

THE CHALLENGE OF FATHERHOOD TO-DAY

Saturday 21 March 2015, 9am–3pm Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne
MenALIVE and the Life, Marriage and Family Office are offering this opportunity for men who take their responsibility as fathers and husbands seriously, to consider some of the challenges that fathers face in our changing world and importantly, how to respond. Presented by Robert Falzon, co-founder of MenALIVE. Registrations close Wednesday 18 March. Cost: \$35 (includes BBQ lunch and a copy of Robert Falzon's *The Fatherhood Factor*). Register: www.trybooking.com/GJZH or 9287 5576

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT

Could you please help us by providing friendship & support to asylum seeker families and helping 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 phillipsteele1@gmail.com or Sue Wood 9534 6366 email: wood572@hotmail.com

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Australia will be conducting a guided tour of the communities in which their global volunteers are working in East Timor from April 6-18. Places are limited. Enquires need to be processed by February 28th call 02 9518 9551 or register interest online: www.palms.org.au/Encounters

2015 OZANAM LECTURE

Sunday 15 February 2015, 2pm Australian Catholic University, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. You are invited to attend the 2015 Ozanam Lecture 'How do Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Pope Francis influence what Vincentians do?' The lecture will be delivered by Bishop Eugene Hurley, Bishop of Darwin. The Respondent will be Tony McCosker, Chief Executive Officer of St Mary's House of Welcome. The Ozanam Lecture is held annually in honour of the St Vincent de Paul Society's founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813–1853). Light refreshments will be served. RSVP: Monday 9 February. Contact: 9895 5935 or rsvp@svdp-vic.org.au.

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 COLUMBA'S COLLEGE SCHOOL TOURS

Special Principal's Tours will be held on Saturday 14 February at 9 & 10:30am. Bookings can be made via the website or contacting the Registrar on 9331 9128. A reminder that applications for Year 7 2016 close on Friday 27 February 2015.

PARISH HALL:

The Parish Hall is available for hire. All enquiries: stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Press

7th & 8th February 2015

5th 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.*

In Time of Sickness

Father, let this suffering pass for me;

Yet not my will but yours be done

May you be blessed for ever.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

With you I am nailed to the Cross

Let my pains be mingled

with yours for the saving of the world.

Holy Spirit, comforter and consoler,

heal what is sick in me

Strengthen what is weak

Sweeten what is sour and cranky

Save me from depression and Self pity.

Renew my courage;

bring me to pray with Jesus on the Cross:

Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted..

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Patrick Egan, Bill Hoey, Stan Smith, Edward Knowles, Leonie Knowles, Samuel Heasly

Thanksgiving: **Presbytery:**

Rosters for next weekend 14th & 15th February

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> S Crombie	S McNulty	D Nicol
<u>Special Ministers:</u> M Mollica, F Ferguson	R McGowan, M Gauci	D Meller, L Anderson
<u>Offertory:</u> T & S Comerford	D & L A'Hearn	S LaVita
<u>Counters:</u> P Hill, B Tormey	<u>Transport:</u> E Sheppard, M Sullivan, P Waddington	
<u>Flowers:</u> D Jones	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> F Group	<u>Linen:</u> M Sullivan
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St Scholastica

Saturday: Sts Cyril & Methodius

TUESDAY MASSES

This Tuesday 10th February and next Tuesdays the 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

Monday: Book Club in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm

Wednesday: Parish Education Board in the School at 7.30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Georgia Coviello-Blinco** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember her and her families in our prayers.

NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

As you are aware I am seeking a new Principal for our School. Over the next two weeks the position is being advertised seeking applications for the position for Principal for St Vincent de Paul Primary School. I ask you to keep myself and the Selection Panel in your prayers and thoughts over the coming weeks as we begin the process. Thank you in anticipation. Fr Peter

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

As I did last 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 of 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, the Parish or School Offices by 11th February. You are most welcome to talk with me about any of these ministries.

INNER PEACE DIVINE LOVE RETREAT

Tuesdays, 24 February, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March, 7.30pm-9pm The Old Convent, Corpus Christi Community, 855 Mickleham Road, Greenvale In this popular retreat offered by the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, we remember all God's gifts to us. We explore how love is about giving and receiving between two lovers. The weekly themes are Remembering Love', 'Dwelling in Love', 'Love at Work' and 'Receiving and Giving Love'. These exercises will help us to remember and feel the traces of God's love burning its way through our hearts. Bookings are essential, as places are limited. Register and more info: Jane Phelan on 0449 725 425 or at campion@corpuscc.org.au

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

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.

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