

DIAMOND VALLEY DEANERY ART SALE

Opening: Sunday 23 August, 2–5pm Exhibition:
18 August–21 September Bridges Restaurant,
1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge
An exhibition and sale of artworks donated by
artist Judy Racz. This is your opportunity to own
an original artwork and at the same time assist the
needy within the community, with all proceeds to
pastoral needs within the Diamond Valley Dean-
ery. A wide variety of styles and prices is availa-
ble. Details and catalogue: <http://pol.cam.org.au/greensborough/Home.aspx>

ST JOSEPH'S NORTH FITZROY 50 YEAR REUNION

Friday 28 August, 7pm Lord Newry Hotel, Bruns-
wick Street, North Fitzroy For Matric '65, Leaving
'64, Intermediate '63, and Proficiency '62.
Cost: \$40 Details: John McCormack on 9243 8300
or john.mccormack@griffithhack.com.au

KENSINGTON HOLY ROSARY PARISH 100 -YEAR CELEBRATION JUBILEE DINNER

Saturday 5 September, 7–11 pm, Moonee Valley
Legends Club, 43 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds
Cost: \$50 (includes 3-course meal and entertain-
ment). Drinks at bar prices. Please note: this is an
18 years and over event. Tickets:
www.trybooking.com/HTFF Details: 9376 6148
Holy Rosary, Kensington celebrates its centenary
with both the jubilee dinner in September and its
100-year celebration Mass on Sunday 11 October
at 2.30pm at Holy Rosary Church, 22 Gower
Street, Kensington, to be followed by afternoon
tea.

SOLO CATHOLICS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Solo Catholics is a social group which has been
running for 45 years and welcomes anyone inter-
ested who is in the age range of 45 to 70. Join us
for dinners or outings and get to know other Solo
Catholics in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
Contact: Barbara on 5995 8410

INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Cen-
tre every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm. All wel-
come, equipment provided.

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 weak-
ness, 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 gentle-
ness.

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 con-
tact 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 ar-
range it for them. Please let us know as
we would love to assist.



St Vincent de Paul Press

15th & 16th August 2015
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Weekly Bulletin of the Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore

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St Vincent de Paul Primary School: Woodland Street, Strathmore, 3041

Principal: Mr Shane Byrne

Telephone: 9379 5723 **Facsimile:** 9379 2389 **Email:** [principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto: principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au)

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.*

The words of Pope Francis at his General Audience last week.

“Dear Brothers and Sisters: We return now to our catechesis on the family, by reflecting
on the situation of our brothers and sisters who have divorced and entered a second un-
ion. Though their unions are contrary to the Sacrament of marriage, the Church, as a
Mother, seeks the good and salvation of all her children. As these situations especially
affect children, we are aware of a greater urgency to foster a true welcome for these fam-
ilies in our communities. For how can we encourage these parents to raise their children
in the Christian life, to give them an example of Christian faith, if we keep them at arm’s
length? I am especially grateful to the many pastors, guided by my Predecessors, who
have worked diligently to let these families know they are still a part of the Church.
There is no easy solution for these situations, but we can and must always encourage
these families to participate in the Church’s life, through prayer, listening to the Word of
God, the Christian education of their children, and service to the poor. As the Good
Shepherd gives his life for the sheep, so the Church as a Mother gives her life for all her
children, by being always the “house of the Father, with doors wide open”. May every-
one, especially Christian families, imitate the Good Shepherd, who knows all his sheep
and excludes no one from his infinite love.”

The Synod on the Family will be held in Rome in October. May we pray for those at-
tending The Synod as they reflect on family life.

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Recent Deaths: Elwyn Brasher

Anniversaries: William Moon

Thanksgiving: \$1591.00 **Presbytery:** \$1019.45

Rosters for next weekend 22nd & 23rd August

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors		
Volunteer	G Delaney	L Wilson
Special Ministers:		
F Ferguson, J Mammone	M Gavaghan, R McGowan	C Picinich, L Anderson
Offertory:		
Marino Family	C Vega	S La Vita
Counters:	Transport:	
K Porter, D Lane	P Fox, G Johnson, P Waddington	
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
M Scarpino	B Group	C Fox
Next week's Readings:	Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Thursday: St Bernard

Friday: St Pius X

Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Charlotte Rocca** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember her and her family in our prayers.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

Thursday: Maintenance & Planning Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

CATHOLIC CARE

Thank you to all who generously donated to the CatholicCare Appeal last weekend. A total of \$935.00 was collected.

POPE FRANCIS: SAY A PRAYER FOR CREATION

Pope Francis has called for a world day of prayer for Creation, which will be celebrated from the 1st of September this year.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to institute in the Catholic Church the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' which, beginning this year, is to be celebrated on 1 September'.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW

Come and see the students' fabulous art! Thursday September 10th, 3:40pm - 7:00pm
The art works will be on display in the main corridor of the school and in the Kirinari centre.
Come, wander, admire. All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Tuesday 1 September Pope Francis has declared 1 September a day of prayer for the Universal Church. He says it will give individuals and communities an opportunity to implore God's help in protecting creation and an opportunity to ask God's forgiveness 'for sins committed against the world in which we live'. Pope Francis announced his decision to add the annual prayer day to the Catholic calendar in a letter to Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and to Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The Pope asked Cardinal Koch to consult with and work with the Catholic Church's ecumenical partners and the World Council of Churches to make sure the prayer day becomes a sign of Christians' commitment to work together to safeguard creation 'in order to be more credible and effective'. Pope Francis entrusted to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace the task of working with Catholic bishops' conferences and environmental organisations to publicize and coordinate the specifics of the celebration.

BIBLICAL LANDS TOUR 2016 INFORMATION DAY

Saturday 12 September, 2-5pm Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne CTC is offering a fully escorted Study Tour of the Holy Lands in November/December 2016. This information session will detail the complete itinerary of all places to be visited in Jordan, Israel, Palestinian territories and Turkey. Journey with CTC to the heart of your faith! Details: Jenny on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au RSVP: Wednesday 9 September

FULFILLING INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR SKILLED VOLUNTEERS:

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer. Want to know more? Information Session will be held on Saturday 22 August at 11:30am, at Ross House (3/F, Jenny Florence Room, 247 Flinders Lane). RSVP to joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551.

THE COST OF 'EQUALITY' – RYAN T ANDERSON

Thursday 20 August, 6-8pm, Central Hall, ACU, 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy.

Internationally acclaimed author, speaker and scholar Ryan T Anderson is visiting Australia this August. Known for his clear, measured and articulate style, Ryan will share insights into the future of marriage and religious freedom in today's climate. Ryan's one-week tour of Australia has been organized by the Australian Christian Lobby. His Melbourne talk is sponsored by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Cost: \$15 Bookings: <http://bit.ly/1HTxmql>
Details: lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587

Vision

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Mission

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