

## **ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Saturday 4 October, 4.30pm St Brigid's Church Hall, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North  
In honour of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi Emeritus Bishop Hilton Deakin will bless house pets and other animals at St Brigid's Church Hall. Contact: johndrennan1934@yahoo.com

## **A TALK ON THREE FRANCISCAN THEMES**

Saturday 11 October 9.30am-3.30pm Yarra Theological Union Study Centre, 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill  
Friar Paul Rout OFM lecturer of Heythrop College, University of London and visiting lecturer at Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill will speak on: 'St Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis', 'A Trinitarian Theology of Beauty' and 'A Franciscan approach to ethics'. Bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee supplied. Contact: 9896 4400

## **SOLO CATHOLICS: ELVIS VEGAS' CABARET**

Friday 3 October, 8pm Dingley International Hotel, 334-348 Boundary Road Dingley Cost: \$29 (Meals will be available) Contact: Peter 0418 502 297  
RSVP: Tuesday 30 September

## **ANNUAL MISSION SPRING FAIR**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 11th October 9.00am to 3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds from this year's fair will be directed to assist the Comboni Mission, Gulu, Uganda and St Matthew Parish, Meru, Kenya, Africa. Come to our Fair and support missionaries and the people for whom they are working, with your prayers and help. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715.

## **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.

## **CRAFT GROUP**

Interested in craft and great conversation? Everyone welcome on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, come along and learn a new skill in the Parish Centre. Further details available from Christine Gregory on 9379 5497.

## ***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



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

27th & 28th September, 2014

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:** 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.*

## **Choices**

Everyone of us has to make choices constantly. It is part of daily life. So we might ask ourselves:- What sort of choices do I make? Do I make a choice out of fear, out of love, out of uncertainty, out of conviction, out of necessity, out of truthfulness or just make a choice without caring? Think of your response to these questions. Then - What do you expect from others, especially those who are part of your everyday life?

Jesus uses a wonderful example to help us reflect. It is obvious who made the better choice. Jesus invites us to consider the appropriate choice even when we may not have done so at first. So how might we be open to the riches that are offered to us to help us grow, to be truthful and honest.

The point here is that we are able to grow and use the past as an example for improvement in our lives. We may not always make the right choice, yet we can learn from it. Jesus reminds us that to make a right choice, then reject it or go the other way, is not really a loving act.

**Explore the possibilities**



*St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014*

**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:** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. 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 brought low.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Tom Schofield, Richard McHale, Les Humphries, Valda Kennedy, Roy Kennedy, Catherine Cox

**Thanksgiving:** \$1205.50

**Presbytery:** \$1106.55

**Rosters for next weekend**

**6.00 pm**

**8.30 am**

**10.30 am**

**Lectors:**

Sean Crombie

K Hill

L Wilson

**Special Ministers:**

M Mollica, T Dargan

M Thomas, R McGowan

G Cascone, R Legudi

**Offertory:**

T & J Scott

C Vega

M Galliot

**Counters:**

T Daffey, G Cook

**Transport:**

P Fox, M Green, D Nicol

**Flowers:**

M Reynolds

**Church Cleaning:**

A Group

**Linen:**

P McMahon

**Next week's Readings:**

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

**Tuesday:** St Jerome

**Wednesday:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

**Thursday:** The Holy Guardian Angels

**Saturday:** St Francis of Assisi

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

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

**Wednesday:** Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

**CATHOLICCARE APPEAL**

Thank you to all who generously donated to the CatholicCare Appeal last weekend. A total of \$729.65 was collected.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**

This year's Social Justice Statement is 'A Crown for Australia; Striving for the best in our sporting nation'. The Statement celebrates the place of sport in our national life, especially the way in which it brings individuals and communities together and contribute to health and well being. At the same time, the Statement challenges to look at sport's darker side—the potential for violence, abuse and corruption that blemish its image and disillusion those who love it most. For further details <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au> or call (02) 8306 3499

**ST VINCENT'S SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP**

The committee have organised an outing to "Living Legends" at Oaklands Junction, a retirement haven for retired champion racehorses on Monday 20th October. Cost of entrance, tour and morning tea approximately \$20.00. Transport will be provided for those who require it. Departure from Church at 10.00am. Confirm bookings to Keith Foletti on 9379 4920 or Eileen Sheppard on 9379 7898 by 12th October. Early bookings preferred to facilitate transport arrangements.

**OCTOBER T@P:**

When is a teaching infallible? Monday 6 October, 6:30pm-9pm Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy Fr Brendan Arthur who was ordained a SSPX priest has since been regularised in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will speak on Papal and Magisterial infallibility and explain the necessary criteria for a valid infallible statement. This event is for young people 18 to 35 years old. Priests, Deacons and Religious of all ages are also welcome. Contact: Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin 0438 643 070

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY:**

"Difference To Eternity" Saturday 25 October, 9.30 – 5pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne CatholicCare is conducting a "Difference to Eternity" Marriage Enrichment day which will explore the mix of personalities in a marriage relationship as well as the challenges couples face. The aim of the enrichment day is to foster acceptance and appreciation of the growth opportunities that these differences offer. Cost: \$100 per couple including lunch Contact: [relationships@ccam.org.au](mailto:relationships@ccam.org.au) or phone Prema 92875516

**THE GIFT OF TIME OUT**

Thursday 23 October, 9.30am – 3pm Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville  
*How often do you exercise self-care?* In ministry most of our energy is spent being outward-focussed, caring and serving others. Do you need the opportunity to exercise that same care and compassion to yourself? Then join us for a day of nourishment and relaxation facilitated by Marea Richardson – where through music and scripture, we will get in touch with the wisdom of the body and soul to recover some energy for the onward journey. The attached flyer contains further information including the registration process and program details. Due to the nature of this session places are limited so register early to avoid disappointment. You are welcome to forward this flyer onto anyone in ministry or parish life that you think might benefit from this session. Cost: \$25 (incl. morning tea and lunch) RSVP: Friday 17 October Contact: Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on [evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@cam.org.au). For enquiries, call 9926 5761

**THE POPE APP**

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