open to much discussion. Many people have become confused and disappointed with the Church. Please see [www.xt3.com/media](http://www.xt3.com/media) to clarify how the Church is dealing with the child sex abuse. The fact sheet also includes a video message from Cardinal Pell, and several links for further reading if required.

## Sacristan

The role of the Sacristan is a vital one in any Church. This person coordinates all the activities associated with the sanctuary, altar, etc. This includes ensuring that all items needed for Mass, altar cloths, vestments, sacred vessels etc are beautifully maintained and prepared for Mass. June Hall has been undertaking this role for many years. However, June will shortly retire and move away from the parish. We thank June for all her years of dedication to St. Vincent's Parish. In the weeks to come, we will be asking volunteers to take up the challenge to fulfil this most important role in the parish.

**The Vineyard...** a place for young adults where Vincentian conversation and fellowship can grow.  
**Tuesday 4th May 2010 7pm-9pm**  
**How will the 'the Vinyard' continue to share the Vincentian Message in 2010?**

*Come along to talk about how we would like  
"The Vinyard"  
to continue to develop our Vincentian Spirit*

Please bring a plate of snacks to share. Guest Lounge Room, St. Vincent's Presbytery, Ashfield (please call for details) RSVP to Lisa on 0419 418 547

**PARISH STAFF:**

*Fr. Michael Walsh CM  
Carmen Yap*

*Marguerite Martin*

**National eConference Mary-First Disciple  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

It's Free and will be Fantastic! Connect with friends in your Parish and watch this free live webcast. It's perfect for parishioners, teachers, catechists, and students as a faith formation day with structured group activity, viewing and discussion. To find out more go to [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au) and register to win a pilgrimage for two to Italy with Harvest Travel in 2010.

**Mary MacKillop – An Australian Like Us**

To bring some money into the poverty-stricken home, Mary MacKillop sought employment in Melbourne as a nursery governess and as clerk at Sands and Kenny the Stationers. In 1860, at age 18, she went to Penola (South Australia) as governess. Her writing style, teaching aptitude, and religious knowledge, indicate that she was well-educated. In May, 1873 she would explain: 'From (my father) I learnt so much. He had studied for seven years in Rome alone, and under the Jesuit fathers.' Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au). For further information, see [www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au) and [www.cathnews.com.au](http://www.cathnews.com.au)

**Life, Marriage & Family Centre**

An invitation is extended to all mothers and grandmothers to attend a retreat day on Saturday 8th May. The day will include two talks as well prayer times, mass and meals. Support will be available for mothers with babies and pre-school children. The day will be held at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa (one hour west of the Sydney CBD). The cost of the day, including meals is \$10. Enquiries and registration can be directed to [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5283

**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

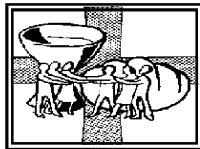
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

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

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

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

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



**Assembly of the Federation of Bishops  
Conferences of Oceania**

Each four years the four Bishops Conferences of Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea Solomon Islands, and the Pacific CEPAC) gather. The opening Mass for the 2010 assembly will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on Monday 10th May, commencing at 5:30pm. Approximately 90 bishops will concelebrate with Cardinal Pell. Everyone is most welcome to attend as a sign of welcome and solidarity with the bishops

**On Wednesday 12th May**

St. Brigid's Parish Marrickville will host one of the eight encounters for groups of these Bishops with the local people for Mass and Supper. An open invitation is given to us all to welcome the Bishops. Our 6pm Choir will join those leading the music.

**List of Bishops for Marrickville Mass**

Cardinal Archbishop George Pell, Sydney  
**Archbishop Anthony Apuron OFM Cap, Agana, Guam**

**(Leader of the Liturgy)**

Archbishop Barry Hickey, Perth WA  
Archbishop Doug Young SVD, Mt. Hagen PMG  
Bishop Amando Samo, Caroline Islands, Micronesia  
Bishop Colin Campbell, Dunedin NZ  
Bishop Luciano Capelli, Gizo, Solomon Islands  
Bishop Cesare Bonivento PIME, Vanimo PNG  
Bishop Chris Saunders, Broome WA  
Bishop Joseph Oudeman OFM Cap, Brisbane Qld  
Bishop Michael McKenna, Bathurst NSW

**'Come Holy Spirit'**



**"Healing Mass", Friday 7th  
May 2010. St. Therese's  
Church, 15 Garrong Road,  
Lakemba. Rosary: 7pm,  
Reconciliation: 7-8pm, Prayer  
and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass: 8pm.**

**The celebrant will be Fr. John Iacono.**

**Enquiries: Rose Ph 9642 2359/0412 115 961  
Email: [rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au)**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter C**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** They called the church together and related all that God has done with them (Acts 14.21b-27)

**PSALM:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.  
(Ps 145.8-9, 10-11, 12-13)

**SECOND READING:** God will wipe every tear from their eyes (Revelation 21.1-5a)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another  
(John 13.1,31-33a, 34-35)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, alleluia.



**Next Sunday's Readings  
Sixth Sunday of Easter C**

Acts 15.1-2, 22-29  
Ps 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7  
Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23  
John 13.1, 14.23-29