

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

CAMPION WEEKEND RETREAT

Saturday 24 May, 9am – 4:30pm

Sunday 25 May, 9am - 4:30pm

While society tells us that cracks are a sign of weakness and imperfection, our faith story actually tells us something quite different. Come along and make some space to look at the cracks in your own life, ponder them and the possibility of God's healing and transforming presence in the midst of our humanity. There is limited accommodation available in the Spirituality Centre, by arrangement, for those who wish to stay on the Saturday night. Cost: \$105 per day, including lunch. However donations are also accepted if cost is prohibitive. Spirituality Centre (previously the old convent), 855 Mickleham Road, Greenvale. Contact: Jane Phelan on 0449 725 425

ST MONICA'S TENNIS CLUB, MOONEE

PONDS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 25 May, 2:30pm Present and past members are invited to attend St Monica's tennis club to celebrate our 100th anniversary. It will be a great opportunity to view new facilities and renew friendships. All welcome Contact: Russell Mogg 0407 850 151

HOLY LAND TOUR

From 26th October to 13th November, 2014 Also visiting Petra and Jordan, escorted by Fr Jack Boog Price \$5,760.00 Per Person Twin Share Includes, Airfares, Taxes, Meals, Tips and more For all details, please call Russel/Fiona at Travel Talk Intl on 97924444

THE POPE APP

The Pope App. links you to the Vatican and all the events that are streamed live with Pope Francis. The General Audiences of Pope Francis are also streamed live, together with photos and links to all of the Vatican. Download from iTunes.

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

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014



St Vincent de Paul Press

10th & 11th May, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Weekly Bulletin of the Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore

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Principal: Mr John Grant

Telephone: 9379 5723 **Facsimile:** 9379 2389 **Email:** [principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto: principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au)

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.*

Footprints in the sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But, I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you.

How apt is this little reflection today as we think of our mothers and see reflected in them the love of God as a shepherd, expressed for us in today's Gospel.

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Recent Deaths: Fr Romuald 'Rom' Murphy PE

Anniversaries: Cletus & Ilma Comerford, Leo Knowles, Dorothy Birch-Knowles, Mary Knowles, Brendan Boyle

Thanksgiving: \$3708.00

Presbytery: \$1289.05

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

Lectors:

C Romano

S McNulty

M Sullivan

Special Ministers:

J Mammone, D De Silva

M Gauci, M Thomas

D Meller, A Monaghan

Offertory:

Romano Family

Vega family

La Vita

Counters:

J Burke, B Tormey

Transport:

P Fox, G Johnson, D Meller, M Sullivan

Flowers:

L Harrington & L Shannon

Church Cleaning:

B Group

Linen:

V Page

Next week's Readings:

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet2:4-9; Jn14:1-12

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: St Matthias

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion Boxes. Caritas Australia receipts can be collected from the Piety Stall for those who requested a receipt.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Book Club in the Parish Centre at 12.45

Wednesday: Parish Education Board Meeting in the School at 7.30pm

THANKSGIVING MASS FR PETER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Sunday 18th May marks the 40th anniversary of Fr Peter's ordination to the priesthood. To celebrate this significant milestone with Fr Peter, we will be having a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 10.30am on Sunday 18th May. We would like as many parishioners as possible to come to that Mass and share in offering our prayers and thanks for Fr Peter's commitment to his priesthood, and service to the church over that time. We will also be having a celebratory morning tea with Fr Peter on Friday 16th May after the 10.00am Mass, in the Parish Centre, for anyone who would like to come and celebrate with Fr Peter over a cup of tea and cake.

PARISH WEBSITE

Our Website is now up and running. Check it out at 'cam.org.au/strathmore'. Comments and feedback would be appreciated, especially if there are aspects that you would like included.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 18 MAY

The Melbourne Archbishop's Charitable Fund will conduct the annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains in prisons, hospitals, youth detention centres and with seafarers. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to assist chaplains to provide hope to those suffering from loneliness, physical illness, mental health challenges and HIV/AIDS. Watch video: www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy More info: 9926 5731. Envelopes will be available in the porches of the Church.

CULTURED CAFE PRESENTS...STEVE ANGRISANO (USA)

Thursday 22 May, 7:30pm Steve Angrisano is back in Australia (after a hugely successful Australian Catholic Youth Festival) and will be joining us for CulturED Cafe. A conversation that will be full of stories and music, Steve will keep you entertained and humming good tunes! 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.

BEING FAITHFUL - OPPORTUNITIES FOR CO-RESPONSIBILITY IN TODAY'S CHURCH"

Public Lecture with Dr Aoife McGrath (Ireland) Thursday 22 May, 5pm Dr Aoife McGrath is an adjunct professor at the Pontifical University, Maynooth in Pastoral Theology and has worked as a lay pastoral worker in the diocese of Waterford and Lismore. She has worked in a variety of parish ministries and described her role as "contributing to the life and work of the parish, which involves initiating, training, supporting, and resourcing various teams in Liturgical, Pastoral, and Formation ministries." Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville Contact: Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in their educational transitions, in Secondary and Primary Schools, through Mercy Connect Melbourne. The volunteer's commitment is at least half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is required. Retired, Casual and Part Time Teachers along with Student Teachers are encouraged to apply. A training program will be conducted on Thursday 19th of June 2014 Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. MERCY CONNECT, PO BOX 221, Moonee Ponds, VIC. 3039, Australia Telephone: +61 (03) 9326 1895 Email: somml@bigpond.com Website: www.mercyworks.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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