

ST JOSEPH'S NORTH FITZROY 50 YEAR REUNION

Friday 28 August, 7pm Lord Newry Hotel, Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy For Matric '65, Leaving '64, Intermediate '63, and Proficiency '62.
Cost: \$40 Details: John McCormack on 9243 8300 or john.mccormack@griffithhack.com.au

MARY MACKILLOP FOUNDATION 2015 FUND RAISING DINNER

Friday 28 August, 7pm Mount St Joseph Girl's College, 133 Maidstone St, Altona West The Sisters of St Joseph established the Mary MacKillop Foundation to fund small, life-changing projects. The money raised from the dinner will provide financial support for: general projects within Australia and projects in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Join us for a three course meal. Appetisers served from 7pm. There will be silent auctions, main auctions and a raffle. Cost: \$40, BYO drinks.
Bookings & Details: 9926 9300 (BH) or admin.MMHC@sosj.org.au.

CALL OF GUADALUPE MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION: AMAZING AUGUSTINE

Wednesday 23 September to Friday 25 September, 7pm, Saturday 26 September, 2pm and 7pm, Kew High School, Renaissance Theatre, 826 High Street, Kew East For the past 10 years, the Friends of Call of Guadalupe (COG) Musical Theatre Group has produced ambitious, lavish, large-cast musicals—all of which are locally written. There is usually one production a year in Melbourne. COG has taken some of its work to regional venues, interstate and overseas. Of *Amazing Augustine*, author John Lee writes, 'His tumultuous life is a narrative that is guaranteed to engage everyone who longs for a triumphant life of faith, hope and love'. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/
HTULCost: Adults \$35, concession \$20 (group of 5 or more), family \$80, Child \$5

CARDS AFTERNOON

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Cards in the Parish Centre commencing at 12.15 pm. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Press

22nd & 23rd August 2015

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

The Gospel readings from the evangelist John conclude today, as we hear some of those present, to hear the words of Jesus, not accepting what he said. It is Peter who utters words of recognition and faith: Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe ; we know you that you are the Holy One of God."

Are you also able to make this act of faith?

Perhaps in the words of the Psalm we again find an answer for we are invited to 'taste and see'. Taste is that which allows us to make a choice as to whether we like or dislike something we place in our mouth. Using our eyes also gives us the ability to also make a choice as to whether we like or dislike what we are looking at. Constantly we are tasting and seeing, making choices and discerning all the things that come our way.

As we conclude these Gospel readings from John's account of the life of Jesus we must answer the question presented to us by Jesus, **"What about you, do you want to go away too?"**

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Recent Deaths: Sr Margaret Gallagher

Anniversaries: Bernard & Jane Comerford, Giuseppe & Vincenza Lombardo

Thanksgiving: \$3331.00

Presbytery: \$1286.90

Rosters for next weekend 29th & 30th August

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors		
L Capparelli	B Hanley	G Johnson
Special Ministers:		
T Dargan, Volunteer	A Henshall, M Gauci	J Nesci, C Johnson
Offertory:		
H & R Pless	B Evans	M Galliot
Counters:	Transport:	
H Tobin, Volunteer	G Johnson, E Sheppard, M Sullivan	
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
I Marino & A Mazza	E Group	T Giardina
Next week's Readings:	Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Bartholomew

Thursday: St Monica

Friday: St Augustine

Saturday: The Passion of St John the Baptist

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

Thursday: Parish Leadership Team Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW

Come and see the students' fabulous art! Thursday September 10th, 3:40pm - 7:00pm
The art works will be on display in the main corridor of the school and in the Kirinari centre.
Come, wander, admire. All welcome.

PLANNED REFURBISHMENT OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Over the last 6 months the Parish Leadership Team has been considering a number of options to improve facilities within the Church to enhance our celebration of Mass and other sacraments. These changes to the layout will create a more intimate atmosphere for prayer and reflection. We expect cost estimates to be finalised over the next 1-2 weeks, and are targeting to distribute an overview of the planned changes to all parishioners in early September. Detailed briefing sessions will be held later in September to discuss the proposal and answer any questions you may have before commitment to the project. Parish Leadership Team

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH 1941-2016

The 75th Planning Committee for the celebration of our 75th next year is arranging a series of events to mark this special moment in our history. Shortly the timetable will be presented to you. An important part of the celebrations will be historical displays. If you have memorabilia which we could borrow, please contact the Parish Office, Pat McKay or Denise A'Hearn. Photos loaned will be scanned and returned. Other items are also most welcome, be they stories or artefacts. Our history will be presented in book form, also, hence the appreciation for any items to be considered for inclusion are most welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY PRESENTATION

Wednesday 26 August, 12pm Pastoral Centre, St Francis' Church, Cnr Lonsdale and Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne Vicki Clark will be speaking on 'The story of place, home and social justice from an Indigenous viewpoint'. Vicki recently retired from her position of Coordinator of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria after 25 years of committed service. Her contribution to the Australian Catholic Church, Catholic education and Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities has been profound over this time. Vicki has taken a leading role in the National Reconciliation process and is currently co-chair of Reconciliation Victoria. Vicki is described as a 'great fighter for reconciliation and justice' and has led the way within the Catholic community in Victoria, helping all to develop a consciousness of Aboriginal culture and spirituality as one of the oldest living cultures in the world. We look forward to seeing you at the Pastoral Centre for a great presentation and a complimentary 'cuppa'. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to invite your friends and colleagues.

ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS – THEME: CHURCH WITHOUT FRONTIERS, MOTHER TO ALL

Sunday, 30 August 2015, Rosary at 2.00 pm, Mass at 3.00 pm St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Main celebrant: Archbishop Denis Hart DD All Welcome

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT AND REFUGEE OFFICE COLLOQUIUM

Thursday 27 August, 7–9pm Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building, Australian Catholic University, Brunswick St, Fitzroy The topic of the fifth Bishop Joe Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration is '20 years of migration policy: the Church's response'. Hosted by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office in conjunction with the Australian Catholic University (Melbourne Campus).

Details: george.nulley@acmro.catholic.org.au

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

During our Masses next week and the following we celebrate with the children from our Parish who will receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Please remember these children in your prayer and Mass as they come forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion with us for the first time.

Vision

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Mission

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