

SPECIAL T@P ELECTION EVENT: A BI-PARTISAN TAKE ON WHY YOUR VOICE COUNTS

Monday 27 October, 6.30 pm – 9pm Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy, VIC
Come to a special pre-election edition of T@P to hear Liberal Party Government MLA Michael Gidley and ALP Opposition Chief Whip Marlene Kairouz discuss their journey into politics and why your voice counts. As a pre-election sweetener before the official 25 day State election campaign starts, these two MPs will inform us all on the critical importance of good people taking a strong interest in politics and discuss matters of importance to Catholics. Contact: Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin on 0438 643 070

ARTES CHRISTI PRESENTS THE JEWELER'S SHOP:

The first Feast Day of St John Paul II is 22 October and to celebrate don't miss *The Jeweler's Shop*, a profoundly beautiful play on human love & marriage written by St John Paul before he was elected pope. As specifically indicated by St John Paul II, the play will be staged in the unique style of the Polish underground theatre with no sets or props & performed in a recitative style (reading only). MELBOURNE ONE SHOW ONLY: Friday 24 October, 7.30pm, Kaleide Theatre (360 Swanston St –RMIT University), Tickets from \$20, bookings essential, Ph. 1300790250 or www.theword.org.au

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING 50TH JUBILEE COMMUNITY DAY

St Monica's College will hold their 50th Jubilee Community Day on Sunday 26th October 11 - 4pm at the Dalton Road Campus, Epping. Food stalls, craft stalls, bands, an art show and many other activities. All welcome.

BOOK LAUNCH: OPENING THE BIBLE

Friday 31 October, 5pm Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Cres., Parkville
Jesuit Theological College and ATF Press invited you to the launch of Tony Campbell's most recent book, *Opening the Bible: Selected Writings of Antony Campbell SJ*. The book will be launched by Mark O'Brien OP

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

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014



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

Weekday Masses: Wednesday & Friday 10.00 am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Friday 9.30 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.*

What belongs to God?

You might ask this question! 'What belongs to God?' How might you answer? What do you say belongs to God? At first this may be a difficult question to respond to, for it causes us to stop and think. What really does belong to God? If I believe that God is responsible for all that exists and all that surrounds us, as Creator, then I too belong to God, in a sense. Therefore if I belong to God then surely I should give back myself to God by the way I live my life. Hence we need to ask another question:- 'How should I live my life?'

Jesus offers the answer to us when asked, what is the greatest commandment. He simply responded that to love God with all your heart, mind & soul and to also love your neighbor as yourself, is the best way to live one's life. Why do we find it so hard to do this? We are not perfect is the simple answer, thus all the more reason that we turn to the words of Jesus for guidance and direction. Allowing ourselves the opportunity to be loved and nourished along our journey in life, opens us to so many possibilities.

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Recent Deaths: Colin Mottram, Rosaria Zammit

Anniversaries:

Thanksgiving: 1806..00

Presbytery: 1220.15

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

Lectors:

J Harris

K McCartney

L Wilson

Special Ministers:

J Burke, T Dargan

P McKay, A Henshall

G Cascone, L Anderson

Offertory:

R & A Hutcheon

N McCartney

V Rogers & J Evans

Counters:

D Lane, A Monaghan

Transport:

G Johnson, D Nicol, E Sheppard

Flowers:

M Camilleri & M Hitchcock,

Church Cleaning:

C Group

Linen:

E Sheppard

Next week's Readings:

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Lily Brumley** and **Angus Lonsdale** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their family in our prayers.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend we are invited to support World Mission Sunday. A collection will be taken up at Notice time to assist the Missions in their outreach work. Envelopes are available for taxation deductions and credit card contributions in the porches of the Church.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SCHOOL FETE

The St Vincent de Paul Primary School will be holding a fete this year on Saturday, 15 November 2014, from 11am to 4pm. Our Plant Stall needs loads of wonderful seedlings/plants to sell at the fete. If you have a green thumb, we will gladly accept any plants you may be able to sow for us. A collection will be organised closer to fete day. Thank you

2015 COLUMBIAN CALENDARS

The calendars are available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. Sales of the Calendars support the mission activities of the Columbians in poor communities.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available at the Piety Stall. \$4.00 for a packet of 5 cards and \$6.00 for a packet of 8 cards.

DEAR SCHOOL STAFF AND FAMILIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

As I write to you from Rome, it is with a feeling of sadness I announce the resignation of Mr John Grant as the Principal of our School. John applied for and had been appointed Principal of St Patrick's Primary School, West Geelong. This new appointment will take effect from the beginning of the School year in 2015. In the meantime John will continue in his current role, with dedication and commitment. For the past six years John has provided our children, our families, school staff and our community with a wonderful dedicated and challenging educational environment. For these I'm most grateful, as no doubt you all are.

Tirelessly, John has dedicated his life to our community particularly through the life of our School. Each of us knows how he has touched our lives and provided a strength and challenge for our children and staff, educationally, emotionally and spiritually. I know that John has always placed the children and their development to the fore. For all of these reasons and your own personal thoughts, we will miss John's presence amongst us. I ask that you pray for John in this new challenge in his life. Before the end of the year I will appoint an acting Principal, until we find a suitable replacement for John. I ask that you also keep me in your prayers through the process to appoint a new Principal for our School. At a later date I will seek your support through this process. In the meantime may we express our appreciation and gratitude for John's commitment in our lives and the lives of the children.

With every blessing,

Fr Peter J Ray Parish Priest

MISSION EXPO II – LET'S GO LOCAL

Thursday 30 October, 7.30pm - 10pm (after SIX30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral) Cardinal Knox Centre, Cnr Lansdowne St and Albert Street, East Melbourne This expo presented by the Archdiocesan office for Youth for youth and young adults will showcase a range of organisations that young people can engage with to live the call to mission locally - in the midst of work, school and family life. All organisations are Melbourne-based, have established volunteer programs, welcome young people to volunteer in skilled and non-skilled contexts, identify as Catholic or align with the Catholic tradition and do not require full-time commitment. In addition to the various stalls there will be a program of speakers sharing their stories, which will highlight different settings and types of mission. RSVP: for catering purposes Cost: Free entry, finger food provided. Contact: aoy@cam.org.au or call 9287 5565

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY:

"Difference To Eternity" Saturday 25 October, 9.30 – 5pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne CatholicCare is conducting a "Difference to Eternity" Marriage Enrichment day which will explore the mix of personalities in a marriage relationship as well as the challenges couples face. The aim of the enrichment day is to foster acceptance and appreciation of the growth opportunities that these differences offer. Cost: \$100 per couple including lunch Contact: relationships@ccam.org.au or phone Prema 92875516

Vision

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Mission

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