

## **ORCHESTRAL RECITAL, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: THE ART OF SOUND ORCHESTRA**

Wednesday 16 March, 6–7pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
A thrilling and evocative musical journey through the landscapes of Europe, from Finland to Russia, Scotland to the drawing rooms of Vienna. With composers represented such as Mozart, Mussorgsky, Sibelius, Schubert and Michael Lampard (a world premiere), this one-hour recital will transport us musically through some of the outstanding images from Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, with several scenic detours along the way! An orchestra comprising strings, flute, oboes, horns and solo soprano Alexandra Oke will be conducted by Mario Dobernig. Join us in the wonderful acoustic of St Patrick's Cathedral for this enthralling musical journey. Cost: \$20 at the door  
Details: Paul Taylor paul.taylor@cam.org.au

## **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 13 MARCH 2016**

This week on The Journey Fr Ken Barker shares a Gospel reflection for the 5th Week of Lent; Sr Hilda Scott OSB challenges us to "Look for God's blessings." Trish McCarthy gives us great tips on staying healthy; Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy asks us to "Let go of the controls and trust in God." We also hear from Marilyn Rodrigues The Peaceful Parent and Fr Dave Callaghan MGL. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

## **STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS 2016: INFORMATION SESSION**

Saturday 19 March, 2–4pm 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Catholic Theological College is holding an information session for our Study Tour of the Biblical Lands 2016, a journey which will take place from 12 November to 15 December this year, travelling to Jordan for five days, Turkey for 15 days, and Israel and Palestine for ten. Limited places are available for this exciting tour to the heart of your faith, led by Rev. Anthony Dean and Dr Rosemary Canavan, Old and New Testament lecturers respectively. Details and RSVP: Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au) by Wednesday 16 March

## **FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass starting again for the year on Friday 5th 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 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



## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRESS**

5th & 6th March 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

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 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.*

## **Forgiveness**

The parable of the father and his two sons expresses the loving embrace of the father without judgement. We might ask ourselves what is Jesus trying to say to us as we listen to this parable? Looking at the story we experience the relationship of the father to his two sons. At the request of having half the inheritance now, one of the sons takes off to have a wonderful time and ends up with nothing. The only reason he heads back home is because he knows his father is just, honest and treats his servants with respect. The other son complains and the father points out to him it was only right to welcome his other son home for he was 'dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found'.

We see no condemnation, we see no judgment. We see only acceptance and forgiveness. Perhaps Jesus is reminding us that this is the way the Father welcomes us without condemnation, without judgement, for he recognizes our weaknesses.

The preamble to this parable reminds us that Jesus was accused of eating with tax collectors and sinners, who were shunned and despised, yet for Jesus these were the ones he welcomes and embraces. May we use the example of the father as a our way to welcome the sinner as we know God welcomes us.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning: exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

**Recent Deaths:**  
**Anniversaries:** Valorie Cristina, Wilfred Gatt, Marie Teresa Oakley, Agnes Wilkens  
**Thanksgiving:** \$1996.50      **Presbytery:** \$996.65  
**Rosters for next weekend 12th & 13th March**  

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Lectors</b>		
S Crombie	G Cronan	L Wilson
<b>Special Ministers:</b>		
F Ferguson	M Gavaghan	L Anderson, C Picinich
<b>Offertory:</b>		
H & R Pless	C Vega	Children’s Liturgy
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Transport:</b>	
G Cook, H Tobin	M Green, D Meller, P Waddington	
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	<b>Linen:</b>
D & F Boyle		T Sardo
<b>Next week’s Readings:</b>	Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11	

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**  
**Tuesday:**    **Book Club** in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm  
                  **75th Anniversary Committee Meeting** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

**WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES**  
During the renovations in the Church our weekend Masses are being celebrated in the Hall and our weekday Masses in the Parish Centre.

**FRIDAY REFLECTIONS**  
On the Fridays during Lent join us for reflections on the Passions of Christ in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm.

**CHURCH RENOVATIONS**  
**Weekly Church Update**  
The painting of the ceiling is completed apart from the area above the choir loft. The Sanctuary continues to be modified. Pictures may be viewed in the Hall.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
On Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Hall at 7.00 pm we will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the children in Yr 3. We are invited to pray for the children as they come forward to receive the forgiveness of our Lord for the first time in this Sacrament. May we also pray for each other to continue to be aware of our need to seek reconciliation in the spirit of love and forgiveness.

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PARISH STRATHMORE**

**Sunday 20th March 2016**

**Parish Picnic**  
Brimbank Park - Picnic Area B Keilor Park Drive, Keilor  
**12.00 to 4.00 pm**  
**Entrance from Keilor Park Drive (Melway B10)**  
**Come along no need to book**  
**A variety of old fashioned games with fun for all ages**  
**Bring your own lunch and drinks - BBQs available**  
On arrival at the Park follow the signs to our reserved area

**Easter Ceremonies**

**Weekend 19th/20th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
Please bring Palm to be blessed during each Mass  
Tuesday 22nd March 7.00 pm    **2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Penance** in the Hall  
Thursday 24th 7.00pm **Mass of the Lord’s Supper**  
Friday 25th **Good Friday**  
10.00 am **Stations of the Cross**  
3.00 pm **Passion of the Lord** - Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.  
Saturday 26th Easter Vigil 6.00pm    Sunday 27th Easter Sunday 8.30 & 10.30 am

**AN EVENING WITH FRANCIS SULLIVAN, CEO OF THE TRUTH, JUSTICE AND HEALING COUNCIL**

Wednesday 9 March, 7.30–9pm OLMC Mercedes Hogan Theatre, Yarra Street, Heidelberg  
The Yarra Deanery is hosting an evening with Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council. In 2013 the Federal Government announced the establishment of a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Council is overseeing the Church's engagement with the Royal Commission. Please put this important event in your diary. Parking is available under the building and on the courts at the rear of the building. RSVP: by 3 March to [stpiusvic@bigpond.com](mailto:stpiusvic@bigpond.com) or 9457 5794

**PUBLIC LECTURE: SAINT DOMINIC IN ITALIAN ART**

Monday 7 March, 5–6pm, The Oratory, Newman College, University of Melbourne, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville. This lecture will explore some of the important appearances of St Dominic in Italian art, focusing particularly on some of the more important works of the 13th and 14th centuries by artists such as Pisano, Traini and Bonaiuti. Lecturer: Dr Joan Barclay Lloyd. Details: 9342 1614 or [outreach@snac.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:outreach@snac.unimelb.edu.au) or <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/6243> Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/182831>

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