

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE -YEAR 7 2020

A final reminder to parents if you currently have a daughter in Grade 5 and wish to enrol her at St Columba's College, please ensure that you have submitted an Application for Enrolment Form to the College. Forms can be downloaded from the website www.columba.vic.edu.au or contact the Registrar on 9331 9128.

**Applications for Year 7 2020 close
Friday 17 August 2018.**

AVE MARIA COLLEGE

Applications for Year 7 in 2020 close on Friday, 17 August 2018. Find out more by visiting our website at www.avemaria.vic.edu.au

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - AUGUST 2018

In this Year for Youth & Vocational Discernment, we pray for the young people of our Parish and family -that our prayers and support will assist them to discern God's plan for their life.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 31 August, 7pm Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
Anyone interested in reading and discussing Christian books and poetry is welcome to join the monthly meetings of The Catholic Book Club, whose gatherings are regularly held in the evening of the last Friday of the month. This month, the book for discussion is *Men at Arms* by Evelyn Waugh. Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com

CAROLINE CHISHOLM LIBRARY: NOW OPEN SATURDAY

Tuesday to Saturday 11am–5pm Mitchell House, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne (across from St Francis' Church) The Caroline Chisholm Library, formerly the Central Catholic Library, is a cultural centre for Catholics and others. It is now open on Saturdays from 11am to 5pm in the Melbourne CBD for browsing and borrowing. The Saturday opening will benefit those who work or study during the week, students living in or near the CBD, and anyone travelling to and through the CBD on Saturdays. The library will continue to open Tuesday to Friday from 11am to 5pm. Details: 9670 1815 or cclibrary@cclibrary.org.au
Web: cclibrary.org.au

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

If you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office

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

11th & 12th August 2018

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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

Our Church is Open: Tuesday - Friday 7.00 am - 5.00 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.*

“I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. ‘I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’”

The centre of our faith is focussed on this one teaching of Jesus Christ, that ‘He is the Bread of Life’ and it is through this gift that we are able to draw life and strength to live out our lives in hope and faith.

Each one of us knows that those who are close to us are the ones who sustain us. If this relationship is broken we feel lost and alone. For this reason alone we are invited to reflect upon our relationship with our God in the gift of the Eucharist.

Perhaps we need to ask ourselves, ‘What is my relationship with my God in the presence of Jesus in Holy Communion?’ Yes it may be a sacrifice to come, yet are not all relationships based upon ‘sacrifice of the self’ for the love of the other.

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.
Recent Deaths: Audrey Murphy, Fr John Van Suylen
Anniversaries: Peter Behan, Samuel Birch, Cliff Evans, Elsie Heasly, Eileen & Vincent Vaughan

Thanksgiving: \$3331.50	Presbytery: \$1394.90	
Rosters for next weekend 18th & 19th August:		
6.00 pm	8.30am	10.30am
Lectors:		
S Crombie	M Gavaghan	M Sullivan
Special Ministers:		
K Ferguson, B Duggan	M Pittappillil, J Mathew	C Mathew, C Picinich
Offertory:		
Capparelli Family	B Evans	A Abboud
Counters:	Transport:	
M Hobart, D Lane	G Dovey, A Abboud	
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
T Dargan, J Whelan		E Imolesi
Next week's Readings: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58		

FEASTS THIS WEEK
Tuesday: St Maximillian Mary Kolbe
Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Solemnity

TUESDAY MASS THIS WEEK
On Tuesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30 am, there will be no 10.00 am Mass.

WEDNESDAY - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of obligation. Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK
Monday: Book Club in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm
Thursday: Maintenance Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL
This weekend we are invited to donate to the annual CatholicCare appeal. CatholicCare provide family and relationship services, pastoral services, refugee and asylum seeker support, and school and education support. A collection will be taken up at Notice Time and envelopes are available in the porches.

Our Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Our Mission

That we strive to maintain a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart

First reading 1 Kings 19:4-8
Elijah went into the wilderness, a day’s journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. ‘O Lord,’ he said ‘I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.’ Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, ‘Get up and eat.’ He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, ‘Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.’ So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Second reading Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel John 6:41-51
The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ ‘Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph’ they said. ‘We know his father and mother. How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus said in reply, ‘Stop complaining to each other. ‘No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They will all be taught by God*, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. ‘I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

REFLECTION
“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!” 1 KINGS 19:7
Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY - THIS SUNDAY
During 10.30am Mass on the second Sunday of the month the primary school aged children are invited to join us for Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND
You are welcome to share a cup of Tea or coffee in the Narthex after each Mass. This is an opportunity for all to stay and enjoy a cuppa and chat after Mass on the second Sunday of each month.

MINISTER’S ROSTER
The latest Minister roster was emailed out this week. For those who do not have an email address a paper copy is available for collection from the east transept of the church.