

**LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY: 12-WEEK
DISCUSSION GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Tuesdays 3 February to 28 April (excluding Easter Tuesday), 6.30–8pm (optional dinner)
Rooftop Garden, Australian Catholic University,
Victoria Pde, Fitzroy. Back by popular demand!
The Life, Marriage and Family Office together with
the Archdiocesan Office for Youth present ‘*Love
and Responsibility*’. Join us as we unpack St John
Paul II reflections as a priest working with young
couples. His insights continue to provide practical
wisdom on friendship, relationships, attraction,
love, emotions, sexuality, and the dynamics be-
tween men and women. Register now as it starts the
first week of Feb 2015! The target audience for this
discussion group is young adults aged 18–35 years.
Registration is essential. Cost: \$30. Register:
www.trybooking.com/GGMB. Life, Marriage and
Family Office at lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5579.

**SHORT COURSE IN JESUS’ PASSION,
DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

Wednesdays 25 February, 4 March, 11 March and
18 March 2015, 6.30–8pm. Christ Lecture Theatre,
Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde,
Fitzroy. A short course offered by the Australian
Catholic University (ACU) for the public in 2015. It
is an opportunity to explore the most important top-
ics of Christian faith during the season of Lent. De-
livered by ACU theologians, including Rev. Prof.
Anthony Kelly CSsR and Rev. Prof. Francis Molo-
ney SDB. The course will follow the events of the
Triuduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Sat-
urday and Easter Sunday), as they are stated in the
Apostles’ Creed. Refreshments provided from 6pm.
Registration is essential and closes Friday 20 Febru-
ary. Register: <http://www.acu.edu.au/686192>
Contact: Dr Joel Hodge at joel.hodge@acu.edu.au.

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT

Could you please help us by providing friendship & support to asylum seeker families and help-
ing them with conversational English. A Volunteer information Night is being held at the
Brigidine Ministry Centre, 54 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18
February 2015. Please RSVP to Phil Steele phone 0419 311 582 or email [phillip-
steele1@gmail.com](mailto:phillip-
steele1@gmail.com) or Sue Wood 9534 6366 email: wood572@hotmail.com

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass. WE com-
mence again this year next Friday, 6th February.

***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 weak-
ness, 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 gentle-
ness.

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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4th Sunday of 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 - Friday 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.*

**“IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE HARDEN
NOT YOUR HEARTS”**

The words and actions of Jesus had a deep impression upon those who heard and
witnessed his actions. Today his words and action still make a deep impression
upon us. Today’s Psalm is a reminder to us of the palmist’s response to God’s
continuing presence in our lives. “... the rock who saves us. we the people
who belong to his pasture, the flock that is lead by his hand.”

“O that today you would listen to his voice!” Each one of us is invited to listen to
the voice of our God.

Throughout this year may we listen to the voice of our God through the continue
unfolding of our Parish Pastoral Review and the initiatives which will be their for
us to engage.

This weekend we are invited to offer support to the various ministries within our
community. Forms are available to indicate your interest. Also of significance,
2016 is the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of our Parish of St Vincent de
Paul. We need to start planning now. If you are interested in helping to plan this
anniversary year, please indicate on the Ministry Form.

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Recent Deaths: Rosa Notarfranceso, Lloyd D'Souza, Mavis Mantel

Anniversaries: Salvatore, Caterina & Immacolata Nesci.

Thanksgiving: **Presbytery:**

Rosters for next weekend 7th & 8th February

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> C Romano	K McCartney	M Sullivan
<u>Special Ministers:</u> J Burke, J Mammone	M Thomas, A Henshall	C Johnson, G Johnson
<u>Offertory:</u> Romano Family	N McCartney	M Galliot
<u>Counters:</u> G Cook, D Lane	<u>Transport:</u> J Fraser, M Green, D Meller	
<u>Flowers:</u> L Shannon & L Harrington	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> E Group	<u>Linen:</u> C Comerford
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord

Thursday: St Agatha

Friday: St Paul Miki and Companions

TUESDAY MASSES

This Tuesday 3rd February and next two Tuesdays the 10th & 17th February Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass on these days as Fr Peter has Committee Meetings with the Archdiocese.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: **Craft Group** in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

Baptism Meeting in the Church at 7.00pm

Thursday: **Maintenance & Planning Meeting** in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all who generously donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal. A total of \$1851.80 was collected.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Already a month has passed since the beginning of the year. May this year be one where we might 'make a difference' in the way we live each day. The Word of God is ever before us reminding us to stop and reflect, consider and choose. Yes we can make a difference through the small things we do each day. Maybe we just need to spend a little more time in reflecting upon what are the important aspects in our lives. What are we really trying to do?

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S

This weekend I'm inviting you to help make a difference within our Parish. There are many ways you might like to offer your support.. The form distributed today is an invitation to offer support during our weekend Liturgies, around and within our Church and Parish community.

I invite you to offer your support to help make a difference, to support our community, to support each other. I'm most appreciative of the assistance of many over the years. Many our older parishioners have for many years given many hours generously. To our younger parishioners I ask you to consider continuing their generosity by offering your support. All of us we might ask - **"What makes a difference?"** How might you support each other?

Please return the Ministry Form to the boxes in the porches of the Church by 11th February. You are most welcome to talk with me about any of these ministries.

GIVING A VOICE TO FAMILIES: 2015 SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

Following the recent Synod on the family, Pope Francis and the Bishops' Synod are again seeking input ahead of their 2015 meeting. In response to feedback during the previous process, a simplified questionnaire has been developed for our local church. The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015. A simple guide with the questions is available from Life, Marriage and Family Office at www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily.

The online survey will be open until midnight on Tuesday 10 February. While using the online survey is preferred, hard-copy responses can be submitted up to Friday 6 February. With only one week to go, please be sure to get your responses in before the deadline. Contact: Life, Marriage and Family Office on 9287 5579 or at lmf@cam.org.au

ANIMA EDUCATION TERM 1 2015: THREE POPES, THREE ENCYCLICALS

Mondays 16 February to 30 March, 6.30–8.30pm Mary Glowrey House, 132 Nicholson St, Fitzroy. When Saint John Paul II died in 2005, he left behind a half-finished encyclical on the virtue of charity. When he became Pope, Benedict XVI picked this up and completed it, and it became *Deus Caritas Est*. In 2007, Benedict issued the encyclical *Spe Salvi* on the virtue of hope. At the time of his resignation, he left the manuscript of an encyclical on the virtue of faith for his successor, Pope Francis, to complete. *Lumen Fidei* was issued in 2013, the first encyclical of his Pontificate. In this reading course, we will investigate the themes and messages that run through each of the three encyclicals in order to deepen our understanding of the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love. 'So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.' (St Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:13) The course will consist of 12 hours (6 x 2 hour) of interactive sessions of reading and discussion. The lecturer will be David Schütz BTh BA GradDip MinGradDip LIM. Enrolment and more info: David on 0400 978 938 or at david.schutz@cam.org.au. Cost: \$15 per night (\$90 for the whole course).

Vision

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Mission

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