



## SOLO CATHOLICS WEEKEND AWAY

Friday 11 October - Sunday 13 October  
Solo Catholics is hosting a 'Weekend Away' at Balnarring for singles Catholics aged 45 and over. The weekend will provide an opportunity to enjoy beach walks, markets, 'al fresco' dining and relaxation while in good company.  
Cost: \$20 per night. Self-cater for breakfast and bring food to share for the BBQ on Saturday night.  
Contact: Barbara on 0405 381 619 or visit [www.catholicsolos.com.au](http://www.catholicsolos.com.au)

## CARING FOR THE SOUL: SPIRITUALITY FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY

Thursday 17 October, 10.30am – 2pm. Join us for a reflection morning using music, imagery and contemplation, to be led by registered Music Therapist and Spiritual Director, Marea Richardson. This session is especially designed to offer formation and nourishment for those working in pastoral ministry roles (e.g. pastoral carers, pastoral associates, parish volunteers, etc.). Cardinal Knox Centre (383 Albert St, East Melbourne) Cost/RSVP: Free but RSVP is essential. Please contact the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation before Friday 11 October on 9926 5761 or [evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@cam.org.au)

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Friday 22 November - Sunday 24 November  
Turn a good marriage into a GREAT marriage through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Re-encounter the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learnt how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive! Couples and a priest will present the weekend, which will be based around Catholic values, although there is no requirement to be a Catholic in order to attend. There will be no group sharing during the weekend. Contact: Marianne and Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997, [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) or [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYFROUP

If you have preschool children, please join us on Thursdays between 9.30am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIlDowney 0411 061 978 or just come along. Everyone is welcome.

## *St. Vincent de Paul Parish Prayer*

Loving God, through St Vincent de Paul, we seek your guidance and constant protection, for our parish community.

Gathered together as your people, we come as we are, to live out the Gospel message, in a faithfilled, welcoming and caring community.

Grant us your help in our weakness, that we may proclaim to all, your abundant goodness.

We praise and thank you for your gifts given freely, to share with one another.

May we never lose faith in you and always strive to live, in a spirit of strength and gentleness.

On our journey, may we be an example of your love, to those we meet.

Loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
may you always watch over us in all we do.

Amen

## INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Centre every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm. All welcome, equipment provided.

## CARDS AFTERNOON

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Cards in the Parish Centre commencing at 12.15 pm. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.

## *Caring for one another*



## St Vincent de Paul Press

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**Sunday Mass:** **Saturday Vigil:** 6.00 pm **Sunday Morning:** 8.30 am & 10.30 am

**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday - Saturday 10.00 am

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:** Open Tuesday - Saturday 7.00 am - 5.00 pm for private prayer

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation:** Saturday 9.00 - 9.30 am or by request

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptism will be celebrated only by appointment and after a preparation evening, arranged through the Parish Office.

First Sunday of the Month: During our weekend Masses

Second Sunday of the Month: 12.00 noon

Third Sunday of the Month: 12.00 noon

**Sacrament of Marriage:** By appointment with at least six months notice.

*A community celebrating Christ in life by striving to maintain  
a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart.*

## *Ivory beds and sprawling on divans*

'Woe to those ensconced so snugly .. and those who feel so safe' are some of the words from the prophet Amos today. These words are a reminder to us all that we need to take a look at ourselves. Jesus again shares a parable with a very strong message that draws us to reflect on the life style we lead. Lazarus the poor man and the Rich man are at extremes in life. Upon the realization of the need to change the rich man cries out to warn his brothers of the fate that is in stall for them. We hear Jesus with these words:

***"If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."***

We are invited to look to Jesus as the example of how we respond, how we live, how we treat others, as well as ourselves. Jesus invites us to remain alert to the important things in our lives, challenging us to focus on beyond where we are now and listen and learn from him.