

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 30 May, 7pm Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. In May we are discussing "The Mission" by Robert Bolt. Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Contact: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.au

@P IN MAY: TWO POPES – TWO SAINTS

Monday 5 May, 6:30pm – 8:30pm T@P is excited to announce our next major event: "Two Popes, Two Saints!" Come and hear celebrated Jesuit Theologian, writer and commentator, Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ give testimony on Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Fr Gerald is a well-known Vatican expert. Living in Rome for 30+ years he became a personal friend of John Paul II. He has written extensively about Pope John XXIII. Young Adults 18-35, Priests and Religious (of all ages) are very welcome. Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy Contact: Neil 0409 171

"REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS"

The Auditorium at St. Bernard's Christian Brothers' College, Beryl Street, Essendon. Thursday 22nd May 2014, 7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m. The speaker: Robin de Crespigny, a film-maker, producer, director and a writer. Robin wrote a book – "The People Smuggler" - about the life of Ali Al Jenabi, an Iraqi refugee, who became a people smuggler to get his family to safety. The night promises to be fascinating, involving an incredible international odyssey. The only thing that was the same each day was the excruciating uncertainty about what the next might bring. Sponsored by St. Bernard's Social Justice Group with the support of St. Therese's parish Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group. To assist in supporting the families they are caring for, entry a gold coin donation.

HARMAN LECTURE

Friday 9 May, 9:30am The topic of the Harman Lecture is "The Theological & Pastoral Crisis of Dualism: For an Ecclesial imagination beyond the captivities of Nominalism, Suárez and contemporary Liberal Metaphysics. Cost: free. Knox Room, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Register: www.trybooking.com/80640 Contact: Hannah Hladik hhladik@jp2institute.org

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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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.*

Our Emmaus Encounter

Interestingly we see two friends of Jesus not recognising that he was walking with them. Let's not be too quick to criticise or question their lack of perception. Stop and look at yourself. Have you ever been in a similar position, not recognising what was going on around you? 'Sure' you must say, perhaps often, because we can be preoccupied with our own thoughts, our own perception, our own interests, and not see beyond, nor see what is really happening around us.

Cleopas and his companion were preoccupied with the events that were taking place to recognise the reality of the importance of Christ in their lives.

Take a look at your life. Do you also at times become so preoccupied with the events of life, so you to, forget that Christ is walking with you? Isn't it so easy to do in the business of life.

Here is the challenge that Christ offers to us. Stop and consider and how you are moved by the impact of Christ in your life. Do you allow Christ to touch you? Note that it was when Jesus gave himself to them in the Eucharist that they recognised him. Do we do the same?

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us, make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Recent Deaths: Joe McKay

Anniversaries: Kevin Bignell

Thanksgiving: \$2297.00

Presbytery: \$1080.95

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

Lectors:

J Harris

B Hanley

D Nicol

Special Ministers:

J Burke, T Dargan

P McKay, A Henshall

M Ruberto, J Nesci

Offertory:

R & A Hutcheon

D & L A'Hearn

C & K LoGiudice

Counters:

D Lane, F Burke

Transport:

J Fraser, D Nicol, E Sheppard, P Waddington

Flowers:

D Jones

Church Cleaning:

A Group

Linen:

D De Silva

Next week's Readings:

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10: 1-10

PROJECT COMPASSION

To assist in finalising our returns please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by next weekend. A total of \$2365.80 has been forwarded to Caritas Australia.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church at 7pm_

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend we are invited to remember and pray for the candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the month. May we continue to be an example to them by the way we use the gifts that God has entrusted to us.

PARISH PASTORAL OUTREACH GROUP:

Over recent months a small group of interested parishioners have been working at establishing a visiting program for elderly members of the community that would benefit from additional personal contact and that may not be able to initiate this for a range of reasons. Visits are undertaken by two volunteers together for a short stay on a regular basis to provide continuity and build a positive relationship with the person being visited. This group is now looking for extra volunteers to assist with visits so if you are willing to commit an hour of your time on a regular basis and feel you would be suited to helping out in this way please send an email to John Grant – principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au Parish office – Strathmore@cam.org.au or leave a message at the Parish office on 93791488. Likewise if you know of an elderly person that may benefit from this program please let us know so we can assist where possible.

PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – DAY TRIP TO CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILL

The Parish Seniors Social Group is planning a day trip by bus to the Creswick Woollen Mill in late May. The bus will depart St Vincent's at 9:00am and return at 5:00pm and include a guided tour of the Mill and morning / afternoon tea. The cost of the trip is yet to be finalised but will be around \$30-40 per person. If you are interested in coming on the trip, please contact Eileen Sheppard on 9379 7898 or Keith Foletti on 9379 4920 after 6pm so we can finalise numbers.

CULTURED CAFE PRESENTS...ARCHBISHOP MARTINEZ (SPAIN)

Thursday 8 May, 7:30pm Archbishop Martinez is visiting our Archdiocese from Spain and will join us for CulturED Café. Archbishop Martínez was among a group of Spanish priests who in the 1970's initiated the youth and cultural movement Tierra Nueva. Since he became an Archbishop of Granada in 2003 he has founded two Institutes of Higher Education as well as a publishing house and the journal 'Synesis'. Archbishop Martínez is especially interested in the role of universities in the formation of Catholic leaders and he is renowned for his pastoral skills. He is especially well known in his own diocese as a bishop who is genuinely close to the people and to the young. Cost: \$5 which includes a delicious dinner, drink and dessert. Cardinal Knox Centre (Cnr Lansdowne St and Albert Street, East Melbourne) RSVP: aoy@cam.org.au or via Facebook for catering purposes. Contact: aoy@cam.org.au or call 9287 5565.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING: MONTHLY TALK AND DISCUSSION NIGHTS

Wednesday 7 May, 7pm Join the parishioners of St Dominic's for monthly talk and discussion nights led by friars, theological lecturers, and diocesan staff. Marcia Riordan from the Life Marriage and Family Office at the Melbourne Archdiocese will be our first speaker for 2014. Marcia will speak on *Walking with Love: Developing a more compassionate response to unplanned pregnancy*. Dinner will be provided, please bring a gold coin donation. All are welcome! Where: Parish Centre, St Dominic's Church, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell Contact: Fiona 0402 474 074 didyouknow@hotmail.com.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

The School Fete will be held this year on Saturday, 15th November, from 11am to 4pm. Our Second Hand Book stall needs loads of wonderful books to sell at the fete. If you have any books you would like to donate, please place them in the container labelled "Second Hand Books" located in the east porch of the Church. If any parishioners would like to strike some plants to sell at the plant stall this would be greatly appreciated. Details regarding collection of plants will be supplied later on. Thank you to those who have donated books.

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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