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CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 26 June, 7pm Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street (near the corner of Elizabeth Street), Melbourne CBD Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. This month we are discussing *Confessions of a Convert* by Robert Hugh Benson (1871-1914). Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com

NAIDOC WEEK

Monday 6 July to Sunday 12 July
A week for all Australians to celebrate our rich Indigenous culture. Check out your local councils, as most have events to celebrate during the week, and look in local papers and the calendar on the internet. Get involved—NAIDOC Week is for all to celebrate and share.
Details: www.natsicc.org.au

THE POPE APP

'The Pope App' and is the gateway to the latest news and information on Pope Francis. It contains lots of information and links to the Vatican. The General Audiences and other events of Pope Francis are streamed live, together with photos and links to all of the Vatican. Download free from iTunes.

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.

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 & 14th June 2015

11th 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.*

Images of Growth

The Scripture passages this weekend refer to trees and seeds that shelter and grow. These images are a wonderful insight into how we grow and how God grows in us.

It is very easy for us to understand, for we know that seeds grow into grasses, plants, shrubs, tree and many other things.

We all know that when a seed is planted in fertile ground it will always grow strong and healthy.

Jesus uses these images to help us understand that we are like seeds and have the potential to grow in strength and knowledge, in his own likeness. Jesus reminds us that he is the fertile ground in which we are able to grow in his likeness.

As we know that seeds and plants need nourishment to grow, so too do we. Our loving God is the one who offers us this nourishment to help us to be firm and focussed in the way we live and love.

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Recent Deaths: Bernie McCune, Gladys Bennett

Anniversaries: Bryan Coveny, Margaret & Joseph McKinley, Ellen Cattnach, Denis Gaughwin, Ted, Ed & Jack McKay, Deirdre Spence, Domenica & Franca Muroluca, Marie O'Brien, Rosa-Maria Costa, Antonina Tinparro, Giuseppe Muroluca, Domenico Muraca,

Thanksgiving: \$3112.00 **Presbytery:** \$1140.05

Rosters for next weekend 20th & 21st June

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors</u>		
L Capparelli	K Hill	L Wilson
<u>Special Ministers:</u>		
F Ferguson, J Mammone	M Thomas, P McKay	L Anderson, A Monaghan
<u>Offertory:</u>		
Hewitt Family	C Attard	S La Vita
<u>Counters:</u>	<u>Transport:</u>	
G Delaney, H Tobin	P Fox, M Green, P Waddington	
<u>Flowers:</u>	<u>Church Cleaning:</u>	<u>Linen:</u>
T Dargan & J Whelan	C Group	J Izatt
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41	

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

For those who use the Thanksgiving envelopes a new boxed set is available this weekend. The boxes are in street alphabetical order A-L in the right Transcept and M-Z in the left. For those who contribute via credit card or direct debit an envelope is available for you in the left Transcept in street alphabetical order. It would be a great help if you took your street and a neighbouring street to deliver. School Families envelopes will come via your child from School. If you are not currently contributing and wish to support our Parish via Thanksgiving, information packs with the Thanksgiving material are available in the east porch of the Church or online via our Parish website: cam.org.au/strathmore. A copy of a letter from the Parish Leadership Team is included with the envelopes. If you are not contributing to Thanksgiving, you may like to take a copy of the letter found in the East Porch of the Church.

FROM THE FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Approximately thirty parishioners enjoyed the Team's Encounter session on St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tuesday, 26 May. Those present had the chance to reflect on Mary's life, learn more about her spirituality, and share in the experience of prayer and faith encounter with Australia's first saint. Parishioners are invited to submit areas of interest to the Faith Development Team through the Parish Office, and the Team will work to organize a session.

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 26th July at 11.00am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5579 / lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations will close Friday 10 July.

If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year and not attending the Cathedral and would like to receive a commemorative certificate, you are welcome to fill in a form found in the porches of the Church and we will arrange a certificate for you to distribute here on the 25th or 26th July.

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: 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

2015 e-CONFERENCE

Tuesday 23 June, 10am - 2.30pm On line Religion: Catalyst for Violence or Peace? An invitation from The Broken Bay Institute to join four eminent speakers from the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths as they examine the three Abrahamic traditions and their potential to cultivate peace in a world which often associates religion with violence. A free event on-line, but registration necessary. Details: (02) 9847 0578 www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference or econference@bbi.catholic.edu.au

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY MASS

Sunday June 21, 11am 434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury All are welcome at this Mass at the consecrated Chapel on St Georges Road. (look for the high cream fence), to be followed by a shared lunch. Please bring a salad or sweets to share. Details: 9926 5751 or sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au

Yr 1 Classes Family Mass

This weekend we welcome the Yr 1 children from our School. Please pray for them.

Vision

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Mission

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