

POPE TELLS US TO GET UP AND GO

If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, here is a volunteering opportunity that will change your life. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and to improve processes and procedures for organisations, both vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those who can come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you want to find out more, please contact Christine on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

WALKING WITH INIGO: THE IGNATIAN CAMINO, SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2017

Thursday 21 September to Friday 20 October In September and October, a group of pilgrims will walk the route taken in 1522 by Íñigo López de Loyola (who later became St Ignatius of Loyola) from his home in Spain's Basque country to Montserrat and Manresa. The 'Camino Ignaciano', or the 'Ignatian Way', begins at the birthplace of Ignatius Loyola in Spain's Basque country, in a village near the small town of Azpeitia. Pilgrims will have the opportunity for daily Mass said by the guide, Fr Josep Lluís Iriberry SJ, or will attend a Eucharist in one of the local parishes. There will also be opportunities for silence, prayer, personal reflection, spiritual conversation and sharing in small groups. Cost: \$3995 pp (not including airfares) Details: Helen Lucas, Campion Centre, on 9854 8191 or helen.lucas@campion.asn.au

PENTECOST SUNDAY: CHOIR LITURGY AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday 4 June, 6pm, Pentecost Sunday at 6pm at St Paul's Cathedral, a choral evensong for the Day of Pentecost will be sung by the Choir from St Paul's combined with the Choir of St Patrick's Cathedral—completing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is the first time these choirs have combined for worship. In addition, the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Fr John Salvano, has been invited to preach. Join in the spirit and make this a Pentecost to remember. (The combined Cathedral Choirs rehearse publicly in the cathedral from 4.30pm.)

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

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 2017

Thank you to all who generously donated to the annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal. A total of \$803.75 was collected which will help support the vital work of Catholic chaplains in youth detention centres, prisons, hospitals and their support of seafarers.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Press

27th & 28th May 2017

The Ascension of the Lord Year A

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

Parish Priest: Fr Peter J Ray **Email:** [Priest.Strathmore@cam.org.au](mailto: Priest.Strathmore@cam.org.au)

Parish Administration: Mrs. Patricia McNicholl

Parish Office **Email:** [Strathmore@cam.org.au](mailto: Strathmore@cam.org.au)

Presbytery: 2 The Crossway, Strathmore, Victoria 3041

Telephone: 9412 8460

Facsimile: 9287 5536

Web: cam.org.au/strathmore

St Vincent de Paul Primary School: Woodland Street, Strathmore, 3041

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

Our Church is Open: Tuesday - Friday 7.00 am - 5.00 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.*

Ascension of the Lord

As Eastertide draws to a close we reflect this weekend on Christ's leaving the Apostles as he returns to the Father. In doing so he entrusts his disciples to continue his work here on earth, spreading the Good News.

In the coming weekends we celebrate Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity and the Body & Blood of Christ. All of these feasts remind us of the presence of God in our lives.

During the course of each day we have the opportunity to spare a moment to contemplate our relationship with our God. In these moments is my prayer open to the presence of the Lord allowing me to know that I do not walk alone?

The words of Paul to the Ephesians (Second Reading) today may also be our prayer, seeking the wisdom and perception to be there for our family and friends, guiding and supporting them throughout each day. This then is one way we are able to share the Good News support those entrusted to our care, knowing as Christ said, "And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time".

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Recent Deaths: Eileen Connell

Anniversaries: John Raviola

Thanksgiving: \$2382.20 **Presbytery:** \$1176.15

Rosters for next weekend 3rd & 4th June:

6.00 pm	8.30am	10.30am
Lectors: B Duggan	K Barry	G Johnson
Special Ministers: J Mammone, F Ferguson	M Gauci, J Mathew	C Picinich, N Zanko

Offertory: A Timmins	M & C O'Loughlin	Tenuta Family
--------------------------------	------------------	---------------

Counters: D Lane, G Cook	Transport: M Green, M Sullivan
------------------------------------	--

Flowers: J Mathew	Church Cleaning: Group D	Linen: P McMahon
-----------------------------	------------------------------------	----------------------------

Next week's Readings: Gen 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St Justin

Saturday: Charles Lwanga & companions

FRIDAY MASS - SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

During Mass this Friday the Sacrament of Anointing will be available to those who are elderly or unwell. Following Mass morning tea will be in the Parish Centre.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Sienna Atkinson, Joshua Inguanti, Olivia Menniti** and **Lilah Morrall** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

STRATHMORE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL - PRAYER FOR CHRISTINA UNITY

You are invited to share evening prayer in the Uniting Church (corner of The Crossway & Upland Road) this Thursday 1st June at 6.30 pm. Following the prayers a supper of soup and bread will be offered in the adjoining hall. This is a joint gathering with the St Aidan, Strathmore Uniting Church and St Vincent de Paul Parishioners.

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

First reading Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. 'Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Second reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

ARCHBISHOP'S PENTECOST LETTER TO YOUTH: OUT NOW!

Each year, Archbishop Hart writes a letter to young people at Pentecost. This year's letter reflects on the courage needed to serve, to witness to faith, and to discover the will of God. All young people are invited to pick up their copy on the table in the east transept.

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has a wide selection of gifts and cards for Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

MINISTERS ROSTERS

For those without an email address a copy of the Roster is available on the table in the Church