

ACU SHORT COURSE ON GRACE AND MERCY

24 February, 2, 9 and 16 March, 6–8pm
Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy
The Australian Catholic University invites registrations for its upcoming 'Short course on grace and mercy'. Pope Francis has proclaimed 2016 as the Year of Mercy. ACU is offering an opportunity for the public to explore the meaning of God's grace and mercy during the season of Lent, with experts from the ACU School of Theology. Cost: \$80 for those requiring a certificate of attendance, \$40 for attendance only. Alternative methods of payment are available. Register: <http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses>
Click on the 'Melbourne' page. Registration is essential and closes Friday 19 February. Details: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 28 FEBRUARY 2016

This week on The Journey we hear a Gospel reflection for the 3rd Week of Lent from Fr Ken Barker; Sr Hilda Scott OSB Wisdom from the Abbey challenges us to "Shine where you are." We get some great parenting advice from Marilyn Rodrigues The Peaceful Parent who reminds us parenting is a life-long deal and Fr Dave Callaghan The Call asks the question; do we only call on him when we need him? Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

'MELBOURNE CATHOLIC' ARRIVES!

'Melbourne Catholic', is the new magazine of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It's a larger format monthly with a wide range of quality articles and photos to help readers "encourage, accompany, discern and pray". This month's copy is free, and available in the church entrance. Subscription envelopes are in each copy. We urge you to pick up yours today.

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

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass starting again for the year on Friday 5th February.

CRAFT GROUP

Everyone welcome on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm, come along and learn a new skill in the Parish Centre.

Please note new start time. Further details available from Christine Gregory on 9379 5497.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRESS

20th & 21st February 2016
Second Sunday of Lent Year C

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.*

The Mercy of God

Today the Gospel shares with us the Transfiguration of Jesus to his friends and Apostles, Peter, James & John, on the mountain. This event was to prepare them for the Resurrection of Jesus after his Passion and Death.

By showing himself to them in a glorified state Jesus expressed the love and mercy of God - sacrificing Himself to give us life. The words of the Father, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him" echo for each one of us the challenge to listen and know we are loved. Parents do exactly the same for their children as they show their children a way through life and often say, 'Listen to me', in words and actions, helping their children to make right and appropriate decisions. In many ways we could acknowledge that our parents have been like the Lord as we pray in our Responsorial Psalm today,

"The Lord is my light and my salvation".

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Recent Deaths: Kevin Malouf

Anniversaries:

Thanksgiving: \$1758.20 **Presbytery:** \$1074.55

Rosters for next weekend 27th & 28th February

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
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Lectors

L Capparelli	A Mucic	D Nicol
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Special Ministers:

F Ferguson, T Dargan	M Thomas, A Henshall	G Johnson, C Picinich
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Offertory:

T & S Comerford	D & L A'Hearn	M Scarpino
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Counters:

D Lane, K Porter	Transport: P Fox, G Johnson, M Sullivan
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Flowers:

R Attard	Church Cleaning: M Hitchcock
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Next week's Readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Strathmore InterChurch Council Meeting in the Parish Centre at 4.00pm

Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Curtis Coleman** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our prayers.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: The Chair of Saint Peter

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

During the renovations in the Church our weekend Masses are being celebrated in the Hall and our weekday Masses in the Parish Centre.

FRIDAY REFLECTIONS

On the Fridays during Lent join us for reflections on the Passions of Christ in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm.

FRIDAY MASS

This Friday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass on Friday as he will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Thomas Carr College Tarneit, in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Today we remember the Yr 3 children preparing for the sacrament of Penance.

1941 TO 2016 ST VINCENT DE PAUL

PARISH STRATHMORE

This year begins the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of our Parish.

The first activity will be held this Sunday 21st February 2016.

To begin 'our journey' Come and Share High Tea at 'North Park Mansion' with the Columban Fathers 69 Woodland Street, Essendon, across the road from our Church, between 2.00 to 4.00 pm
Don't forget to bring your Ticket.

Sunday 20th March 2016

Parish Picnic

Brimbank Park - Picnic Area B

Keilor Park Drive, Keilor

12.00 to 4.00 pm

Entrance from Keilor Park Drive (Melway B10)

Come along no need to book

A variety of old fashioned games with fun for all ages

Bring your own lunch and drinks - BBQs available

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Weekly Church Update

The painting of the ceiling is well underway. In preparation for the Crucifix has been installed hanging from the beam above the Sanctuary.

Following requests for a copy of the photo of the face of Christ on our Crucifix, a form is available in the Hall to place your order. Five samples are on view. Please indicate if you want colour, back & white, laminated or not. Size are either A4 for \$5 or A5 for \$4.

PUBLIC FORUM: CONFRONTING FAMILY VIOLENCE—A CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Wednesday 24 February, 6–8pm Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building, Australian Catholic University, 17 Young Street, Fitzroy This public forum will form part of the Mission Renew conference. The 'Review, reimagine, renew: Mission making a difference in a changing world' conference begins with this very important forum. Family violence is a crisis in Australia—on average, each week in Australia one woman dies as a result of family violence. It is estimated that one in four children experience the fear and distress of witnessing their mother being abused. Our increased awareness of family violence in Australia compels all parts of the community to make a difference. The forum will explore the key issues in prevention of family violence, and how the Catholic Church can contribute to this cultural change. Following questions from the audience, Bishop Vincent Long will respond to the discussion and issues raised. Full details listed in flyer. Details: <http://www.css.org.au/missionrenew> Enquiries: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

Vision

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Mission

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