

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE URGENTLY WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR BALGO PARISH

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. We are currently seeking a couple in Balgo to assist the Priest in the running of the Parish. There are several other roles in the Kimberley for single people or couples also available. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 08 9192 1060

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MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE OPEN DAY

Saturday 6 May, 10am–4pm Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne During 2017 the Sisters of St Joseph are celebrating the 10th year of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, opened by the Sisters in November 2007. The Centre invites parishioners and friends to the next weekend Open Day for 2017. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum and the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the gift shop and refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A local 'walking tour' will take place at 11am to visit Mary's birth site. Everyone is welcome. Details: 9926 9300

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE

Academic Excellence Scholarships St Columba's College is offering Academic Excellence Scholarships for prospective Year 7 2019 students, as well as Year 9 & Year 11 2018. Details and online registration are available on the College website at www.columba.vic.edu.au Registration closes Friday 28 April 2017.

College Tours All bookings for College Tours are now made online via the College website. Principal's tours are being conducted on Saturday 29 April at 9 am & 10:30 am.

For all other enrolment enquiries please contact the College Registrar on 9331 9128 or email registrar@columba.vic.edu.au

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

CATHOLIC SINGLES

All singles both young and adult singles are welcome to a singles conference "Loving and Loved" Dynamic speakers & small groups will be divided into age groups. It will be held at St Leonard's, Glen Waverley 6th- 7th-May. This is a great opportunity to meet other singles in a faith environment, Early bird prices by 26 April. For more information visit trybooking.com/OXYR or email geraldine343@gmail.com or call Geraldine on 0413 398 528



St Vincent de Paul Press

22nd & 23rd April 2017

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

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

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.*

**‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have
not seen and yet believe.’**

These words from Jesus to Thomas are directed, today, towards us. For believing in the Resurrection of Jesus we are acknowledging our love and gratitude for the sacrifice he made for you and for me. Hence we may say:

A Thank you prayer

O God, my Father, thank you for the world in which I live.

Thank you for all the beautiful things in it; for all the interesting things in it.

Thank you for the life which you have given me.

Thank you for: My body to act

My mind to think. My memory to remember. My heart to love.

Thank you for giving me:

So many things to enjoy. So many things to learn.

So many things to do.

So many things to love.

Help me never to do anything which would make the world uglier or people sadder.

Help me always to add something to the world's beauty and to the world's joy.

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Olga Atkinson

Thanksgiving: \$1857.50 **Presbytery:** \$1112.00

Rosters for next weekend 29th & 30th April:

6.00 pm	8.30am	10.30am
<u>Lectors:</u>		
B Duggan	F Boyle	J Pattison
<u>Special Ministers:</u>		
J Mathew, M Pittappillil,	M Gauci, M Gavaghan	L Anderson, C Mathew
<u>Offertory:</u>		
Capparelli Family	C Vega	A Abboud
<u>Counters:</u>	<u>Transport:</u>	
H Tobin, K Porter	M Green, F Dovey, M Sullivan	
<u>Flowers:</u>	<u>Church Cleaning:</u>	<u>Linen:</u>
A Henshall	Group C	A Abboud

Next week's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Project Compassion Boxes are know due to be returned. Thank you for your generosity.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

Wednesday: Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Anzac Day

Wednesday: St Mark

Friday: St Peter Chanel

Saturday: St Catherine of Siena

ST VINCENT de PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

This year St Vincent de Paul Primary School is celebrating 80 years. You are invited to help us celebrate by attending Mass on Sunday 21st May at 10.30am and then join us for an open morning to view the school. You are also invited to attend our 80 years celebration day on Wednesday 24th May at 10.15 to 1.30pm. We are asking parishioners if they would like to share photos and stories with the students. Flyers with more details are available in the porch of the Church.

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 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Second reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

LISMORE FLOOD APPEAL

A total of \$411.70 was collected.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

A total of \$649.60 was collected for the Good Friday, Holy Places Collection.

Thank you to all who generously donated to both of these appeals.