

## **TIMELESS YOUTH CAMP FOR YEARS 7 AND 8**

Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 September  
Leave behind the ordinary these school holidays and experience all the adventure of a fun, friendly, faith-filled youth camp hosted by the Catholic Archdiocesan Office for Youth. Featuring Melbourne's National Evangelisation Team, the Timeless Youth Camp will explore how God's time and our time are connected. Located on the edge of the Dandenong Ranges, the campsite facilities include basketball, netball and tennis courts, a beach volleyball court, a ropes course, table tennis and an archery range, all in a beautiful bush environment—and we plan to make the most of our stay there! Everyone in year 7 and 8 is welcome. Cost: \$60, includes all meals and accommodation. (Any cost concerns, please contact the AOY to receive a concession rate) Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/youth/>

## **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 20 SEPTEMBER 2015**

This week on The Journey Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda Scott OSB shares a story of how Pope John XXIII revealed God's love to prisoners; Trish McCarthy challenges us to "Feel the Fear" and do it anyway; Fr Dave Callaghan asks us to "Think Again" and the Pirolas give us tips on the key to a successful marriage. 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.

## **ANNUAL MISSION FAIR**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 10th October 9.00am to 3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds from this year's Fair will be directed to assist in the construction of a borehole that will provide water for a boys home, and village people, in Sudan and a much needed vehicle for priests in the Sacred Heart Parish, Kesis, Zambia. Enquiries Phone 9817 3715.

## **CARDS AFTERNOON**

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Cards in the Parish Centre commencing at 12.15 pm. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.

## ***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***

12th & 13th September 2015  
24th 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.

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

# ***Who do you say I am?***

These are the words Jesus put to his disciples as they left for the villages around Caesarea. We know well Peter's response, "You are the Christ".

Jesus also asks each one of us the same question, "Who do you say I am?"

What do you say in response. In one way its easy for us to say the same as Peter, yet the real challenge for us is to say our response knowingly with a firm conviction. Having done so what is the impact in your life.

Let's look at Peter for a moment. Peter had great faith and loved Jesus. Peter also denied he knew Jesus, when under stress. Peter also got confused at times and misunderstood what Jesus was saying. Like the other Apostles, John, James, Thomas and Judas, they all had to grapple with their humanity.

Jesus reminds us that if we want to be a follower of his we have to renounce self and put on Christ. Even in our own weaknesses we proclaim our belief in Christ by the way we shown Christ in ourselves to others, by the way we speak, the way we pray, the way we respect others and the way re respect ourselves. Jesus knows our weaknesses and offers encouragement to support us.

**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 walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

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

**Recent Deaths:** Kath Hughes, Helga Ohle

**Anniversaries:**

**Thanksgiving:** \$3198.70

**Presbytery:** \$2313.80

**Rosters for next weekend 19th & 20th September**

**6.00 pm**

**8.30 am**

**10.30 am**

**Lectors**

J Harris

G Cronan

M Sullivan

**Special Ministers:**

J Mammone, T Dargan

M Thomas, A Henshall

C Picinich, L Anderson

**Offertory:**

R & A Hutcheon

L & S Sands

Gaston Family

**Counters:**

K Porter, D Lane

**Transport:**

P Fox, E Sheppard, P Waddington

**Flowers:**

D & F Boyle

**Church Cleaning:**

A Group

**Linen:**

Volunteer

**Next week's Readings:**

Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3, Mk 9: 30-37

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

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

**Tuesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Wednesday:** Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

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

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

**Thursday:** Parish Meeting on Church Restoration in the Church at 7.00pm

**Friday:** Parish Meeting on Church Restoration in the Church at 10.30am

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

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. A total of \$1929.80 was collected. Your donation will assist our retired priests some who are now elderly and frail.

**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.

**FOR THOSE WHO'VE COME ACROSS THE SEAS**

A copy of the Bishop's Social Justice Statement is available on our Parish web page.

**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 Church or on Friday 18th September in the Church 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.

**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. 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.

**FOR THOSE WHO'VE COME ACROSS THE SEAS**

Justice for refugees and Asylum Seekers 1.00pm – 2.00pm Tuesday 15th September 2015 by Bishop Vincent Long The launch will take place - literally - ON THE WATERS EDGE - directly opposite Etihad Stadium (131 Harbour side Esplanade, Docklands) and easily reached by a brisk 7 minute walk from Southern Cross Station. Everyone is most welcome. Enquires / RSVP justice@cam.org.au

**ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRISH JESUITS' ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1865**

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. You are invited to join in celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Irish Jesuits in Australia. At the invitation of James Goold, the first Bishop of Melbourne, the first Irish Jesuits arrived at Cathedral Place in September 1865 to take charge of Saint Patrick's College and Seminary. Come join the celebrations and learn more about the continuing work of the Jesuits throughout Australia and in their overseas missions. Sunday 27 September, 11am: Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Denis J Hart, Archbishop of Melbourne. You are also welcome to recognise the occasion at Masses on Saturday 26 September (6pm) and Sunday 27 September (6.30pm) with homilies by Old Patrician Jesuits (former students of St Patrick's College, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne)

**COLUMBAN CALENDAR**

The 2016 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for the special price of \$8.00. When you purchase the calendar, you are assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.

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