

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW**

Come and see the students' fabulous art! Thursday September 10th, 3:40pm - 7:00pm The art works will be on display in the main corridor of the school and in the Kirinari centre. Come, wander, admire. All welcome.

### **QUO VADIS RETREAT FOR MEN**

Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September Pallotti College, 80 McNamaras Road, Millgrove Starts after dinner Friday night, concludes after lunch on Sunday. A retreat for young men presented by the Archdiocesan Vocations Office. An opportunity for single Catholic men to spend some quiet time in the Yarra Valley with others also seeking to grow closer to God. Prayer, reflection, talks, daily Mass, adoration, opportunity for confession, spiritual direction, recreation and rest. Cost: \$150 (includes all accommodation and meals) Details and registration: 9926 5733 or vocations@cam.org.au

### **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 6 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Each week The Journey includes a variety of inputs including Sam Clear from walk4one shares his passion for Christian unity and there are brilliant stories from Fr Dave Callaghan from the Missionaries of God's Love. Add to that some great music and interviews with people doing amazing things right around the globe and you've got a show that is all about faith, hope love and life. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

### **CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB**

Friday 25 September, 7pm Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street (near the corner of Elizabeth Street), Melbourne Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. This month we are discussing *The Wise Man from the West: Matteo Ricci and his Mission to China* by Vincent Cronin (1955). Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or [www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com](http://www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.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

### **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 9379 1488. 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***

5th & 6th September 2015

23rd 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 Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 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.

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a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart.*

## ***First Holy Communion***

A very special moment in our lives is to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Today we congratulate the children receiving our God in Holy Communion during our Masses. Please remember them in your prayers.



**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Recent Deaths:** Fr Frank Martin, Jenny Zarb

**Anniversaries:** John Raviola

**Thanksgiving:** \$1702.50 **Presbytery:** \$1895.35

**Rosters for next weekend 12th & 13th September**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
S Crombie	A Mucic	D Nicol
<b>Special Ministers:</b>		
F Ferguson, Volunteer	M Gauci, R McGowan	G Johnson, C Johnson
<b>Offertory:</b>		
Hewitt Family	K Foletti	G Polo
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Transport:</b>	
M Schembri, G Cook	G Johnson, M Sullivan, P Waddington	
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	<b>Linen:</b>
L Harrington & L Shannon	G Group	M Hitchcock
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35	

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Parish Education Board Meeting in the School at 7.30pm

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION - FATHERS DAY COLLECTION**

This weekend you are invited to support the annual Father's Day collection for retired and sick priests. Your donation will assist our retired priests some who are now elderly and frail. Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. Envelopes will be available in the Porches of the Church if you wish to use one. This collection will be taken up at Notice Time.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

During our Masses this week we celebrate with the children from our Parish who will receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Please remember these children in you prayer and Mass as they come forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion with us for the first time.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

During 10.30am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, primary school aged children are invited to join us in the Parish Centre for Children's Liturgy of the Word. During each session the gospel of the day is explored in a way that assists children to understand and make meaning of the message, through stories, pictures and discussion. All children from Year Prep to Year 6 are welcome.

**75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH 1941-2016**

The 75th Planning Committee for the celebration of our 75th next year is arranging a series of events to mark this special moment in our history.

Most of the events have been finalised and a tentative timeline of the events we are inviting you to celebrate are:

February 21st - **High Tea & 1st Historical Display** in North Park Mansion (Columbans)

March 13th - **Parish Picnic** at Brimbank Park from 12 noon onwards

April 17th - 10.30 am **Anniversary Mass with Bishop Terry Curtin**, followed by 1st Historical Display and refreshments.

May - **Guest speaker on the life of St Vincent de Paul** & 2nd Historical Display and refreshments (Dates to be advised)

July - **Film 'Monsieur Vincent'** (Dates to be advised)

September - **School Musical Performance** (Date to be advised)

September 27th - **Feast of St Vincent de Paul** - Mass at 7.00 pm with Archbishop Denis Hart followed by supper and 3rd Historical Display.

October 7th - **School Mass** and celebration of St Vincent de Paul Day

November 2nd - **All Souls Day**. 10.00 am Mass for School and remembering children from our School who have died. 7.00 pm Mass remember parishioners who have died.

November - **75th Anniversary School Fete** (Date to be advised)

December 2nd - **Senior's Mass** with Anointing followed by luncheon

You may like to note these dates for our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

During the year our history will be presented in a publication. We are keen to gather as much historical material as possible. If you have memorabilia which we could borrow, please contact Pat McKay or Denise A'Hearn or the Parish Office. Photos loaned will be scanned and returned. Other items are also most welcome, be they stories or artefacts.

A full detail of the events will be presented shortly.

**PLANNED REFURBISHMENT OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH**

Over the last 6 months the Parish Leadership Team has been considering a number of options to improve facilities within the Church to enhance our celebration of Mass and other sacraments. These changes to the layout will create of a more intimate atmosphere for prayer and reflection. Copies of an overview of the planned changes are available this weekend in the porches of the Church. You are welcome to come to a briefing session on Thursday 17th September at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre or on Friday 18th September in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass (Approx. 10.30 am) to discuss the proposal and answer any questions you may have regarding the project. Parish Leadership Team.

**MASS WITH ANOINTING FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER**

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing you are welcome to come to Mass next Friday at 10.00am. After Mass you are welcome to morning tea in the Parish Centre.

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***Mission***

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