

### **SEMINAR: FRIENDSHIP, A GIFT IN NATURE AND GRACE**

Friday 16 September, 9.30am–1pm Treacy Boardroom, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne This philosophy and theology research seminar will reflect on the topic of friendship by engaging voices from various historical and ecclesial contexts within the tradition to explore the dynamic interaction of human and divine friends. Presentations by Dr Frances Baker rsm, Dr Adam Cooper, Fr Cameron Forbes, Dr Robert Krishna op, Dr Kevin Lenehan and Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay. All welcome. Tea and coffee provided. Details: Kevin on 9412 3328

### **CHASING ASYLUM: SCREENING EVENT, RIVOLI CINEMA**

Wednesday 14 September, 7pm, Rivoli Cinema, 200 Camberwell Road, Hawthorn East Xavier Social Justice Network together with Our Lady of Good Counsel and All Hallows Parish Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group invite you to a viewing of *Chasing asylum*, a film by Eva Orner. Cost: \$20 Bookings: <https://www.tugg.com/events/139155> Details: Bronwen Kellet at [Bronwen.Kellett@xavier.vic.edu.au](mailto:Bronwen.Kellett@xavier.vic.edu.au) or Helen Darrer at [hdarrer61@gmail.com](mailto:hdarrer61@gmail.com)

### **ANNUAL MISSION FAIR - 9th OCTOBER**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 8 October 9am—3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will assist a project in Ghana to enable women to acquire various skills such as sewing, bread making and soap making. The eventual aim is to help them to set up a co-operative and generate income. Enquiries Phone 9817 3715.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYGROUP**

Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIlldowney 0411 061 978 or just come along.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY - THIS 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.

### ***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**

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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.*

### ***"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."***

If somebody complained because you eat with sinners, spoke with the neglected and even welcomed them, I am sure you would say it is only right to do so.

In our Gospel this weekend Jesus uses three parables to highlight what he is doing. The sinner in the eyes of Jesus are those who are lost and need to be cared for, to be respected, to be welcomed. It is what we see Jesus doing all the time. He is criticized for his outreach, his compassion, his respect for all and the way he cares for those who are the outcast, in the eyes of the Pharisees.

The Pharisees considered themselves righteous and proper, the chosen and above others. It is for this reason Jesus challenges them to take a good look at themselves.

We are, in the eyes of Jesus, the lost sheep, the lost drachma, the son who went and wasted his father's inheritance, for we are the sinners, who Jesus welcomes and rejoices when we recognize we are in need of his touch, his embrace, his support. Hence our need to respect and welcome all who come into our lives.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will rise and go to my father.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself, and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**Recent Deaths:** Fr Andrew Camilleri, Rita Komoroski

**Anniversaries:** Laurie Mallia

**Thanksgiving:** \$3572.95 **Presbytery:** \$1776.85

**Rosters for next weekend 17th & 18th September**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
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**Lectors:**

L Capparelli	K Hill	D Nicol
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**Special Ministers:**

J Mammone, K Ferguson	M Gauci, L Sands	G Johnson, C Picinich
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**Offertory:**

H & R Pless	C Vega	A Abboud
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**Counters:**

B Tormey, P Hill	<b>Transport:</b> D Meller, G Dovey, M Sullivan
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**Flowers:**

T Dargan, J Whelan	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> Group B	<b>Linen:</b> A Abboud
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**Next week's Readings:** Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

### **FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** St John Chrysostom

**Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Friday:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

### **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:** **Parish Leadership Team Meeting** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

### **RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Michele Mangano** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our prayers.

### **PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION –FATHER’S DAY COLLECTION**

Thank you to all who generously supported the annual Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal. A total of \$1532.80 was donated. Your generosity to support the retired and sick priests of the Archdiocese is much appreciated as an expression of support for their generosity.

### **PHOTOS OF PAST PARISH PRIESTS**

The 75th Anniversary Committee would like to place the photos of our past Parish Priests in the Narthex of the Church. If you have a portrait photo or similar we would like to borrow it to copy. Please either email a good quality photo or drop off the photos at the Parish Administration. We will return your photos so please leave your details with the photos.

## **1941 to 2016 St Vincent de Paul Parish Strathmore** **Tuesday 27th September Mass Feast of St Vincent de Paul** **Masses 10.00 am & 7.00 pm**

Archbishop Denis Hart, will consecrate the new Altar during the **evening Mass at 7.00 pm**. The relics of St Vincent de Paul, St Peter Julian Eymard, St Josaphat, St Pius X and St Stanilaus Kostka will be inserted into the Altar. The placement of relics takes us back to the early Church in Rome where Mass was celebrated underground on the tombs of the martyrs. **Supper will follow Mass in the Hall**. You are most welcome to bring your family and friends as we give thanks to God for the gifts he has bestowed up us. We also give thanks for the House of God in our midst.

### **THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES: DR KEVIN DONNELLY**

Thursday 15 September, 7am–9am, The CQ Club, 113–123 Queen Street, Melbourne  
Hosted by Archbishop Denis Hart, this series of breakfasts continues on 15 September, when leading Catholic researcher Dr Kevin Donnelly shares his story. Kevin is a Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Catholic University and one of Australia’s leading education authors and commentators. He is a strong advocate for Christianity in the public square and the importance of religious faith and transcendence in what is an increasingly secular age.  
Cost: \$45 Bookings: [des@menalive.org.au](mailto:des@menalive.org.au) Details: Michael Bohan on 0439 172 465 or [michael.bohan@menalive.org.au](mailto:michael.bohan@menalive.org.au) RSVP: 12 September

### **CulturED CAFE WITH FR RICHARD LEONARD SJ**

Thursday, 15 September, 7.30pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
Our next speaker is Fr Richard Leonard, a Sydney based Jesuit who directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting. He lectures in cinema and theology and has a couple of books to his name. Join us after Six30 Holy Hour for dinner, a drink, dessert and a great chat. Cost: \$10, at the door RSVP: Archdiocesan Office for Youth on [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.au). Please mention any dietary requirements.

### **CONVERSATIONS WITH MARY: A MONTHLY GATHERING**

Thursday 15 September, 11am–12.30pm Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne ‘Conversations with Mary’ is a monthly gathering of people interested in prayer and reflection with St Mary MacKillop, facilitated by a Sister of St Joseph. The gathering begins at 11am in the chapel at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and includes a light lunch, finishing at 12.30pm. Details: 9926 9300 or [admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au)

### **WESTERN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB**

Tuesday 13 September, 7.30–9pm Club Italia, Furlong Road, St Albans ‘The Works of Mercy in 2016: Vinnies, the human face of mercy’. Guest speakers from the St Vincent de Paul Society will be Wendy Buchanan (Victorian State Council member) and Brendan Podbury (youth worker and Vinnies Liaison Officer). All welcome. Dinner available prior at the venue. Details: Anne Dowling at [deanery.westernhighway@cam.org.au](mailto:deanery.westernhighway@cam.org.au)

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