

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET POPE FRANCIS IN PHILADELPHIA?

If you and your spouse are involved in marriage and family ministry, we encourage you to consider applying to represent the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this September. Two sponsorships of \$7500 each will be made available to assist with the cost of airfares, accommodation and registration for the event. Applications close midnight, Sunday 29 March. Applications and more info: <http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/>
Contact: Matthew MacDonald at the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5576

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2015 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 Apr, 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYFROUP

Please join us on Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIl-downey 0411 061 978 or just come along.

REDEEMED

Saturday 28 March, 7-8.30pm St Augustine's Church, 631 Bourke St, Melbourne Come along and experience the Stations of the Cross like never before! St Augustine's Young Adults will be re-enacting the Stations of the Cross using music, dance and drama. Onsite parking available.

Contact: 0432 148 294

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

CARDS AFTERNOON

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Cards in the Parish Centre commencing at 12.15 pm. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.

INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Centre every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm. All welcome, equipment provided.



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Third Sunday of Lent

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.*

The Commandments of God

Sometimes we may think the Commandments no longer are relevant nor apply to our lives today. How wrong and mislead if we think that way. The basis of all life is built around these basic guides to life: respect, love and above all the way we sacrifice our self for the other. We take Jesus as our guide.

The first three Commandments invite us to remember our Creator our God. Lent is a wonderful time to reflect upon the place of God in our lives. How often do we give thanks for the opportunities we have? The many gifts that are offered to us. Help us focus. The people in our lives especially help us to give of our ourselves, we sacrifice that they may have life.

The remaining seven Commandments invite us to consider how we treat others. Jesus sums these up by inviting us to love others as we love ourselves. We may say, the respect we have for other human beings. In all we are challenged to keep before ourselves 'the good of the other' in all we do and say. To do so requires a sacrifice and effort on our part, hence we seek the words of our God to help us.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Recent Deaths: Eileen Hansen, Fr Joseph Briffa PE

Anniversaries: Reginald Percy Oakley, Marie Teresa Oakley, Vina Monaghan, Agnes Wilken

Thanksgiving: **Presbytery:**

Rosters for next weekend 14th & 15th March

6.00 pm **8.30 am** **10.30 am**

Lectors:

C Romano

B Hanley

F Boyle

Special Ministers:

J Burke, J Mammone

M Gauci, P McKay

G Johnson, C Picinich

Offertory:

T & J Scott

N McCartney

M Scarpino

Counters:

P Hill, D Lane

Transport:

G Johnson, D Meller, P Waddington

Flowers:

A Henshall

Church Cleaning:

C Group

Linen:

M Hitchcock

Next week's Readings:

Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Angus Bates** and **Harrison Ma** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Book Club** in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm



"AN ENCOUNTER WITH POPE FRANCIS"

Frank Cumbo, Faith, Mission & Liturgy Coordinator, will present an interactive workshop on our current Pope – the man, his message and his mission. This will be a multi-media presentation.

Wednesday, 18 March, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm, in the Parish Centre. Wine, cheese and refreshments offered. All welcome.

Please support this first project of our parish's Faith Development Team. Enquiries: Brian Hanley (03) 9338 9686 or B.Hanley@iprimus.com.au

ROSTERS FOR FLOWERS AND CHURCH CLEANING

Due to a computer glitch in the Minister's Roster Schedule please disregard the previous flower and cleaning roster and use the amended version. The amended roster has been emailed out and for those without an email address can be collected in the Church.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent, has a twofold character:

- * it recalls our Baptism and the promises undertaken.
- * it stresses a penitential spirit.

Lent is a time of penance, when we are exhorted to devote ourselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny ourselves.

By these means especially, Lent readies us for celebrating the Paschal Mystery (Easter) after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and prayerful reflection.

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

All who have completed their 18th year and have not begun their 60th year are bound to fast.

All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

On all other Fridays, the we are called to perform one of the following:

Prayer: For example:- Mass attendance, family prayer, making the Stations of the Cross.

Self-denial: For example:- not eating meat, not eating sweets, giving up entertainment, limiting food and drink, supporting Project Compassion.

Helping Others: For example:- special attention to those in need, sick, poor, elderly.

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelope Packs are available, for our use during Lent, in the porches of the Church. Another way of making a sacrifice during Lent.

THE CHALLENGE OF FATHERHOOD TODAY

Saturday 21 March, 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. Contact: 9287 5576 or lmf@cam.org.au.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM

The Diocese of Wollongong's Catholic radio show podcasts are available to download from iTunes. (Search 'Cradio The Journey'.) This Lenten season, you will hear from Sr Hilda Scott, Dr Francine and Byron Pirola, Bruce Downes (The Catholic Guy), Trish McCarthy, Peter Gilmore, Sam Clear and Fr Dave Callaghan. You can also have the show sent to you each week—just sign up at www.radio.dow.org.au so you can listen to the Journey anytime.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This Sunday we have CLW during the 10.30 am Mass (The 2nd Sunday of the month).

PREP FAMILY MASSES

Next Weekend we welcome the Preps and their families to our Family Masses.

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Mission

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