

THEOLOGY AT THE PUB: Q&A NIGHT

Monday 14 December dinner and drinks from 6.30pm, Q&A commences at 7.30pm
The Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy Join us at our annual Theology@thePub Q&A Night where you'll have the chance to ask the questions you've always been curious about. Anything touching on the Catholic faith: God, love, sexuality, bioethics, philosophy, morality, the Pope, Church history, Scripture, Church scandals, the New Atheism, religion in contemporary society, Christianity and other religions, prayer, etc. Nothing is off limits and our panelists are game, so don't be shy! We're pleased to announce our line-up of bright and learned panelists: Anna Krohn, Fr John Walshe and Fr Anthony Denton. Anna Krohn is a renowned columnist in Australian Catholic media, PhD candidate and staff member of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Melbourne. Fr John Walshe, a priest of over 30 years, is the National Chairman of the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy (ACCC). Fr Anthony Denton has returned to Australia this year after undertaking a Doctorate in Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical Holy Cross University in Rome. For Catholics (and their friends) 18 to 35 years old; priests, deacons and religious of all ages welcome.
Details: www.facebook.com/groups/tapmelb/

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 20 DECEMBER 2015

This week Bishop Peter Ingham will give as a fantastic Christmas message for the Year of Mercy. This is our last week of regular programming before the best of 2015 summer series of *The Journey* commences. Tune in to hear Sr Hilda Scott OSB, Bruce Downes, *The Catholic Guy*, Dr Byron and Francine Pirola, Trish McCarthy, Pete Gilmore, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, Sam Clear and Marilyn Rodriguez right through summer. What a great way to prepare for Christmas and lead into 2016. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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

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 the Columbans.

MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Majellan Christmas Cards are now available at the Piety Stall. A packet of 10 cards is \$6.00. Proceeds from the cards will aid Redemptorist overseas Missions.



St Vincent de Paul Press

12th & 13th December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

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.*

POPE FRANCIS DECLARES OPEN THE YEAR OF MERCY IN ROME

Tuesday 8 December 2015 marked the beginning of the Holy Year of Mercy, an Extraordinary Jubilee Year called for by Pope Francis. Pope Francis has officially opened the Holy Doors of St Peter's. The Catholic tradition of practicing a Holy Year (Jubilee Year) began with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, and since 1475 an Ordinary Jubilee has been celebrated every 25 years in order to allow each generation to experience at least one during their lifetime.

The Holy Year is traditionally a year of forgiveness of sins and also the punishment merited by one's sins. It is also a year for reconciliation between enemies, conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A Holy Year brings with it the chance for the faithful to gain a plenary indulgence. According to para. 1471, an indulgence is: "...a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints". Read more at: www.cam.org.au

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Recent Deaths:	Eleanor McGowan, Alfred Cattanaach	
Anniversaries:	James Behan	
Thanksgiving:	\$4284.20	Presbytery: \$2171.20
Rosters for next weekend 19th & 20th December		
6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors		
J Harris	G Cronan	M Sullivan
Special Ministers:		
F Ferguson, T Dargan	R McGowan, P McKay	L Anderson, C Picinich
Offertory:		
T & S Comerford	N McCartney	Scavo Family
Counters:		
G Delaney, H Tobin	Transport:	
	P Fox, G Dovey, P Waddington	
Flowers:		
M Camilleri & M Hitchcock	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
	G Group	V Page
Next week's Readings:		
	Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St John of the Cross

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Book Club in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm

EVENING OF PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION & PEACE

As an expression of appreciation for your support of our Parish community this year I invite you to gather with us on Tuesday 15th December at 7.00 pm firstly in the Church for prayers for Reconciliation & Peace in our lives followed by Supper in the Parish Centre. As we are about to commence the ‘Year of Mercy’ you are welcome to gather with us.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Krishna** and **Sharmila Tadikamalla** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

This weekend we are invited to support Melbourne Overseas Mission. A collection will be taken up at Notice Time. Envelopes will be available in the porches of the church.

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 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.

Christmas at St Vincent de Paul

2nd Rite Reconciliation Ceremony - Tuesday 22nd December 7.00 pm
1st Rite Reconciliation on Saturdays at 9.00 am

Christmas Masses

- * 6.00 pm Christmas Eve (Family Mass) with Carols starting at 5.30 pm
- * Midnight with carols at 11.30 pm
- * 10.00 am Christmas Morning with carols at 9.45 am

COMMUNITY CAROL EVENING

Hosted by the Strathmore Inter-Church Council at St Aidan’s Anglican Church
Come and celebrate with our Anglican and Uniting Church communities on Sunday 20th December at 5.00 pm.
To assist in the promotion of the Carol Evening and Christmas Ceremonies you are invited to help distribute flyers around the southern areas of our Parish. Please help by taking a street near you. The flyers on the table in the east Transcept.

CHRISTMAS, A CATHEDRAL, AN ORGAN, AND THREE TRUMPETS:

Wednesday 16 December, 6-7pm St Patrick’s Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
A superlative recital of Christmas and celebratory holiday music, in the majestic acoustic of one of Australia’s greatest buildings. The recital will feature world-acclaimed keyboard artist Anthony Halliday playing St Patrick’s organ, with three superlative trumpeters, Joel Brennan (MSO), Allison Wright (Orchestra Victoria) and Christopher Grace (MSO and Orchestra Victoria). Cost: \$20, \$15 concession, at the door. Details: paul.taylor@cam.org.au or 9926 5753

DON BOSCO ANNUAL SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP, SAFETY BEACH

Junior camp 1: 4 to 7 January
Senior camp: 11 to 15 January
Junior camp 2: 18 to 21 January
Don Bosco Camps are running their annual Summer Holiday Camp for young people, 9 to 13 -year-olds (Junior) and 13 to 16-year-olds (Senior), in the upcoming January school holidays. The Don Bosco camp is a Catholic holiday program for disadvantaged young people, run completely by volunteer youth leaders. We would like to invite all young people aged 9 to 16 in the Melbourne Archdiocese to come along. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment.
Details: www.donboscocamp.org.au or 5987 2692

Vision

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Mission

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