

MENALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN

"God is glorified when human beings are fully alive" - St Irenaeus. What are you doing on the 3rd-4th June 2017? Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion and a space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. St Mary's Parish in Ascot Vale will be hosting a menALIVE weekend on the 3rd and 4th June which will be conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE team. Why not take action and call Joe Librandi 0400 650 861 or Fabijan Sutalo 0421 994 350 to discuss what it will mean to you and the ones you love "to be fully alive".

BREAKFAST BRIEFING: UNDERSTANDING THE VICTORIAN BUDGET

Thursday 25 May, 7.15am for 7.30am start. Finish at 8.45am Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street (entry via Lansdowne Street), East Melbourne The presentation and discussion, presented by Catholic Social Services Victoria, will be led by Daniel Mulino MP. An economics PhD from Yale, Daniel Mulino worked as a public servant, political adviser at state and federal level, and a consultant prior to his election as MLC for Eastern Victoria November 2014. The morning's topic, 'Understanding the Victorian Budget: 2017 and Looking to the Future'. Cost: \$20 Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/QCEL> by 22 May Details: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

DON BOSCO CAMP, SAFETY BEACH

A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information visit www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 03 5987 2692.

YEAR 5 MASSES & 80 YEARS SCHOOL

This weekend the Yr 5 students and their families will be join us as we focus on our School over 80 yrs. It is an opportunity for us give thanks to God for many blessings.

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

2017 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN

Departing Monday 9 October for 15 days, returning 23 October Pilgrims welcome on this special spiritual journey, which will walk in the footsteps of Our Lord in the Holy Land, and also visit Petra and Amman in Jordan. The journey will be accompanied by chaplain Fr Tony Shallue from Bendigo, and a tour coordinator. Cost: \$5,650 Details: Kathryn on 9830 5489 or kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au



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Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

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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

Our Church is Open: Tuesday - Friday 7.00 am - 5.00 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.*

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.'"

After the Resurrection and before Jesus ascended back into Heaven he spoke these words above, to those who listened to him. They are also relevant for us today for they remind us of the way we should live. Yet more importantly these words remind us that the Holy Spirit was to come down upon the early Church. Most of us have received the Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Hence we have this sustaining grace and gift to support us.

(On Thursday the candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation shared a reflection day. Please remember them in your prayers and example of living a Christian life.)

The Scripture this weekend reminds us that we do not walk alone for our God is always with us, to us the words of Jesus again, "I will not leave you orphans". Hence the Commandments and Sacraments offering us love, support and encouragement as we journey through life helps us to do the same with those who share our life.

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord as freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Jean Erskine, Leo Patrick Knowles, Mary Hannah Knowles,
Dorothy Knowles, John Thomas Heasley

Thanksgiving: \$1318.50 **Presbytery:** \$1111.80

Rosters for next weekend 27th & 28th May:

6.00 pm	8.30am	10.30am
Lectors:		
M Henshall	G Cronan	L Wilson
Special Ministers:		
L Caridi, A Mammone	R McGowan, A Henshall	S Sequeira, C Mathew
Offertory:		
M & J Pittapillil	A Mucic	M Scarpino

Counters:	Transport:
K Porter, H Tobin	P Fox, G Johnson

Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
L Harrington & L Shannon	Group A	

Next week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

WEDNESDAY MASS

This Wednesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Our Lady, Help of Christians

Friday: St Philip Neri

RECENT BAPTISMS

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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday: **Strathmore InterChurch Council Meeting** in the Uniting Church at 4.00pm
GodStart Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm

ST VINCENT de PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

This weekend during the 10.30 am Mass we remember all those who have been part of St Vincent de Paul Primary School over the past 80 years. The School will be open after Mass.

Our Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Our Mission

That we strive to maintain a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart

First reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Second reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.' Alleluia!

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 2017

This weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. We are invited to support the vital work of Catholic chaplains in youth detention centres, prisons, hospitals and their support of seafarers. This year the focus will be on youth justice. Please give generously to the appeal so that our chaplains may also press on, and not be robbed of hope! Envelopes for taxation purposes are available in the porches of the Church.

WORLDWIDE 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. 2017 Melbourne weekend dates : 28-30 July, 17-19 November, 2017 Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au