

EXPLORING IRAQ TODAY: IMPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS IN AUSTRALIA

Wednesday 19 November, 7.30pm-9pm The Knox Lecture Theatre, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne (enter via Lansdowne St car park) Do you want to know more about the current situation in Iraq, the Christian and Muslim communities of Iraq, the rise and nature of the 'Islamic State' and appropriate relationships between Christians and Muslims today? This free event is a timely opportunity aimed at providing information and answering your questions. The speakers are Very Rev Denis Staley, Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations and Prof Nasir Butrous, member of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission. More info & RSVP: 0400 978 938 or elc@cam.org.au

JESUIT THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE BOOK LAUNCH

Tuesday 18 November, 5.30pm-7.30pm Jesuit Theological College, 175 Royal Pde, Parkville You are invited to the launch of works published by two members of the Jesuit Theological College: Life Abounding: A Reading of John's Gospels by Brendan Byrne SJ (St Paul's Publications) to be launched by Rev. Prof. Dorothy Lee and The Second Vatican Council: Message and Meaning by Gerald O'Collins SJ (Liturgical Press) to be launched by Rev. Dr. Ormond Rush. Contact: Br Mukesh Patel SJ at mukesh@jtc.edu.au or on 9341 5800 or 0412 783 069

MENALIVE APP LAUNCH

menALIVE has recently launched a free app where Catholic men can listen to podcasts, access the menALIVE event calendar and stay up to date with menALIVE news. It is now available on iTunes and Google Play. To download, visit your app store and search "MenAlive."

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass.

PARISH HALL:

The Parish Hall is available for hire. All enquiries: stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com

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

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014



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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 Gifts we receive

How grateful are you for what you have received?

Let us say thank you with this little reflection:

O God, my Father, thank you for the world in which I live.

Thank you for all the beautiful things in it;

for all the interesting things in it.

Thank you for the life which you have given me.

Thank you for:

My body to act. My mind to think

My memory to remember. My heart to love.

Thank you for giving me:

So many things to enjoy. So many things to learn

So many things to do. So many things to love.

Help me never to do anything which would make the world uglier or people sadder.

Help me always to add something to the world's beauty and to the world's joy.

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Verna Egan, Halim Werden, Margaret Hole

Thanksgiving: \$1705.30

Presbytery: \$1188.95

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> M Henshall	A Mucic	M Sullivan
<u>Special Ministers:</u> J Burke, J Mammone	M Gauci, R McGowan	G Johnson, L Anderson
<u>Offertory:</u> H & R Pless	C Attard	M Scarpino
<u>Counters:</u> K Porter, P Hill	<u>Transport:</u> G Johnson, D Meller, P Waddington	
<u>Flowers:</u> T Dargan, J Whelan	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> G Group	<u>Linen:</u> V Page
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Elizabeth of Hungary

Friday: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St Cecilia

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Lucinda Marriott** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember her and her family in our prayers.

MASS OF THE ANOINTING AND LUNCHEON

All are invited to come to St Vincent de Paul Church for the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing and prayers for the sick and senior parishioners of our community. Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 5th December at 11am** followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. To help us to prepare for this celebration forms are available in the porches of the Church. Please return the form by the 30th November, to the boxes in the porches of the Church.

MONISTERS ROSTERS

The next roster for the months of December through to February, in name order, are available on the table in the east transept of the Church. For those with children in the School the roster has been distributed via the children. Thank you for your assistance.

GREETINGS FROM ROME

Fortunately the weather in Rome has cooled yet is still very mild. It is wonderful to see the transition as many trees have lost their leaves and there are autumn colours still about. During the month of October our lectures continued reflecting on Canon Law, particularly related to priests. We also reflected on Catholic Social Teaching, reminding us of the importance to care for these who are marginalised, even if the focus was very centred on the United States of America. Might I say there is a heavy American presence here. Other input has been on Theology, priesthood and the role of the laity in the life of the parish. I have been reflecting on our own Pastoral Renewal program and the importance of this in our lives as a community, in the light of these lectures. We were fortunate to have a presentation from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, offering insights on the process for the canonization of those who have been considered or promoted.

As well as the lectures here in the College we have been fortunate to have tours around Rome. We have visited two of the 'Dicasteries', Offices of the Vatican, firstly for the Clergy and secondly for New Evangelization. One visit to highlight was through the Vatican Gardens. We walked through the gardens and I was amazed at the complexity and variety of the vegetation. Pope Emeritus Benedict resides in these gardens and I was fortunate to see him as he was farewelling some guests as their car was departing. During the week we toured the Basilica of St Clement, one of my favourites and also the Basilica of St John Lateran.

One weekend I went to Florence and once again enjoyed the beauty and history of this ancient and historical town. In mid October we had a ten day semester break and the priests on Sabbatical went in all directions. I have always wanted to spend time in North Italy in the alps, so I took the opportunity to go to Bressanone (Italian) or Brixen (German), south of Brennen, in the South Tyrol. The village is in the valley with towering mountains on either side. The scenery was exquisite, while the air was cold and sunny except for two days when it snowed. I walked heaps, had many train rides and enjoyed the break, and the food, while taking lots of photos. Last weekend I went to Venice and again enjoyed the quaint buildings rising from the waterways, fortunately before the water flooded during this week.

As I enjoy each day with time for study and adventure I remember you in my thoughts and prayer. Every blessing, Fr Peter

CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Catholic Deaf Appeal. A total of \$745.00 was collected.

BISHOP APPOINTMENTS

Pope Francis has appointed two Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne. Monsignor Curtin will begin work in the Northern Region at Moonee Ponds from 14th January 2015. Father Edwards will work in the Eastern Region. We are invited to pray for these two great priests and welcome them as bishops.

Vision

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Mission

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