

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 10th October 9.00am to 3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds from this year's Fair will be directed to assist in the construction of a borehole that will provide water for a boys home, and village people, in Sudan and a much needed vehicle for priests in the Sacred Heart Parish, Kesis, Zambia. Enquiries Phone 9817 3715.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 25 September, 7pm Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street (near the corner of Elizabeth Street), Melbourne Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. This month we are discussing *The Wise Man from the West: Matteo Ricci and his Mission to China* by Vincent Cronin (1955). Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL RECITALS

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, is served by a range of professional musicians, including Organists and Cantors who provide wonderful musical leadership and inspiration during the weekly liturgies and on special occasions. The Organists have the privilege of playing the four-manual organ built by George Fincham & Sons (1962-1964), an instrument imbued with a rich array of tonal colours and textures for accompanying singers and congregations. The organ is also suitable for playing solo repertoire from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and modern eras. The Cantors bring to life in the Church's liturgy the biblical word of God and the poetry of inspired authors past and present. The cantors' voices lift the hearts of the faithful to God in music and prayer that is both moving and edifying, during the celebrations of the Eucharist, and particularly during weddings, funerals and services of national significance. The October 2015 recitals feature the talents of Christopher Trikilis (Organist), Judith Dodsworth (Soprano) and Dion Henman (Organ accompaniment). Cost: \$10 or \$5 concession (at door) Enquiries: Email: paul.taylor@cam.org.au or Ph.: 9926 5753

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

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2016 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for the special price of \$8.00. When you purchase the calendar, you are assisting Columbans.

MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Majellan Christmas Cards are now available at the Piety Stall. A packet of 10 cards is \$6.00. Proceeds from the cards will aid Redemptorist overseas Missions.



St Vincent de Paul Press

26th & 27th September 2015
26th 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.*

Taken from the Words of Pope Francis to the American congress are also apt for us:

How essential the family has been to the building of this country! And how worthy it remains of our support and encouragement! Yet I cannot hide my concern for the family, which is threatened, perhaps as never before, from within and without. Fundamental relationships are being called into question, as is the very basis of marriage and the family. I can only reiterate the importance and, above all, the richness and the beauty of family life.

In particular, I would like to call attention to those family members who are the most vulnerable, the young. For many of them, a future filled with countless possibilities beckons, yet so many others seem disoriented and aimless, trapped in a hopeless maze of violence, abuse and despair. Their problems are our problems. We cannot avoid them. We need to face them together, to talk about them and to seek effective solutions rather than getting bogged down in discussions. At the risk of oversimplifying, we might say that we live in a culture which pressures young people not to start a family, because they lack possibilities for the future. Yet this same culture presents others with so many options that they too are dissuaded from starting a family. A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty, when it fosters a culture which enables people to "dream" of full rights for all their brothers and sisters,, when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed,, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton.

In these remarks I have sought to present some of the richness of your cultural heritage, of the spirit of the American people. It is my desire that this spirit continue to develop and grow, so that as many young people as possible can inherit and dwell in a land which has inspired so many people to dream.

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am bought low.

Recent Deaths: Fr John Hannah OMI, Maria Bordonaro

Anniversaries: Tom Schofield, Richard McHale, Bernice Muller, Les Humphries, Valda Kennedy, Roy Kennedy, Catherine Cox, Patricia Long, Mary Zarb, Emanuel Zarb, Louis Zarb, Joe Xerri, Lubarda Xerri

Thanksgiving: \$2503.95

Presbytery: \$1141.75

Rosters for next weekend 3rd & 4th October

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

Lectors

C Romano

B Hanley

J Pattison

Special Ministers:

J Mammona, F Ferguson

M Thomas, R McGowan

C Johnson, C Picinich

Offertory:

T & J Scott

D & L A'Hearn

Tenuta Family

Counters:

M Schembri & G Delaney

Transport:

G Johnson, M Green, E Sheppard

Flowers:

T Dargan & J Whelan

Church Cleaning:

D Group

Linen:

A Rogers

Next week's Readings:

Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Wednesday: St Jerome

Thursday: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels

TUESDAY MASSES

The next 3 Tuesdays Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

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

Wednesday: Finance Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE BUILDING APPEAL 26TH/27TH SEPTEMBER

Please support our seminarians. They are our priests of the future. This weekend the Archdiocese of Melbourne and dioceses of Ballarat, Sale & Sandhurst will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of building 8 additional rooms urgently needed for Corpus Christi College. All over Australia seminaries are flourishing and Corpus Christi College is no exception. After years of decline, the tide has turned and we must build more rooms for the growing number of students. Envelopes will be available for credit card and taxation purposes. The collection will be taken up at the Notice Time.

ST VINCENT'S de PAUL SOCIAL GROUP

The Committee have organised an outing to SPC Ardmona Factory Sales, Shepparton on Monday 19th October, departing from the Church at 9.15am. All parishioners are invited to attend. Cost approximately \$30.00 for bus depending on numbers. Peaches Café is available for light refreshments at your own cost. Confirm bookings to Keith Foletti 9379 4920, Eileen Sheppard 9379 7898, Alma Henshall 9379 1047 or Therese Dargan 9379 5661 by 12th October. Please book early to facilitate transport arrangements.

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. During the year our history will be presented in a publication. We are keen to gather as much historical material as possible. If you have memorabilia which we could borrow, please contact Pat McKay or Denise A'Hearn or the Parish Office. Photos loaned will be scanned and returned. Other items are also most welcome, be they stories or artefacts.

THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN ASSISTANCE

In early October we will be conducting a renewal of our Thanksgiving Campaign for all our Parishioners. In preparation for our renewal campaign, the Parish Finance Committee is seeking your assistance in collating material to be distributed through the Church and School. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two of your time from 9.00 am on Tuesday 6th October in the Parish Centre we would appreciate your support. If you are able to assist or have any enquiries please contact Gerry Delaney on 0408 588 626 or delaney5@ozemail.com.au.

PARISHIONER TRANSPORT

Our parish provides a service to transport our elderly parishioners to Sunday's 10:30 AM Masses. This service is greatly appreciated by those parishioners who otherwise would have no other way to attend Mass. We are seeking more volunteers to assist our Parish community in continuing this rewarding ministry. The current roster involves driving a group of 2 or 3 people, 3 times in an 8 week roster period. With only 4 more volunteers this could be reduced to driving 3 times in an 12 week roster period, which is only once per month. For more details, please contact the Parish office on 9379 1488 or Peter Waddington on 0408 613 690 or 9379 2996.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 4 OCTOBER 2015

This week on The Journey Sr Hilda Scott OSB challenges us on the importance of going to Church on Sunday; Marilyn Rodrigues challenges us not to be too serious about life and Byron Pirola speaks about his many marriages to the same person. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Vision

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