

MENALIVE IN THE CITY: SEARCHING FOR MEANING AND AUTHENTICITY

Thursday 28 May, 6–7.45pm St Joseph's Hall, 631 Bourke St, Melbourne (beside St Augustine's Church) When was the last time you felt fully alive? MenALIVE in the City is an opportunity for men to get together and explore the things that matter. Details: 0439 172 465 or michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

ST ANTHONY'S ALPHINGTON CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2015 St Anthony's Parish Alphington will celebrate its 100th anniversary with events throughout the year. We would like to hear from any past parishioners who may have lost contact with our parish. Why not join us in the preparations and celebrations? Do you have a story to tell or memorabilia to share? We would love to hear from you! Details: Contact: 0425 748 738
www.stanthonyalphingtonhistory.webs.com.au
www.holyspiritandstanthonysparish.com

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYGROUP

Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIlDowney 0411 061 978 or just come along.

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.



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The Ascension of the Lord

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 - 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.*

The Ascension of the Lord

The culmination of the public ministry of Jesus is celebrated today. From the Scriptures in the Old Testament we read of the revelation of our God to his people. God expressed his love for us by offering to send One who would save us from our own downfalls, our own sinfulness -The Messiah.

The coming of Jesus as the Son of God brings to us the love of God manifested in a human being like ourselves. The public ministry of Christ is related to us through the Gospel Writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, as the inspired Word of God, God speaking to us through their words.

Jesus came to bring us freedom and offer us a loving support through His Word and Sacraments, particularly the gift of the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, we receive in Holy Communion.

As Jesus was leaving he instructed his followers to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit who would empower and strengthen. We likewise, who have been Baptised and Confirmed, are strengthened by this same gift, enabling us to share more fully in the love of God. God's presence is like a reservoir offering sustaining love and strength.

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Recent Deaths: Vera Hunt (Funeral Wednesday) Neville Smith (Funeral Thursday)

Anniversaries: Brendan Boyle, Reg Egan

Thanksgiving: \$1471.00 **Presbytery:** \$1006.35

Rosters for next weekend 23rd & 24th May

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors:		
L Capparelli	S McNulty	M Sullivan
Special Ministers:		
J Mammone, T Dargan	P McKay, M Gavaghan	C Picinich, G Johnson
Offertory:		
Hewitt Family	D & L A'Hearn	M Galliot
Counters:	Transport:	
G Cook, A Monaghan		
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
T Dargan & J Whelan	F Group	V Page
Next week's Readings:	Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15	

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY

Thank you to all who generously donated to the annual Chaplaincy Appeal. A total of \$797.25 was collected which will be used to support the work of Catholic Chaplains in hospitals, prisons, youth detention centres and seafarers.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

This Tuesday Bishop Terry Curtain will celebrate our 10.00 am Mass with the Confirmation Candidates. On Thursday they enjoyed a Reflection Day focussed on the Gift of the Spirit and our response to living our faith. May we continue to remember them in our prayers as they prepare to stand before us and seek the Gift of the Holy Spirit to come upon them.

"AN ENCOUNTER WITH ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP"



Bernadette Harris, historian and Catholic School educator, will present the Faith Development Team's second Encounter session.

Date: Tuesday, 26 May
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Place: In the Parish Centre

Tea, coffee, cake offered. All welcome.

Learn more about, talk about and reflect on Mary's spirituality.

Enquiries: Brian Hanley on (03) 9338 9686 or
bhanley@iprimus.com.au

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN RECITAL PROGRAM

Saturday 30 May, 5–5.45pm St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne
The four-manual Cathedral organ built by George Fincham and Sons in Richmond celebrated its 50th birthday in November 2014. The organ was dedicated to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country and Archbishop Mannix's 50th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination on 6 October 1962. To mark this anniversary and the Solemnities of Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi, organ recitals will be offered in the Cathedral.

Cost: \$10 (\$5 for Pensioners) Details: music@cam.org.au

Saturday 30 May (Eve of Trinity) by Mr Dion Henman, Organist

Prelude in E flat major BWV552a by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross BWV622 by J. S. Bach

Psalm Prelude Op.32, No.1 - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Adoro te devote by David Johnson 1922-1987

Herzlich tut mich verlangen Op.122, No.9 & Herzlich tut mich verlangen Op.122, No.10 by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Choral Varie sur le theme du 'Veni Creator' Op.4 by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Saturday 6 June (Eve of Corpus Christi) by Mr Thomas Grubb, Organist

Pange lingua (from Quatre Hymnes) by Nicholas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele (BWV 654) – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Le banquet celeste - Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Chorale No. 3 in A Minor – Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Saturday 13 June by Dr Paul Taylor, Acting Director of Music

Fantasia super Komm, heiliger Geist (BWV 651) by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Adagio in E major by Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Nun danket alle Gott (BWV 657) by J. S. Bach

Offertoire from Messe pour les Couvents by Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Andante from Sonata No. 3 (Op. 65) by Felix Mendelssohn (1808-1847)

CHURCH RADIANT HEATERS

The new radiant heaters have been fully installed. We investigated the most effective way to provide heating in our Church. The consultant's report stated: "Radiant heaters are preferred over heating the Church for the following reason:- They are fast to heat up and heat like the sun, i.e. they directly heat the person. The volume is too large that heating the air is costly. The space is naturally ventilated and has large leaks which would inhibit effective heating of the air. The space is not in use for large periods which makes justification of large air conditioning".

Radiant heaters do not heat the air. The infrared rays from the heaters warms the person without heating the whole building. To be warmed by the heaters you need to sit in sight of the rays.

Vision

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Mission

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