

2018 PRE-ELECTION BREAKFAST FORUM

Monday 27 August, 8.30–10am Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (enter via Lansdowne Street) With the 2018 Victorian general election scheduled for Saturday 24 November, this is a time to engage with parliamentary candidates on the kind of society we want to live in, today and in the future. The format for the event will be short presentations, followed by plenary Q&A. Our 2018 Victorian Election brochure 'Building a fairer Victoria where everyone flourishes' will be part of the agenda. The Hon. James Merlino MP, Deputy Premier, and The Hon. David Hodggett MP, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, will join us at Catholic Social Services to engage on the issues that most impact on the wellbeing of Victorians, particularly those on the margins. RSVP: by Saturday 22 August Cost: Free Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/XFFX> Enquiries: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

HEALING MASS FOR FATHERS: SEVEN FIRST CLASS RELICS ON TOUR

Sunday 2 September, 3.30–7pm Sacred Heart Church, corner Rathdowne and Pelham Streets, Carlton This Mass for Healing, celebrated by Most Rev. Bishop Terence Curtin, will offer prayers for all fathers and all those present for healing from addictions, anger, violence and any other needs. Prayers will also be offered for our nation and the Church. Seven first class relics of Saints and Blesseds that are on tour in Melbourne will be present.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYGROUP

Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Christine Connelly on 0419 344 613 or just come along.

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN DESIGN REQUEST

The Maintenance & Planning Committee are investigating layouts for the Memorial Garden and would welcome any ideas or thoughts you may have. We would also welcome anyone who would be able to draw up the layouts in order to place them on display. Please submit your ideas or offer of assistance to Fr Peter.



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18th & 19th August 2018

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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

Our Church is Open: Tuesday - Friday 7.00 am - 5.00 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.

The gift of the Eucharist

What a precious moment in the lives of the little ones as they come to receive Jesus Christ in the gift of Holy Communion for the first time. It is wonderful to see the excitement and longing in the children. The Gospel this weekend is a delightful summary of the purpose of God coming to dwell with us.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Please take a moment and read the Gospel and reflect upon the wonderful relationship we are able to have with our God in this sacrificial gift giving so freely as the ultimate expression of love. Also ask yourself, 'How prepared am I to come and receive this gift as often as I am able or other events, activities, or engagements in my life more important?'

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Recent Deaths: Lou Xuereb

Anniversaries: Martha Ahern, Giuseppe & Vincenza Lombardo

Thanksgiving: \$1910.00 **Presbytery:** \$814.55

Rosters for next weekend 25th & 26th August:

6.00 pm	8.30am	10.30am
Lectors:		
J Harris	B Hanley	C Mathew
Special Ministers:		
L Caridi, T Dargan	M Gauci, M Gavaghan	N Zanko, C Johnson
Offertory:		
Hewitt Family	C Vega	M Scarpino
Counters:	Transport:	
H Tobin, K Porter	M Sullivan, C Mathew	
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
E Imolesi	Group C	T Giardina

Next week's Readings: Joshua 24:1-2, 5-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Bernard

Tuesday: St Pius X

Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St Bartholomew

WEDNESDAY MASS THIS WEEK

On Wednesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30 am, there will be no 10.00 am Mass.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday: Inter Church Council Meeting in St Adians at 4.00pm

CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual CatholicCare appeal. At total of \$697.40 was donated.

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.

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.

Our Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Our Mission

That we strive to maintain a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart

First reading Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Second reading Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

REFLECTION

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." EPHESIANS 5:15
A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

THEOLOGY@PUB

Monday 3 September, dinner and drinks from 6.30pm, talk commences at 7.30pm
European Bier Cafe, Rooftop Bar, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

At this month's Theology@Pub Simon Carrington presents 'How to get the most out of Mass'. Simon is the founder of Fire Up Ministries, was raised in a devout Catholic family of eight and is married to his beautiful wife Madeleine. He is currently undertaking a Certification course at the Theology of the Body Institute in Pennsylvania USA. Simon has been active in youth ministry for several years, with a passionate focus on St Pope John Paul II's theology of the body, apologetics and evangelisation. This event is supported by Parousia Media. Web: <https://www.theologyatthepub.com.au/>

FRIDAY MORNING TEA AFTER MASS

Come and share a morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass each Friday.