

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2018 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 2018

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0403 569 079

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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.

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.

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.

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

PARISH CENSUS/THANKSGIVING

If you are not registered on our census you are invited to join us. Census & Thanksgiving kits are available on the table in the east transept of the Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAY-GROUP

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.



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17th 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.

Who do you say I am?

These are the words Jesus Christ, our God, asked of his apostles and also asked of each one of us: 'Who do you say I am?' Ask the question of yourself. What is your answer?

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus feeds thousands from a few loaves and fish, not just to give them some food, for he is showing them and us that he is the source of all life that sustains us on our journey through life until we meet in eternal life.

That food for us today is the gift of Jesus himself in Holy Communion. Communion meaning *in-union-with* our God and each other when we share the Eucharist together.

It is for this very reason that Jesus came amongst us to give himself as a sacrifice that we may have life that is sustained and guided by him now and for all time.

So we must ask ourselves: "What is my response to the loving gift of my God who gives himself to me? How prepared am I to come and receive this gift as often as I can?" - My Lord and My God.

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Recent Deaths: Mary Ray (Fr Peter's Aunt), John Ryan

Anniversaries: Mel DuCasse, Les Donchi, Mary Ray (Fr Peter's mother) Emanuel Zarb, Joe Xerri

Thanksgiving: \$2578.50 **Presbytery:** \$1005.20

Rosters for next weekend 4th & 5th August:

6.00 pm	8.30am	10.30am
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Lectors: J Hurren	K Hill	M Chris
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Special Ministers:

J Mammone, A Mammone	M Gavaghan, M Gauci	C Mathew, C Johnson
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Offertory: A Timmins	Volunteer	G Polo
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Counters: H Tobin, P Hill	Transport: C Mathew, M Hobart
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Flowers: D & F Boyle	Church Cleaning: Group D	Linen: M Sullivan
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Next week's Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St Ignatius of Loyola **Wednesday:** St Alphonsus Liguori

Friday: St Dominic **Saturday:** St John

TUESDAY MASS THIS WEEK

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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

Wednesday: Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 10.00am

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church at 7.00pm

CATHOLIC MISSION

This weekend we are invited to donate to the annual Catholic Mission-Propagation of the Faith appeal. This year's focus is to improve education for the children in Myanmar. Envelopes are available in the church porches and a collection will be taken up at Notice Time.

SOLEMN INSTALLATION MASS FOR THE NINTH ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Wednesday 1 August, 7pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
You are warmly invited to attend the liturgical reception and Solemn Mass of the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli, who will be installed as Archbishop at this Mass. Refreshments will follow at Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. All welcome. With limited space in the cathedral, guests are requested to book to ensure a place.
Guest bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSE>

First reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Second reading Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and with-in all.

Gospel John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

REFLECTION

There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

FRIDAY MORNING TEA AFTER MASS

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

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