

MUSLIM AND CATHOLIC MARYAM MEAL

Wednesday 25 March, 6.30pm (for 7pm start)
Catholic Leadership Centre, Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne The meal provides a chance for Catholics and Muslims in Melbourne to come to know each other as friends. Hosted by The Australian Intercultural Society and the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and celebrating the 50th anniversary of Vatican II Nostra Aetate and 15th anniversary of the establishment of AIS. Held on the Feast of the Annunciation, the program will focus on the place of Mary the Mother of Jesus in our traditions, and also celebrate together the cultural contributions that Islam and Catholicism have made to our society. Cost: \$40

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/GYBK or call 0400 978 938 or email to eic@cam.org.au to arrange payment by cheque or cash on the evening.

MENALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND

Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 March Marist-Sion College, 165 Burke St, Warragul This weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. During the weekend, the menALIVE team will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God. The weekend offers space for men to reflect and opportunities to share with one another about their lives. These weekends are powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged, gaining a new sense of purpose. The weekend is suitable for all men aged 18 and over. Cost: \$50
Contact: Deacon Mark Kelly on 0427 748 646 or at mkelley@mscw.vic.edu.au

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office on 9379 1488 to be placed on our roster. Also, if you would like to attend Mass on Sunday but cannot do so due to lack of transport we can arrange it for you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYFROUP

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.

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.

CRAFT GROUP

Everyone welcome on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, come along and learn a new skill in the Parish Centre. Further details available from Christine Gregory on 9379 5497.

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



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Sunday Mass: **Saturday Vigil:** 6.00 pm **Sunday Morning:** 8.30 am & 10.30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 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.*

God loved us so much!

St Paul reminds us in these words: "God loved us so much that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved".

While speaking with Nicodemus (in today's Gospel), Jesus explains his place in our own salvation, drawing on history and the events of the Israelites with Moses in the desert, to help us today understand what he has done for us. "Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life".

These remaining weeks of Lent offer us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the impact of the love of Jesus for us, which challenges us to consider where we are on our journey. Do we ever consider the sacrifice Jesus makes for us each time we celebrate the Eucharist? Look at the sacrifices you make for those you love so dearly. Jesus is doing exactly the same, yet more perfectly, for he sacrifices himself each time we gather at Mass and receive Holy Communion.

