

## **STRATHMORE UNITING CHURCH**

The Change that Changes Everything - a spirituality for your life with Father Richard Rohr  
Through this series of four recorded lectures, delivered by Richard in 2011, we will explore the riches of the Christian mystical tradition which beckons us to enter a world: where to see is to be astonished; to see is to be moved at the core about who and what we are, and to experience ourselves in powerful connection within a world that nurtures all living things and empowers us to be very different kinds of human beings. Led by Rev. Andrew Boyle Over four Thursday afternoons - 1.30 to 3.30pm September 11 & 25; October 9 & 23 At Strathmore Uniting Church, cnr Upland Rd and The Crossway Bookings and enquiries to Margaret Fanner on 9379 6819 or mfaner@bigpond.com

## **SOLO CATHOLICS EVENT FOR AUGUST**

Saturday 30 August, 7pm – 12am Join in a fun night out including dinner and dancing and meet other single Catholics. Entry includes dinner. The Veneto Club, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen RSVP: Tuesday 19 August Contact: Peter on 0418 502 297

## **TIME TO SHINE: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS GALA**

Saturday 13 September, 12pm and 5pm  
*Time to Shine* is the inaugural Catholic Schools Performance Arts Gala. This artistic extravaganza, presented by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne, will showcase the artistic talent of more than 300 secondary students in the archdiocese in two shows that are not to be missed. Cost: \$29.50 per person Palais Theatre, Lower Esplanade, St Kilda Bookings: [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au)

## **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.

## **INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:**

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Centre every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm. All welcome, equipment provided.

## **THE POPE APP**

The Pope App links you to the Vatican. Download free from iTunes.

## ***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*



## ***St Vincent de Paul Press***

23rd & 24th August, 2014

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:** 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.*

## **Who do you say I am?**

I wonder if you ever would like to ask the question of yourself, to another: ‘Who do people say I am?’. Perhaps we are too afraid to ask. Is it out of fear the answer we receive, we may not like to hear? Do we think the response would not be honest or perhaps too honest? Maybe we should ask someone who knows us well, seeking an honest response. In this way you may have a better understanding of yourself. This also may offer you an opportunity for growth and sensitivity in the way you live. How others see us is not always the way we see ourselves. Jesus knows this so well as we reflect upon his public ministry presented in the Gospels.

Jesus in our Gospel today asks this question not to know more about himself. Asking Jesus allows the apostles to express their faith and recognition of the Son of God in their presence.

Jesus then make a profound statement, “Because it was not flesh and blood that reveled this to you but my Father in heaven.” Here lives the difference. Flesh and blood are only the means by which we are able to express what lives within. It is spirit, the essence of who we are, that seeks relationships and a relationship with the spiritual, the divine.

**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:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it. 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:** Gerard Berry

**Anniversaries:** Fred Anderson, Pat Anderson, Patrick Dargan, Giuseppe Lombardo, Vincenza Lombardo, Margery Oakley, Rosemary Premier

**Thanksgiving:** \$972.80      **Presbytery:** \$1141.90

**Rosters for next weekend**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b>Lectors:</b> S Crombie	K Hill	L Wilson
<b>Special Ministers:</b> D De Silva, J Mammone	M Gauci, M Thomas	A Monaghan, C Johnson
<b>Offertory:</b> R & A Hutcheon	C Vega	J Rodgers
<b>Counters:</b> G Cook, T Daffey	<b>Transport:</b> G Johnson, M Green, D Mellar	
<b>Flowers:</b> R Attard	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> D Group	<b>Linen:</b> C Fox
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27	

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** St Monica

**Thursday:** St Augustine

**Friday:** The Passion of St John the Baptist

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15

**Wednesday:** Strathmore Inter Church Council in the Parish Centre at 3pm

**HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES**

During our Masses this weekend we are invited to pray for and remember the children from our community who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion at the end of the month. May the love of Jesus for us in this wonderful gift ever strengthen each one of us, especially the children.

**MINISTERS ROSTERS**

The next roster for the months of September through to November, in name order, are available on the table in the east transept of the Church. For those with children in the School the roster has been distributed via the children. Thank you for your assistance.

**PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP**

The Australian Film "The Dish" famous for the 1st Apollo Moon Landing will be screened in the Parish Centre on Friday August 29th following the 10.00am Mass, all are welcome to attend.

**MERCY CONNECT PROJECT MELBOURNE**

Is currently recruiting volunteers to work with Adult Refugees and Asylum Seekers in supporting their English Language learning. These programs are running in three centres Dandenong Library, Sunshine Library and St Joseph's North Melbourne. Are you willing to give a couple of hours each week to work in this project and assist these participants in their learning of English and daily skills for life in Australia? Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM or Tat Singa for an application form and further information. MERCY CONNECT, PO BOX 221, Moonee Ponds, VIC. 3039, Australia Telephone: +61 (03) 9326 1895 Email: somml@bigpond.com

**BISHOP JOSEPH GRECH MEMORIAL COLLOQUIUM ON ETHICS AND MIGRATION**

Thursday 28 August, 7.30pm - 9pm The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, in association with the Australian Catholic University, invite you to attend the fourth annual Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration. This year the theme of the Colloquium is, 'Migration and asylum: towards a better world'. Keynote speakers are Bishop Eugene Hurley, the Hon Richard Marles MP and the Hon Kevin Andrews MP. The Australian Catholic University, Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre, Daniel Mannix building, 8-18 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy More info: info@acmro.catholic.org.au or phone 02 6201 9848

**ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATION**

Sunday, 31 August 2014 – Rosary at 2.00 pm, Mass at 2.30 pm St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Main celebrant: Archbishop Denis J Hart DD All are most Welcome.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA**

Sunday 14 September, 9:15am – 5pm Calling all Worldwide Marriage Encounter couples, priests & religious from the 40 years (1974-2014) that Marriage Encounter has been in Australia. Please RSVP.9:30am - Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral 10:30am - Presentations on the theme: *Our M.E. Journey – Faith, Hope and Love*. BYO food/soft drinks for a shared community lunch. Wear something yellow/red on the day. Join us in the Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Rd, East Melbourne. Contact: Maria & Andre 0411 225 992

**SPECIAL THEOLOGY AT THE PUB EVENT: CONVERSATIONS WITH A CARDINAL**

Friday 29 August, 6:30pm – 9pm Cardinal Raymond Burke, America's most Senior Vatican Official will be the special guest on the last Friday of August at Theology @ the Pub. As arguably the world's preeminent Canon Lawyer, we are most blessed that His Eminence has agreed to address young adults on issues relating to Marriage, Divorce & Annulments in light of the Special Synod on the Family in October 2014. Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy Contact: Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin on 0438 643 070

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***Mission***

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