

### **TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS**

Starting this month tea & coffee will be available in the Narthex after each Mass (6.00 pm, 8.30 am & 10.30 am) on the 2nd Sunday of the month. As we celebrate Mother's Day on the weekend of 13th & 14th May it is an opportunity to stay for awhile and share with one another. This will coincide with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10.30 am Mass held on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

If you would like to assist in helping to serve tea/coffee after any of the Masses please contact the Parish Administration Office 9412 8460 or send an email to [strathmore@cam.org.au](mailto:strathmore@cam.org.au).

### **ST VINCENT de PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 80 YEARS**

This year St Vincent de Paul Primary School is celebrating 80 years. You are invited to help us celebrate by attending Mass on Sunday 21st May at 10.30am and then join us for an open morning to view the school. You are also invited to attend our 80 years celebration day on Wednesday 24th May at 10.15 to 1.30pm. We are asking parishioners if they would like to share photos and stories with the students. Flyers with more details are available in the porch of the Church.

### **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.

### **CENTRE MANAGER POSITION**

The Stella Maris Seafarer's Centre at 600 Little Collins Street, Melbourne is part of the global Catholic missionary work for seafarers – & forms part of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerant People. Stella Maris requires an experienced Centre Manager for a full-time/permanent part-time position, responsible for day-to-day centre activities, with strong leadership skills and ability to develop and implement successful management strategies. Contact [jobs@stellamaris.org.au](mailto:jobs@stellamaris.org.au) for a copy of the Position Description.

### ***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

### **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

2017 Knox Public Lecture Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 7.30pm Rev. Prof Denis Edwards Ecumenical Priorities after 50 years of ARCIC  
Bookings and Information: Email [jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au) or phone 9412 3304. R.S.V.P.: Friday 26 May. Venue: Gateway Lecture Theatre, Trinity College Royal Parade, Parkville



## **St Vincent de Paul Press**

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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.*

## **The Shepherd and the Gate**

Perhaps we might not think of ourselves as like sheep. Yet the imagery presented to us is very clear when we reflect upon the Scripture this weekend. The shepherd is one who guides and protects, shows a path and offers sustenance on the journey of life. It is in Jesus Christ, Our Lord and God, that find this support and love as we journey along the path of life.

From the reading of the Acts of the Apostles we hear Peter on Pentecost Day, after the Holy Spirit had descended upon them, inviting the crowd to change their way of life and receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation - 'receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'. This gift brings to us the protection of our God, a reservoir inside us, to withstand the struggles of life, the crosses and challenges we face, 'so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed'. (1Peter 2:23)

John in our Gospel today brings to us the words of Jesus as he tells us he is the shepherd and the gate, through which we enter and find life as we follow. Remember the words of Jesus to Thomas at the last supper, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one can come to the Father except through me'. May we look to Jesus and the gift he bestows as our guiding strength through life.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**Recent Deaths:** Louie Spiteri

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Martin Bignell, Andrew Hole, Maurie & Florrie Cronin,  
Margaret & Alfred Cattanaach

**Thanksgiving:** \$2181.30 **Presbytery:** \$982.00

**Rosters for next weekend 13th & 14th May:**

6.00 pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Lectors:</b>		
J Harris	R Savage	D Nicol
<b>Special Ministers:</b>		
J Mammone, F Ferguson	J Mathew, M Pittappillil	C Johnson, C Picinich
<b>Offertory:</b>		
Comerford family	B Evans	Children's Liturgy
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Transport:</b>	
B Tormey, D Lane	D Meller, M Sullivan, P Waddington	
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	<b>Linen:</b>
J Mathew	Group F	C Fox

**Next week's Readings:** Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

## **TUESDAY MASSES**

This Tuesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass.

## **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Book Club in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm

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

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

**Friday:** Film 'Shadowlands' in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass

## **ST VINCENT'S de PAUL'S SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB**

Parishioners are invited to attend lunch at the Essendon Club (Napier Street) on Monday 22nd May at 12 noon. Two course senior's lunch includes a main, dessert and a drink of either beer, wine or soft drink for \$15.50. Bookings by Monday 15th May to Therese Dargan 9379 5661 or Keith Foletti 9379 4920. Transport may be provided.

## **FRIDAY MORNING TEA AND FILM**

This Friday after the 10.00am Mass the film 'Shadowlands' will be screened in the Parish Centre. All welcome to attend and share morning tea.

## **CONFIRMATION**

This weekend we welcome the Confirmation Candidates and their families during our week-end Masses. Please remember them and their families in our prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Terry Curtin on the 2nd & 3rd June.

## **First reading Acts 2:14,36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

## **Second reading 1 Peter 2:20-25**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **Gospel John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

## **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.

## **PIETY STALL**

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

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***Our Mission***

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