

THEOLOGY AT THE PUB: THINKING WITH THE CHURCH – THE PRIMACY OF CONSCIENCE

Monday 4 August, 6:30 pm This month Theology at the Pub are privileged to have Fr. Joseph Vnuk O.P. address an often-misunderstood aspect of Catholic teaching - Conscience.

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CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 29 August, 7pm Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. In August we are actually discussing a film, "Calvary". Just watch the film at the cinema, with the group or separately. Then join us later at our regular meeting time. Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Contact: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.au

HIGH TEA

Sunday 17 August, 2:30pm – 4:30pm Come and enjoy a lovely High Tea with guest presenter and international designer Liz Davenport who will showcase her Spring fashion collection. All proceeds will go towards funding the Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service provided by CatholicCare. Cost: \$50 Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill Contact: Angela on 9926 5722 or fundraising@ccam.org.au

HOMESTAY AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

www.homestay-australia.com Accommodation is URGENTLY NEEDED for a large number of Exchange students arriving in Melbourne in August for Melbourne Universities. Period : 4 weeks to 9 months Average Payment is \$1000.00 per 4 weeks per student. Male or Female applicants All Homestay Income is Tax Free. For an Application form please contact Sandra 9 395 7046 or email Sandra@homestay-australia.com

CRAFT GROUP

Interested in craft and great conversation? Everyone welcome on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, come along and learn a new skill in the Parish Centre. Further details available from Christine Gregory on 9379 5497.

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



St Vincent de Paul Press

2nd & 3rd August, 2014

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Weekday Masses: Wednesday & Friday 10.00 am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Friday 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.*

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs

The Scripture passages we listen to today express the love of God for us in a very simple and clear manner. Through the prophet Isaiah God invites us to "come to the water all you who are thirsty". Simple come as you are. "Listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy". Unknowingly for the people of the time, God was referring to the gift Jesus would offer, himself.

St Paul writing to the Romans, on his way to Rome, offers these thoughts to us as well: "Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubles or worried," Nothing can come between the love of God for us, nothing. You reflect upon your love for your children and you know that nothing would ever come between your love of them. How much more so for God and each of us his children!

Sadly in our world, and has been always so, there are those who do not recognize this love. We only have to look around us and the world to see the lack of true love of neighbour. Let us pray and be an example for those who are not at peace.

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Recent Deaths: Fr Michael Sheehy PE, Lee Vallence, Des Ryan

Anniversaries: Bonnie Riggs, Juanita O'Callaghan, Ray Bilston, Lorna Leyden

Thanksgiving: \$2566.60 **Presbytery:** \$1321.95

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> M Henshall	B Hanley	L Wilson
<u>Special Ministers:</u> J Mammone, D De Silva	P McKay, R McGowan	D Meller, G Johnson
<u>Offertory:</u> T & J Scott	C Attard	C & K Lo Giudice
<u>Counters:</u> P Hill, K Porter	<u>Transport:</u> D Nicol, E Sheppard, M Sullivan	
<u>Flowers:</u> L Shannon & I Harrington	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> G Group	<u>Linen:</u> D De Silva
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St John Vianney

Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday: St Mary of the Cross

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: **Craft Group** in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

During our Masses this weekend we are invited to pray for and remember the children from our community who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion at the end of the month. May the love of Jesus for us in this wonderful gift ever strengthen each one of us, especially the children.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY SERIES: "POPE FRANCIS AND HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOCIAL INEQUALITY"

Wednesday 27 August, 12pm – 1pm Lectures are held on the last Wednesday of the month – February through to November. This lecture will be presented by Bruce Duncan, CSsR, a Redemptorist Priest who lectures in social ethics at Yarra Institute for Religion and Social Policy, and one of the founders of the advocacy organisation, Social Policy Connections. St Francis Pastoral Centre, Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne Contact Paula on 9895 5800

THE POPE APP

The Pope App links you to the Vatican. Download free from iTunes.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES

Featuring Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor of Australian Catholic University. Hear Greg tell his story: "Children, Cows and Catholicism". The venue is the CQ Club, 113 - 123 Queen St. Melbourne, 7am – 9am Thursday 21st August 2014, \$45/head. Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439172465, michael.bohan@menalive.org.au The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of menALIVE Australia

MARRIAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM SUBSIDY

CatholicCare is offering marriage education programs for couples. The Australian Government Department of Social Services is currently offering a \$200 subsidy to couples wishing to participate in the following marriage education programs: Pre-marriage programs Couples programs Family programs More Info: www.ccam.org.au/ServicesCourses/RelationshipEducationCourses.aspx Contact: Prema on 9287 5516

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA

Sunday 14 September, 9:15am – 5pm Calling all Worldwide Marriage Encounter couples, priests & religious from the 40 years (1974-2014) that Marriage Encounter has been in Australia. Please RSVP: 9:30am - Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral 10:30am - Presentations on the theme: *Our M.E. Journey – Faith, Hope and Love*. BYO food/soft drinks for a shared community lunch. Wear something yellow/red on the day. Join us in the Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Rd, East Melbourne. Contact: Maria & Andre 0411 225 992

OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION (OTDF) ORATION & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday 6 August, 6pm - 8:30pm Opening the Doors Foundation (OTDF), supported by Genazzano FCJ College, warmly invites you to their 13th Birthday Celebration. Our fabulous guest speaker on the night will be: Leila Gurruwiwi (born 1988) who is an Australian media commentator and television producer. She is a panel member on "The Marngrook Footy Show". Leila's particular interest in Indigenous culture led to her co-producing a show with the working title "Dance Off" currently filming in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. The show focuses on groups of Indigenous dancers competing in a dancing competition and their various cultural ties. A raffle will be drawn on the night. A limited number of tickets will be available for sale on the evening. Monies raised will be donated to the Foundation, helping keep Koorie kids in an education of their choice. Cost: \$10 - light refreshments will be served with wine and beer available for purchase Bookings: www.trybooking.com/FEZF RSVP: Tuesday 5 August Madeleine Centre, Genazzano FCJ College, 301 Cotham Road, Kew Contact: Opening the Doors Foundation (OTDF) - 9443 9070 or Genazzano FCJ College - 8862 1000

Vision

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Mission

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