

### **MERCY CONNECT PROJECT MELBOURNE**

Is currently recruiting volunteers to work with Adult Refugees and Asylum Seekers in supporting their English Language learning. These programs are running in three centres Dandenong Library, Sunshine Library and St Joseph's North Melbourne. Are you willing to give a couple of hours each week to work in this project and assist these participants in their learning of English and daily skills for life in Australia? Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM or Tat Singa for an application form and further information. MERCY CONNECT, PO BOX 221, Moon-ee Ponds, VIC. 3039, Australia Telephone: +61 (03) 9326 1895 Email: somml@bigpond.com

### **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGIUM**

Saturday 4 October, 6pm Mass St Joseph's Church, cnr Hope Street and Melville Road, West Brunswick A Chamber Choir of young singers will perform liturgical music from the 16th century to the present day directed by Anthony Halliday. Mass will be 'Eymard Mass' by Roger Heagney with Motets 'Ave Maria' by Rachmaninov and 'Rejoice in the Lord Always' by Purcell. Contact: Enza on 9380 4789

### **ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Saturday 4 October, 4.30pm St Brigid's Church Hall, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North In honour of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi Emeritus Bishop Hilton Deakin will bless house pets and other animals at St Brigid's Church Hall. Contact: johndrennan1934@yahoo.com

### **A TALK ON THREE FRANCISCAN THEMES**

Saturday 11 October 9.30am-3.30pm Yarra Theological Union Study Centre, 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill Friar Paul Rout OFM lecturer of Heythrop College, University of London and visiting lecturer at Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill will speak on: 'St Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis', 'A Trinitarian Theology of Beauty' and 'A Franciscan approach to ethics'. Bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee supplied. Contact: 9896 4400

### **FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

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

### ***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*



### ***St Vincent de Paul Press***

20th & 21st September, 2014

25th 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 Generosity of our Loving God**

It may seem difficult for us to believe that God is a perfect forgiver, if we can use that term. Sometimes we find it very hard to forgive completely and permanently. We recall the words of Jesus as he hung dying on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". Yet this does not mean that the offender is not responsible for his or her actions. There is a difference between forgiveness and taking responsibility. Responsibility may mean some form of punishment for inappropriate actions. The parable Jesus shares with us is very clear. Peter suggests seven as an example for the number of times one should forgive (seven is seen as the perfect number). Jesus takes this much further. There is something important here for us to remember. We must take responsibility for our actions. When we treat others with disrespect we have a responsibility to acknowledge our wrong doing. As well we are to forgive in the spirit of the words of Jesus, "Love one another as I have loved you". Here then is the challenge, we may not agree with the actions of another, but it is an error to hate and not forgive. This does not take away the responsibility of the offender to make amends or make restitution.

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**Recent Deaths:** Edgar Reid

**Anniversaries:** Mary Brick

**Thanksgiving:** \$1697.60

**Presbytery:** \$957.00

**Rosters for next weekend**

**6.00 pm**

**8.30 am**

**10.30 am**

**Lectors:**

Claudio Romano

S McNulty

M Sullivan

**Special Ministers:**

J Burke, F Ferguson

P McKay, A Henshall

L Anderson, A Monaghan

**Offertory:**

H & R Pless

D & L A'Hearn

Hannan Family

**Counters:**

B Tormey, F Burke

**Transport:**

G Johnson, D Meller, P Waddington

**Flowers:**

C Picnich

**Church Cleaning:**

G Group

**Linen:**

N McCartney

**Next week's Readings:**

Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** St Pius of Pietrelcina

**Saturday:** St Vincent de Paul

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Thursday:** GodStart team Meeting at 7pm

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL**

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Father's Day Appeal over the last two weekends. A grand total of \$1160.75 was collected.

**2015 COLUMBIAN CALENDARS**

The calendars are available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. Sales of the Calendars support the mission activities of the Columbans in poor communities.

**CATHOLIC CARE CHURCH APPEAL**

The CatholicCare Church Appeal recognises the value of healthy families in our community and the importance of families and communities sharing responsibility in raising happy, healthy children. By donating you give joy, hope and a better future to families in need. More information: [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au). The collection will be taken up at Notice Time. Envelopes are available in the Porches of the Church for credit card contributions and taxation deductions.

**THE POPE APP**

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

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY SERIES**

Wednesday 24 September 12pm – 1pm St Francis Church Pastoral Centre Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne Join us for a joint presentation by Brother Doug Walsh, who is the President of Soup Vans, Victoria, and Danusia Kaska, SVDP Soup Vans Operations Manager who will speak on the topic “Caring for the homeless via the Soup Vans; a different perspective on the definition of homelessness.” Contact: Paula 9895 5800

**AS AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE**

2014-15 Social Justice Statement—Victorian Launch. Mass: 12noon, Friday 26th September 2014 at St Mary MacKillop Chapel, Daniel Mannix Building, ACU 8 Brunswick Street Fitzroy. Launch: 12.30pm Mary MacKillop Room 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy. Light refreshments afterwards. RSVP: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au) of 9926 5727 by Wednesday 24th September 2014 for catering purposes.

**POPE FRANCIS AND THE REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS**

Thursday 2 October, 7.30pm–9.30pm (following Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral) Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne In a world of so much struggle and sadness, where do we find joy? Bill Donaghy, from the Theology of the Body Institute in the USA, shares how St John Paul II's vision of human dignity meets Pope Francis' revolutionary approach to finding meaning in our lives. Cost: \$5 (includes pizza and soft drink) RSVP: Tuesday 30 September Contact: [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au)

**ST GERARD'S FAMILY MISSION: REDISCOVERING CHRIST IN THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

Saturday 25 October to Sunday 26 October This family mission will consider the vital role of the family as the 'domestic church'. Speakers include Bishop Peter Elliott, Matthew and Julie MacDonald, NET Ministries, Danielle Lupi and Dr Gerard O'Shea. Cost: \$20 per couple/family, \$10 per single Register: [www.stgerards.org.au](http://www.stgerards.org.au) or 0491 104 753

**MISSION EXPO II – LET'S GO LOCAL**

Thursday 30 October, 7.30pm - 10pm (after SIX30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral) Cardinal Knox Centre, Cnr Lansdowne St and Albert Street, East Melbourne This expo presented by the Archdiocesan office for Youth for youth and young adults will showcase a range of organisations that young people can engage with to live the call to mission locally - in the midst of work, school and family life. All organisations are Melbourne-based, have established volunteer programs, welcome young people to volunteer in skilled and non-skilled contexts, identify as Catholic or align with the Catholic tradition and do not require full-time commitment. In addition to the various stalls there will be a program of speakers sharing their stories, which will highlight different settings and types of mission. RSVP: for catering purposes Cost: Free entry, finger food provided. Contact: [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.au) or call 9287 5565

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