

VATICAN II 50 YEARS ON: RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP AND RETREAT

Friday 22 May to Sunday 24 May Pallotti College, 80 McNamara's Rd, Millgrove This workshop/retreat will begin by exploring the historical, socio-cultural and political contexts which gave rise to the Second Vatican Council. The main part will focus on some of the overarching themes of the principal documents promulgated and how these have been received by the local churches in the last five decades. The weekend will comprise of lectures, group work and audio visual material, with time for socialisation, liturgies, personal prayer and personal reading. The presenter is Dr Edmund Chia BA, MA, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Theology at ACU. A 10% discount is available for early bird registrations before Wednesday 15 April. Cost: \$190 single, \$360 couple (includes accommodation, workshops and meals) Registration and details: 5966 2585 or admin@pallotticollege.com.au

ST MARY'S HOUSE OF WELCOME TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 22 May, 5.30pm St Brigid's Parish Hall, 378 Nicholson St, Fitzroy North Join us for a fun-packed trivia night to raise funds for the support of the disadvantaged, provided by St Mary's House of Welcome in Fitzroy. The trivia will be hosted by comedian Rod Quantock. Bring your own picnic or buy dinner from the Digging for Fire BBQ food truck. Cost: \$30 Details and tickets: 9417 7985 or zoe.lake@smhow.org.au

SOLO CATHOLICS EVENT: DINNER AT ZAGAMES

Thursday 21 May, 7pm Zagames 25 Derby Rd, Caulfield Solo Catholics, a social group which has been going for 45 years, welcomes those who are interested in meeting others in the age range of 45 to 70. This dinner will be a welcome night for new members. RSVP: By Friday 15 May to Peter on 0418 502 297

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

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

9th & 10th May 2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 - Friday 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.

*A community celebrating Christ in life by striving to maintain
a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart.*

Remain in my love

Today as we ponder and think of our mothers in a special way we are ever reminded of their love given so graciously to us their children. Their love for us is echoed in our Scripture passages during our Mass today.

Jesus is speaking with his friends during the Last Supper, reminding them of his love for them as a reflection of the Father's love for his Son, Jesus: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.' These words from St John's Gospel passage are a delightful reflection of God's love for us, echoing the love of a mother for her children.

May we remember in a very special way today the sacrifices our mothers offer for us. In many ways they reflect the love of our God through the love they offer, the gifts they share, the many things they do and especially as they laying down their lives for us each day so that we may have life.

May God grace and bless, strengthen and guide, love and support our Mums.

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard: proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them, Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Recent Deaths: Michelle Giacobbe, Maureen Gorman

Anniversaries: Kevin Bignell, Dorothy Knowles, Leo Knowles, Mary-Anne Knowles, Mary Hannah Knowles

Thanksgiving: \$3962.50 **Presbytery:** \$1347.45

Rosters for next weekend 16th & 17th May

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors: S Crombie	A Mucic	D Nicol
Special Ministers: G Cascone, M Mollica	M Gauci, R McGowan	L Anderson, C Johnson
Offertory: Capparelli Family	K Foletti	Gaston Family
Counters: F Burke, G Delaney	Transport: G Johnson, E Sheppard, P Waddington	
Flowers: M Camilleri & M Hitchcock	Church Cleaning: E Group	Linen: M Sullivan
Next week's Readings:	Acts 1:11; Eph 1:17-23	

THURSDAY MASS

On Thursday the 14th May Mass will be celebrated at Mass at 7.30am. The Confirmation Candidates have a Retreat Day on Thursday. Please remember them in your prayers.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Thursday: St Matthias

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: **Book Club** in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm

Tuesday: **75th Anniversary Committee Meeting** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

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

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY

This Sunday we are invited to support the annual Chaplaincy Appeal to support the work of Catholic Chaplains in hospitals, prisons, youth detention centres and seafarers. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to assist chaplains to provide hope to those suffering from loneliness, physical illness and HIV/AIDS. The collection will be taken up at the notice time.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. A total of \$1465.80 was collected. This will assist Caritas Australia staff who are currently on the ground working with local partners to respond to immediate needs and help to provide food, shelter and clean water and to support the long-term recovery.

“AN ENCOUNTER WITH ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP”



Bernadette Harris, historian and Catholic School educator, will present the Faith Development Team's second Encounter sessions.

Date: Tuesday, 26 May
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Place: In the Parish Centre

Tea, coffee, cake offered. All welcome.

Learn more about, talk about and reflect on Mary's spirituality.

Enquiries: Brian Hanley on (03) 9338 9689 or
bhanley@iprimus.com.au

CHURCH RADIANT HEATERS

The new radiant heaters have been fully installed. We investigated the most effective way to provide heating in our Church. The consultant's report stated: "Radian heaters are preferred over heating the Church for the following reason:- They are fast to heat up and heat like the sun, i.e. they directly heat the person. The volume is too large that heating the air is costly. The space is naturally ventilated and has large leaks which would inhibit effective heating of the air. The space is not in use for large periods which makes justification of large air conditioning".

Radiant heaters do not heat the air. The infrared rays from the heaters warms the person without heating the whole building. To be warmed by the heaters you need to sit in sight of the rays.

CONFIRMATION

This Thursday those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend a Retreat Day at Brimbank Park. On the following Tuesday Bishop Terry Curtain will celebrate our 10.00 am Mass with the Candidates. May we continue to remember them in our prayers as they prepare to stand before us and seek the Gift of the Holy Spirit to come upon them.

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. 2015 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 Apr, 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

Vision

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Mission

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