

**SPECIAL THEOLOGY AT THE PUB EVENT:
CONVERSATIONS WITH A CARDINAL**

Friday 29 August, 6:30pm – 9pm Cardinal Raymond Burke, America's most Senior Vatican Official will be the special guest on the last Friday of August at Theology @ the Pub. As arguably the world's preeminent Canon Lawyer, we are most blessed that His Eminence has agreed to address young adults on issues relating to Marriage, Divorce & Annulments in light of the Special Synod on the Family in October 2014. Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy Contact: Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin on 0438 643 070

SOLO CATHOLICS EVENT FOR AUGUST

Saturday 30 August, 7pm – 12am Join in a fun night out including dinner and dancing and meet other single Catholics. Entry includes dinner. The Veneto Club, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen RSVP: Tuesday 19 August Contact: Peter on 0418 502 297

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 29 August, 7pm Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. In August we are actually discussing a film, "Calvary". Just watch the film at the cinema, with the group or separately. Then join us later at our regular meeting time. Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Contact: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.au

**TIME TO SHINE: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
PERFORMING ARTS GALA**

Saturday 13 September, 12pm and 5pm
Time to Shine is the inaugural Catholic Schools Performance Arts Gala. This artistic extravaganza, presented by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne, will showcase the artistic talent of more than 300 secondary students in the archdiocese in two shows that are not to be missed. Cost: \$29.50 per person Palais Theatre, Lower Esplanade, St Kilda Bookings: www.ticketmaster.com.au

THE POPE APP

The Pope App links you to the Vatican. Download free from iTunes.

*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



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20th 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: Wednesday & Friday 10.00 am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Friday 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.*

The Power of faith

It is interesting to note in our Gospel today, yet again the friends of Jesus were only thinking about having Jesus for themselves. They tell Jesus to give the Canaanite woman what she wants to get rid of her, for she was pestering them and a source of interruption to their day, especially when Jesus was not responding to her shouting. She was not one of them and hence they had little time for her. Then we see a wonderful exchange taking place. Here we reflect upon Jesus using this encounter to allow the woman to assert herself and recognise that she was entitled to something however small and unwanted, the crumbs that fell to the floor. She was content to receive only what she knew Jesus was able to offer her. It is her profound faith in Jesus that comes to the fore and reminds us yet again that we too often look to our own comfort before we consider the needs of others. Are we a little like Peter and his companions, ready to dismiss to make the 'shouting' go away?

Explore the possibilities



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: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Jane & Bernard Comerford

Thanksgiving \$1641.40 **Presbytery:** \$1169.40

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors: C Romano	M Gavaghan	M Sullivan

Special Ministers: T Dargan, J Burke	R McGowan, P McKay	J Nesci, M Ruberto
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Offertory: Hewitt Family	D & L A'Hearn	G Pitney & M Hitchcock
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Counters: F Burke, B Tormey	Transport: D Nicol, M Sullivan, P Waddington
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Flowers: L Harrington & L Shannon	Church Cleaning: B Group	Linen: V Page
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Next week's Readings: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: St Bernard

Thursday: St Pius X

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Josh McIntosh** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our prayers.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

During our Masses this weekend we are invited to pray for and remember the children from our community who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion at the end of the month. May the love of Jesus for us in this wonderful gift ever strengthen each one of us, especially the children.

MINISTERS ROSTERS

The next roster for the months of September through to November, in name order, are available on the table in the east transept of the Church. For those with children in the School the roster has been distributed via the children. Thank you for your assistance.

PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP

The Australian Film "The Dish" famous for the 1st Apollo Moon Landing will be screened in the Parish Centre on Friday August 29th following the 10.00am Mass, all are welcome to attend.

PASTORAL REFLECTION IN PRAYERFUL PREPARATION FOR THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S PUBLIC HEARING

Recently, our world has been shocked by the tragedy of flight MH17. It was unthinkable that an attack on a domestic plane should become a reality. The reactions have been strong and varied ... disbelief, shock, anger, sadness, loss, grief, uncertainty. The impact of the loss of 298 innocent people has been palpable. The devastation for families, friends and local communities is so evident.

The Church has been coming to terms with a reality born out of the unthinkable – that in our history there were some in ministry, entrusted with the care of our children, who violated their trust and innocence in a way that has brought such devastating consequences. We respond with profound sadness, disgust and regret for the anguish of victims, families and friends. Parish communities have grappled with understanding how these despicable acts could have ever happened.

The Royal Commission is investigating the experiences in many institutions and how they responded to reports of abuse. We support those who lead the Royal Commission as they make their determinations regarding the past and future practice for all institutions, including the Catholic Church.

The Royal Commission will have a public hearing in Melbourne from August 18 to 29. The Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Melbourne Response will be examined.

Recently Pope Francis met with victims. At that time he asked God "for the grace to weep and make reparations for her sons and daughters who betrayed their mission, who abused innocent persons". May we learn from the past. I pray we will listen more carefully to the pain of victims and offer support and reparation which will bring healing. May leaders of the Church seek forgiveness for the betrayal which stole innocence from God's beloved.

It is our duty in homes, schools and communities to provide a safe environment where children are loved, protected and nurtured. We will do all in our power to ensure the Catholic Church is a place where all children may flourish. Society demands it...our Gospel demands it! May God's grace heal the broken hearted and strengthen us in our service.

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE.

THE CARITAS AUSTRALIA 50TH JUBILEE MASS

You are warmly invited to attend The Caritas Australia 50th Jubilee Mass to celebrate 50 years of love, compassion and joy on Wednesday 20 August 2014 Mass Celebrated by Most Rev. D.J Hart Archbishop of Melbourne 11.00am St Patrick's Cathedral RSVP Alicia Ocampo 9926 5706 or aliciao@caritas.org.au by 13 August

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

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Mission

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