

### ***When Life is Ending – Discussing Dying, Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia***

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. To help inform parishioners about the key issues involved, Archbishop Hart recently launched a resource titled – *When Life is Ending*. Written by a religious sister who is also a GP and bioethicist, it seeks provide information that will be helpful to all seeking to oppose the proposed legislation.. Copies of the booklet, **When Life Is Ending**, discussing dying, assisted suicide and euthanasia, are available on the table in the east transept of the Church.

### **CRAFT GROUP**

Everyone welcome on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm, come along and learn a new skill in the Parish Centre. **Please note new start time.** Further details available from Christine Gregory on 9379 5497.

### **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.

### **ONLINE YOUTH SURVEY: POPE FRANCIS AWAITS YOUR RESPONSE**

Young people across Australia are being called to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey published by the Australian Bishops. The survey seeks to capture the opinions and perspectives of young people as part of a national consultation process that will inform an international conversation in Rome next year. Pope Francis will lead the international conversation at the Vatican. He has made it clear that he is interested to hear from all young people—not just those who go to Church or believe in God. Representatives from all over the world will be invited to Rome to share their experiences and views at a meeting in October 2018. The survey will close Sunday 2 July. Link to survey: <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>

### **PIETY STALL**

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

### ***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**

3rd & 4th June 2017  
Pentecost Sunday Year A

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:** 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.*

### ***Pentecost***

On this final day of Eastertide, we celebrate not only the coming of the Holy Spirit, but also the birth of the Church when the followers of Jesus went out to continue his mission. Quietly and slowly I ask God's Spirit to guide my prayer, and help me reflect on the images of the Holy Spirit.

We, the living Church, celebrate God's gift to us of his Holy Spirit. On this day Jesus commissioned the disciples and gave them the power and authority to proclaim His forgiveness to those who repent.

Consider these thoughts as we ponder on the Holy Spirit:

Do I become still in body and mind as I begin to pray?

Do I ask the Holy Spirit who dwells within me to be my guide?

Do I read the scripture and notice the sequence of events?

Do I try to enter that upper room and watch?

What is it in this emotional scene that strikes a chord in me, and why?

What impact do Jesus' words have on me?

Do they comfort or disturb me?

Am I called to forgive?

Is Jesus also 'sending' me? To whom? How? When?

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

**Recent Deaths:** Molly Parker

**Anniversaries:**

**Thanksgiving:** \$2040.50    **Presbytery:** \$922.85

**Rosters for next weekend 10th & 11th June:**

6.00 pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Lectors:</b> L Capparelli	B Hanley	M Chris

<b>Special Ministers:</b> K Ferguson, L Caridi	M Gavaghan, R McGowan	C Johnson, L Anderson
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<b>Offertory:</b> Capparelli Family	K & M Barry	Children's Liturgy
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<b>Counters:</b> B Tormey, M Schembri	<b>Transport:</b> G Johnson, D Meller
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<b>Flowers:</b> T Dargan & J Whelan	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> E Sheppard
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**Next week's Readings:** Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

### **FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** St Boniface

### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 10.00am

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church at 7.00pm

**Thursday:** Finance Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

### **CONFIRMATION**

We congratulate the youth from our Parish receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We pray that they will continue to grow in the Spirit and use the gifts bestowed upon them. Please remember them in your prayers. May we always be an example for them.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY - NEXT SUNDAY**

During 10.30am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, primary school aged children are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word.

### **MASS THIS WEEK**

As Fr Peter will be attending the Clergy Conference this week there will be no 10.00 am Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

### **WINTER APPEAL TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED**

Thank you to those who have donated items to support the homeless. Socks and beanies as well as sleeping bags are needed to support those who come to the St Vincent de Paul food vans. These items may be left in the tub in the Narthex of the Church.

### **First reading      Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### **Second reading      1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

### **Gospel      John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

### **TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS – NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend tea and coffee will be available in the Narthex after each Mass. All welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and chat after Mass. This takes place on the second Sunday of each month.

If you would like to assist in helping to serve tea/coffee after any of the Masses please contact the Parish Administration Office 94112 8460 or send an email to strathmore@cam.org.au

### **FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

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

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*Our Mission*

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