

### **ACU 2015 OPEN DAY**

Sunday 9 August, 10am-4pm, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy  
An opportunity to explore ACU, learn about study options, find out how the University can support your career goals, as well as enjoying live music, great food and terrific prizes.  
Details: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) or [futurestudents@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@acu.edu.au)

### **THE ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK (SBCSJN)**

SBCSJN is hosting its annual event on Wednesday, 12 August. The topic for 2015 is Raising Our Boys To Be Good Men. The SBCSJN decided this event would look at how we, as parents, a school and a community can impact our boys to achieve meaningful and fulfilling lives. Hence our topic of Raising Our Boys to be Good Men. We have some amazing speakers lined up for the evening: Professor Patrick McGorry AO - Orygen & headspace  
Tess Walsh - Assistant Commissioner, Victoria Police  
Scott Holmes - YMCA Ben O'Toole-StepBackThink Joe Pignataro - SBC Old Boy & Writer  
All of the local community is invited to attend; parents and children. The event will be held in the Boardroom at St Bernard's at 7.30pm - 9.00pm, Wednesday, 12 August. For more information and to RSVP (for catering) go to [www.sbcjsn.com](http://www.sbcjsn.com)

### **WINTERTIDE MADNESS: CORELLI IN CONCERT**

Sunday 9 August, 3pm, St John the Baptist Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill.  
Eight musicians present the musical works of Corelli, Lully, Boismortier, Fasch, Quantz and Handel. Join us for an afternoon of exquisite baroque music in the beautiful environs of St John's.  
Cost: Voluntary donation

### **CRAFT GROUP**

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.

### **PARISH HALL:**

The Parish Hall is available for hire. All enquiries: [stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com)

### ***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***

1st & 2nd August 2015

18th 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.*

## ***'I Am the Bread Of Life'***

These words from Jesus sum up for us today the wonderful gift we have been given. After the feeding of the crowds on shore of the lake, the people hunger for more from Jesus. He reminds them of the passage from the Old Testament referring to Moses in the desert and that "it was not Moses who gave them bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven."

This 'true bread' is Jesus given to us to sustain us on our journey through life. We hear Jesus saying, "I am the bread of life" in response to the request from the crowd, "Sir, give us this bread always".

Today as we welcome the children who are preparing to receive, 'the bread of life' for the first time, may we be a wonderful example for them as we express our belief and love of Jesus who offers himself to us.

May we also be as willing to offer ourselves for the life of the children that they also may recognise the wonderful gift Jesus offers to each of us - himself - that we may never thirst again.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Thanksgiving:** \$2102.50

**Presbytery:** \$1424.65

**Rosters for next weekend 8th & 9th August**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
S Crombie	K Hill	D Nicol
<b>Special Ministers:</b>		
T Dargan, G Cascone	A Henshall, M Gauci	C Picinich, L Anderson
<b>Offertory:</b>		
Trevisiol Family	C Attard	M Scarpino
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Transport:</b>	
G Cook, B Tormey	G Johnson, D Meller, M Sullivan	
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	<b>Linen:</b>
A Scerri	C Group	M Sullivan
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	1 Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51	

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** St John Vianney

**Thursday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Saturday:** St Mary of the Cross

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

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

**CATHOLIC CARE**

Next weekend the Annual Appeal for CatholicCare will take place. CatholicCare has been serving and caring for the families of the Melbourne Archdiocese for 80 years and deserves the support of our Catholic community. Please give generously so its much needed work may continue. The collection will be taken up at the Notice time. Envelopes are available.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

This weekend we are invited to pray especially for the children from our community who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion at the end of the month. As they and their families gather with us during our weekend Mass today may we offer them our support and encouragement.

Our Scripture today reminds us of the wonderful gift, 'the bread of life' Jesus offers to us.

**FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass.

**75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH**

Next year 2016 marks the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of our Parish under the name of St Vincent de Paul. The 75th Anniversary Committee is planning a number of events throughout 2016 to celebrate and mark out this important stage in our history. When the program is completed we will present a timetable of events for you.

As part of the program we will be presenting a historical record of our Parish. The historians, Patrick McKay and Denise A'Hearn are gathering lots of information. If you have any historical items they would love to borrow them. If so please contact the Parish Office.

**THEOLOGY AT THE PUB: MARRIAGE IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE**

Monday 3 August, 6.30pm, Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy.

Dan Flynn, representing the Australian Christian Lobby (ACL), will be speaking on the hot topic of the day: so-called homosexual marriage. Dan will try to make sense of the global and domestic push for homosexual 'marriage', particularly by those who want to break down the natural moral order, and explain what we as young Catholics can do to fight for natural marriage in Australia given the recent course of events. Priests, deacons and religious of all ages especially welcome. See our Theology at the Pub Facebook event for more info.

Details: Andrew on 0403 239 543 or Fabio on 0432 995 322

**GOOD NEWS AND CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING IN A WORLD OF CHAOS**

Thursday 13 August, 5-6.30pm, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville.

Christ is 'the still point in a turning world', yet today we often find it hard to simply slow down and just be silent. Contemplation is the ultimate answer to this chaotic, dizzying and fast-moving culture we live in. Dr Donna Orsuto will explore how contemplative practice helps us to recover so much of the energy needed to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ effectively in our age.

**FULFILLING INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR SKILLED VOLUNTEERS:**

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer. Want to know more? Information Session will be held on Saturday 22 August at 11:30am, at Ross House (3/F, Jenny Florence Room, 247 Flinders Lane). RSVP to joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551.

**ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE**

Application for Enrolment Year 7 2017 Apply now for Year 7 2017 at St Columba's College. Visit the College website to request a prospectus and book a tour. Applications can be downloaded from the College website at [www.columba.vic.edu.au](http://www.columba.vic.edu.au) For all other enrolment enquiries contact the College Registrar on 9331 9128 or email [registrar@columba.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@columba.vic.edu.au)

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