

POPE FRANCIS' VISION OF FAITH

Part of the ACU Pope Francis Conference Tuesday 1 July, 7pm - 9pm An evening forum of the Engaging the World: Living the Gospel Conference. All welcome. Australian Catholic University Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne Registration & more info: www.acu.edu.au/popefrancis Contact: 02 9701 4176 or iace@acu.edu.au

JUNE T@P – THEOLOGY ON TAP:

A Christian Response to Asylum Seekers Featuring Bishop Vincent Long Tuesday 3 June, 6:30pm – 9pm Bishop Vincent Long is one of many former refugees who have distinguished himself in public life after arriving in Australia by boat. He will assist us in answering the difficult questions we must confront as Christians: Are we bound as Christians to adopt a completely 'open door' policy in welcoming those seeking asylum? Can we be "cruel" to be "kind" to prevent asylum seekers make the perilous journey to Australia? Young people 18 to 35 years old, priests and religious of all ages are welcome. Where: Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy. Contact Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin 0438 643 070

THE VICTORIA WELSH MALE CHOIR IN CONCERT

Sunday 1 June 2014 at 2.30pm at Strathmore Uniting Church, Cnr The Crossway and Upland Road. The Victoria Welsh Male Choir is renowned for its rich singing in four-part spine tingling harmony. Tickets available by phoning 9379 3326. Prices: \$25 or Concession \$20. The concert is a fundraiser for "Frontier Services" (serving remote Australia) Afternoon tea is included.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 27 June, 7pm Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. In June we are discussing "The End of the Affair" by Graham Greene. Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Contact: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.au

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

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014



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The Ascension of the Lord

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 Tuesday - Saturday 7.00 am - 5.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Saturday 9.00 - 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.*

Sacrament of Confirmation

We congratulate the young members of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. It is a wonderful time for them as they stand before us seeking the Gift of the Holy Spirit to be part of their life. This third Sacrament of Initiation means that they have received an increasing measure of the treasures of our God. Confirmation completes the Sacramental grace we received in Baptism. As we congratulate them may we also remember them in our prayer and offer them an example through the lives we live.

Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, calling to mind the return of Jesus to his Father and completing his public ministry on earth. As Jesus left his disciples he encouraged them to continue to share his message and entrusted them to the Holy Spirit, who then came down upon them. Jesus also challenged them to go out to the whole world and spread the Good News, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, while at the same time letting us all know that he is every present with us on our journey.

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Recent Deaths: Joseph Boyle (Father of Stephen)

Anniversaries: Doreen Christina, Vittorio & Maria Romano

Thanksgiving: \$2635.00 **Presbytery:** \$904.80

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> M Henshall	K McCartney	J Nesci
<u>Special Ministers:</u> D DeSilva, J Mammone	R McGowan, P McKay	R Legudi, C Picinich
<u>Offertory:</u> H & R Pless	N McCartney	M Scarpino
<u>Counters:</u> P Hill, K Porter	<u>Transport:</u> J Fraser, D Meller, E Sheppard, P Waddington	
<u>Flowers:</u> D & F Boyle	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> E Group	<u>Linen:</u> M Hitchcock
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Gen 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St Charles Lwanga & companions

Thursday: St Boniface

TUESDAY MASS

This Tuesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. Please note there will be no 10.00am Mass.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7pm

THANKSGIVING

A new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes will be available shortly. If you wish to use Credit Card or Direct Debit contact the Parish Office or collect a form from the east porch.

Any new parishioners who would like to support our Parish through Thanksgiving are asked to collect the forms from the east porch and return them.

STRATHMORE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

You are invited to come and share a Prayer Reflection for Christian unity with the members of the Strathmore Uniting Church and St Adain's Anglican Church in the at Parish Centre on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at 7.30pm in the spirit of Pentecost. A light supper will be served following the service.

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

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

SOLIDARITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified and experienced in education, health, agriculture, tourism, business administration, or other profession and trade? Share your knowledge and skills in Asia, Africa or the Pacific for a minimum of 12 months. Your placement will assist to advance the awareness, enthusiasm and involvement of Australians in shared action to achieve just, sustainable, and peaceful development. Palms Information Session, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne Thursday 19th June 5:45 – 7:15 pm Enquiries: Roger O'Halloran: (02) 9518 9551 / roger@palms.org.au

WORLD REFUGEE DAY MARCH

Sunday 22 June, 1:30pm Join us for the World Refugee Day March to seek justice for refugees. This event is organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network, a broad coalition of faith based groups, unions and community organisations. City Square Cnr Swanston and Collins St. Contact: 0409 352 673 or 0404 728 104

FREE ONLINE NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter eConference Wednesday 11 June, 10am – 3pm Join us for our 10th eConference, *Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter* hosted by the Broken Bay Institute. Please register so we can inform you how to participate on the day. Speakers include Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth. Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph. Fr Gerard Kelly, President of Catholic Institute of Sydney. Ms Selina Hasham Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney. Rev Noel Connolly SSC Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute
Cost: Free. Register: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference Contact: Rhonda Andersen. econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au (02) 9847 0726

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.* 2014 weekend dates : 13-15 June, 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office on 9379 1488 to be placed on our roster. Also, if you would like to attend Mass on Sunday but cannot do so due to lack of transport we can arrange it for you.

Vision

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Mission

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