

### **ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR: NEW CD RELEASED**

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir has just released a new CD recording entitled *Sing, my soul*. Conducted by the director of the Cathedral Choir, Dr Daryl Barclay, and accompanied by the organist for the choir, Dion Henman, the CD features a wonderful array of traditional and contemporary classics recorded in the glorious acoustics of St Patrick's Cathedral. It is the perfect Christmas gift, and a worthy addition to parish piety stalls and gift shops. Order now for Christmas.

Cost: \$25 Details and orders: St Patrick's Cathedral Shop, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne or 9665 2256 or cathedralshop@cam.org.au

### **STAY AT THE CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE: JANUARY ACCOMMODATION SPECIAL**

The Catholic Leadership Centre, corner of Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne, is perfectly positioned for Melbourne's January events at the nearby MCG and Rod Laver Arena. Coming to Melbourne for the cricket or the tennis in January? Stay in 4.5 star luxury at the Catholic Leadership Centre's modern accommodation for up to two adults per suite, with continental breakfast, car parking and wireless internet included. From 15 to 29 January, the room rate will drop to only \$130, including GST. Summer in the City for only \$130? That's Leadership!

Bookings: 9200 5200 or clc@cem.edu.au

### **DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMPS 2017**

3-6 January, 9-12 January and 16-19 January  
2017 56-62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach  
Don Bosco Camps annual summer holiday camps for disadvantaged young people will be held in January. This summer there will be two camps for juniors aged 9-13 and another camp for seniors aged 13-16. Run completely by volunteer youth leaders, the camps offer a fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. Bookings: www.donboscocamp.org.au Details: 03 5987 2692 or dbc@donboscocamp.org.au

### ***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

### **HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:**

If you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office on 9412 8460 Also, if you know of anyone would like to attend Mass on Sunday but cannot do so due to lack of transport we can arrange it for them. Please let us know as we would love to assist.



### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRESS**

24th & 25th December 2016

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The Weekly Bulletin of the Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore

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**Principal:** Mr Shane Byrne

**Telephone:** 9379 5723 **Facsimile:** 9379 2389 **Email:** principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au

**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 Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for private prayer

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation:** Saturday 9.00 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.*



*Wishing you  
and your  
families  
every blessing  
for the  
celebration  
of the Birth  
of Christ.*

*May we all  
be filled  
with the  
love and  
peace of  
Christ.*

*Please note the new Parish Phone number 9412 8460.*

*You may also like to visit our Parish Webpage [cam.org.au/strathmore](http://cam.org.au/strathmore)*

**Recent Deaths:** Fr Sean O'Connell P.P (Coburg), Fr Keith Gorman (Columban)  
**Anniversaries:** Fr John O'Hara, John, Pat & Stuart Beagley, Claude Bence, Paul Plummer

**Thanksgiving:** \$2252.50    **Presbytery:** \$1011.45  
**Rosters for next weekend 31st December and 1st January:**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>		
B Duggan	K McCartney	G Delaney
<b>Special Ministers:</b>		
F Ferguson, J Mammone	M Gauci, A Henshall	L Anderson, C Picinich
<b>Offertory:</b>		
T & J Scott	N McCartney	S LaVita
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Transport:</b>	
K Porter, H Tobin	P Fox, G Dovey, M Sullivan	
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	<b>Linen:</b>
M Caran	Group D	P McMahon
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16/21	

#### **FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** St Stephen  
**Tuesday:** St John  
**Wednesday:** The Holy Innocents  
**Friday:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

*May the blessings of our Saviour whose birth we celebrate bless and grace each one of us over the coming days.*

*A Very Happy & Holy Christmas to you all*

#### **RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Jack Clutterbuck, Isabel Nazareth** and **Tessa Obliubek** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

#### **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

A Palms Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor: A last minute gift that will deliver the real message of Christmas and be remembered forever. Palms long-term volunteers guide this intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. Get a Christmas gift voucher for any 2017 Encounter. Register now for our 2 – 14 April Encounter and receive \$400 off a 2nd ticket. Call Roger on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/Encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/Encounters) for more. Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life

#### **PIETY STALL IS READY FOR YOU**

**Columban Calendars** are also now available at a reduced price of \$8.00. The sale of the Calendars supports the Columban Mission. Also a selection of Christmas gifts.

**Live Streaming Of Christmas Eve  
Carols and Mass  
from St Patrick's Cathedral**

**24th December from 8.30pm Onwards**

Christmas Eve Mass at the cathedral will be streamed live. There's a banner now on the CAM website ([cam.org.au](http://cam.org.au)) as well as a highlight story up on the Melbourne Catholic site ([melbournecatholic.org.au](http://melbournecatholic.org.au)). The livestream will commence at 8.30pm, with the main Mass following at 9pm Christmas Eve. The link for the event: <http://bit.ly/2h0kntk>

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in late January followed by a Training Day early 2017. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au) Mercy Connect Melbourne - Tel: 9326 1895

#### **PUBLIC LECTURE: FROM MEGA CHURCH TO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Tuesday 17 January 2017, 7–9pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 393 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Ulf Ekman founded 'Word of Life', a non-denominational charismatic church in Uppsala, Sweden and was its senior pastor for 30 years before he, along with his wife Birgitta, was received into the Catholic Church in 2014. He has founded bible schools and a seminary, hosted a TV show aired in many nations, and has written more than 40 books and booklets, translated into over 30 languages. In this public lecture, Ulf will tell us why and how he and his wife took this momentous step in their journey of faith. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

Cost: By donation. Details: Lenyce on 9486 6544 or [centre@ccr.org.au](mailto:centre@ccr.org.au)

#### ***Our Vision***

*To be a community celebrating Christ in Life*

#### ***Our Mission***

*That we strive to maintain a strong sense of belonging  
and generosity of heart*