

**FREE E-BOOK FOR COMPUTER OR E-READER: SON OF GOD: THE DAILY GOSPEL YEAR A-2**

This e-book, which may be downloaded free to a computer or e-reader, offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year A-2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It contains the Gospel passages not only for this present but for any A-2 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their respective reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta. Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2 may be accessed at the following address: [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

**JULY T@P – THEOLOGY ON TAP:**

The Jesuit Enigma Featuring Fr Robin Koning SJ Monday 7 July, 6:30pm – 9pm  
We have a Jesuit Pope, a Jesuit Educated Australian Prime-Minister, Opposition Leader and Melbourne Archbishop. Together with Fr Robin Koning S.J., we will explore the Jesuit mystique which has had a wide-reaching impact on history and our lives. Young people 18 to 35 years old, priests and religious of all ages are welcome. Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy. Contact: Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin 0438 643 070

**PUBLIC LECTURE: “BECAUSE PEOPLE MATTER: THE CONTRIBUTION OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING TO A JUST SOCIETY”**

Monday 14 July, 5:30pm – 7:15pm  
Australian Catholic University invites you to a public lecture and the conferral of an honorary doctorate on Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Archbishop Martin is the Archbishop of Dublin, Primate of Ireland, Former Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Former Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See in Geneva. RSVP: Tuesday 1 July. Mercy Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy (access to lecture theatre via Young St).  
[suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au](mailto:suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au) or 9926 5761

**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.

***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***

5th & 6th July, 2014

14th 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:** Tuesday - Saturday 10.00 am

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:** Open Tuesday - Saturday 7.00 am - 5.00 pm for private prayer

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation:** Saturday 9.00 - 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 Loving Compassion and Gentleness of Jesus**

Jesus exclaimed: “I bless you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever, and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke upon, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

These words from our Gospel today help us to appreciate the gentle compassion of the Son of God for each one of us. We like Jesus are invited to be the yoke for those who are burdened from time to time. We are invited to be compassionate and supportive to those who struggle. We are invited to walk with those who find life difficult or cannot see the way ahead. Compassion, love, kindness and sensitivity to others in need, is not just a basic human quality, it is the most natural way to respond. Not to reach out an support is neglect and reject and not a loving way to respond.

**Explore the possibilities**



*St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014*

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**Recent Deaths:** Marie Keogh

**Anniversaries:** Margery Bates

**Thanksgiving:** \$3031.00      **Presbytery:** \$1134.65

**Rosters for next weekend**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> M Henshall	B Hanley	D Nicol
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b> T Dargan, J Burke	R McGowan, M Gauci	D Meller, C Picinich
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b> Romano Family	N McCartney	A Soci
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> A Monaghan, D Lane	<b><u>Transport:</u></b> J Fraser, M Green, E Sheppard	
<b><u>Flowers:</u></b> A Scerri	<b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b> D Group	<b><u>Linen:</u></b> T Sardo
<b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b>	Is 55:10-17; Rom 8;18-23; Mt 13:1-23	

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Friday:** St Benedict

**PETER'S PENCE APPEAL**

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Peter's Pence Appeal. A total of \$799.45 was donated.

**'GROWING OUR FAITH' PROGRAM - PARISH SURVEY**

On the weekend of 19th and 20th July, all parishioners will be invited to complete a local survey on matters of faith which are of interest to them. Information and discussion sessions will then be organized. This is an initiative of our Parish Pastoral Plan. Access and complete the survey earlier if you wish via the parish website [www.cam.org.au/Strathmore](http://www.cam.org.au/Strathmore)

**PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – LUNCH AT PASCOE VALE RSL**

The Parish Seniors Social Group would like to invite any senior members of the parish to join them for lunch at the Pascoe Vale RSL, Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale on Monday 14 July at 12:00pm. The cost of the lunch will be around \$15 for a two course meal with drinks at bar prices. Transport will be provided for anyone who wishes to attend. Come along for a meal and a chat! If you are interested in attending, please contact either Keith Foletti on 9379 4920 or Eileen Sheppard on 9379 7898.

**FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

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

**PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE OUTREACH GROUP:**

Over recent months a small group of interested parishioners have been working at establishing a visiting program for elderly members of the community that would benefit from additional personal contact and that may not be able to initiate this for a range of reasons. Visits are undertaken by two volunteers together for a short stay on a regular basis to provide continuity and build a positive relationship with the person being visited. This group is now looking for extra volunteers to assist with visits so if you are willing to commit an hour of your time on a regular basis and feel you would be suited to helping out in this way please send an email to John Grant – [principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au) Parish office – [Strathmore@cam.org.au](mailto:Strathmore@cam.org.au) or leave a message at the Parish office on 93791488. Likewise if you know of an elderly person that may benefit from this program please let us know so we can assist where possible. A newsletter is available in the porches of the Church for you to read further.

**BOOK LAUNCH:**

New Australian Editions by Archpriest Dr Lawrence Cross OAM and Colleagues Monday 20th July, 12:30pm Join Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Paul Gallagher and Professor Pauline Allen FAHA as they launch: *Eastern Christianity: The Byzantine Tradition In the House of the Spirit: A Western Christian's Guide to the Sacraments in the Byzantine Church God's Holy Fire: Theology of the Icon*. These three books were generated during some forty years of scholarly and ecumenical activity dedicated to the reconciliation of Orthodox and Catholic Christians. They reflect Fr Lawrence's great love and passion for the healing of East-West Christian division. Archpriest Dr Lawrence Cross OAM is the pastor of the Russian Byzantine Catholics in Australia. A light lunch will be provided. Where: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne RSVP: Wednesday 16th July Contact: Jill Allen 9412 3304 or [jill.allen@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jill.allen@ctc.edu.au)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

*Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* 2014 weekend dates : 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:**

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office on 9379 1488 to be placed on our roster. Also, if you would like to attend Mass on Sunday but cannot do so due to lack of transport we can arrange it for you.

***Vision***

*To be a community celebrating Christ in Life*

***Mission***

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