

## **OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Communities in East Timor, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kiribati, PNG, 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. 2016 positions close soon! Please contact palms@palms.org.au or call 02 95189551

## **AVE MARIA COLLEGE ARTS FESTIVAL**

Wednesday 14 October, from 6pm, 14–22 Vida Street, Aberfeldie Film screenings, fashion parade, music and drama performances, food and technology displays, VET fashion display, visual arts exhibition. Year 12 folios will include visual communication design, product design and technology, studio arts, media and food technology. There will also be Year 12 performances in drama and music. All welcome.

## **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM**

Airs 18 October 2015 This week on *The Journey* Sr Hilda Scott OSB tells us "A Story"; Fr Dave Callaghan challenges us to "Rethink the Bible"; Marilyn Rodrigues gives us great tips on dealing with "Parenting Failure" and Bruce Downes shares an awesome reflection on how to "Let Go." Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

## **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 PLAYGROUP**

Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIlDowney 0411 061 978 or just come along.

## ***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***

10th & 11th October 2015

28th 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.*

## **Today's Gospel is food for thought.**

"Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not give false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these since my earliest days.'

Jesus looked steadily at him and he was filled with love for him, and he said, 'You need to do one thing more. Go and sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever, saying to one another, 'In that case, who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them and said, 'By human resources it is impossible, but not for God: because for God everything is possible.'" Mark 10:17-27

**Entrance Antiphon:** If you O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Norman Cattnach

**Thanksgiving:** \$4201.00      **Presbytery** \$1236.85

**Rosters for next weekend 17th & 18th October**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
J Harris	K McCartney	D Nicol
<b>Special Ministers:</b>		
J Mammone, M Mollica	M Thomas, A Henshall	C Johnson, C Picinich
<b>Offertory:</b>		
F Rivellese	B Evans	M Scarpino
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Transport:</b>	
B Tormey, D Lane		
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	<b>Linen:</b>
D Jones	B Group	T Sardo
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45	

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Thursday:** St Teresa of Jesus

**Saturday:** St Ignatius of Antioch

**TUESDAY MASSES**

Next Tuesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Book Club in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm

**Wednesday:** Parish Education Board Meeting in the School at 7.30pm

**Thursday:** Maintenance & Planning Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

**CATHOLIC MISSION - 2015 WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL**

Next weekend we are invited to donate to the annual World Mission Day Appeal. A collection will be taken up at Notice time. Envelopes will be available in the porches of the church for credit card and taxation purposes.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

During 10.30am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, primary school aged children are invited to join us in the Parish Centre for Children's Liturgy of the Word.

During each session the gospel of the day is explored in a way that assists children to understand and make meaning of the message, through stories, pictures and discussion.

All children from Year Prep to Year 6 are welcome.

**2015 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Our Liturgy Committee are seeking your expressions for the times of our Christmas Masses. The times of Christmas Masses last year were 6.00 pm Vigil, Midnight and 10.00 am Christmas morning. Forms are available in the porches of the Church for you to indicate your preferred time or times. Please return to the boxes in the porches over the next couple of weeks.

**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.

**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.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE: ANTI-POVERTY WEEK**

Tuesday 13 October, 1-2pm Mary MacKillop Chapel, Daniel Mannix Building, ACU, 8 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy All are welcome at this service, to be presided over by Father Joe Caddy, CEO, CatholicCare Melbourne, with homily from Rev. Dr Gordon Preece, Chair of Melbourne Anglican Social Responsibilities. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Details and RSVP: justice@cam.org.au

**PARISH THANKSGIVING RENEWAL**

This weekend we are invited to consider supporting of our Parish. Please take a bundle of envelopes, arranged in Street order, of those streets near you and deliver during the week. For those not in Thanksgiving envelopes are available in the porches of the Church.

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