

"BREAKFAST WITH FR ANTHONY PERCY"

Father Anthony Percy, Rector of Good Shepherd Seminary Sydney, will speak on "Does the Free Market have a future" in light of Catholic Social Teaching. Cost \$50 per head. Thursday 20th November, RACV Club 501 Bourke St Melbourne. Bookings on www.trybookings.com/105300 (credit card), or contact Barbara 0419 209 885 or berdray@bigpond.com for other options. This event is for men and women. Sponsored by Hawthorn Catholic Parish Business Breakfast and menALIVE Ministries. RSVP 14th November 2014" Ticket sales will assist an appeal by the Chaldean Patriarch for displaced Christians in the Middle East.

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING 50TH JUBILEE COMMUNITY DAY

St Monica's College will hold their 50th Jubilee Community Day on Sunday 26th October 11 - 4pm at the Dalton Road Campus, Epping. Food stalls, craft stalls, bands, an art show and many other activities. All welcome.

50 YEAR REUNION FOR ST PHILOMENA'S, MOONEE PONDS

Saturday 25 October A 50 year reunion for St Philomena's Diocesan Central School, Moonee Ponds class of 1964 is planned for Saturday 25 October. All members of this class are very welcome. We look forward to reconnecting with each of you. Please contact for further details. Liz Dohrmann (Brignell) 0418 136 915 or Julia Impey (Heard) 0407 943 972 or stphils@hotmail.com

MENALIVE APP LAUNCH

menALIVE has recently launched a free app where Catholic men can listen to podcasts, access the menALIVE event calendar and stay up to date with menALIVE news. It is now available on iTunes and Google Play. To download, visit your app store and search "MenAlive."

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYFROUP

If you have preschool children, 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 McIlldowney 0411 061 978 or just come along. NOTE the earlier start time.

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



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28th Sunday in 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: Wednesday & Friday 10.00 am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Friday 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.*

How Might You Respond?

The Psalmist offers to us one of the most familiar songs, providing for us a reflection of the loving, guiding, sustaining and nourishing shepherd, in the person of our God. Hence the readings from the Old & New Testaments together with the Gospel today speak to us of the rich offerings that are there for us all.

The parable of Jesus about the invitations sent out to come to the wedding feast certainly is a reminder for us all to think about our response to Jesus' invitation to come and share his offerings. It is so easy for us all today to not really consider our response. We know that there are many who have received invitations yet do not bother to reply, let alone come to share the gift of the Eucharist, Jesus himself, given so freely.

As we think of those who have 'other more important things to do' may we be an example to them of our recognition of what a wonderful sustaining offering that is placed before us.

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Recent Deaths: Francis Norman Cattanach

Anniversaries: Marj Egan

Thanksgiving: \$4177.90

Presbytery: \$1287.45

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

Lectors:

M Henshall

A Mucic

M Sullivan

Special Ministers:

M Mollica, F Ferguson

R McGowan, M Thomas

C Picinich, C Johnson

Offertory:

Hewitt Family

C Attard

T & S Comerford

Counters:

P Hill, K Porter

Transport:

P Fox, M Green, M Sullivan

Flowers:

M Scott, T Galliott

Church Cleaning:

D Group

Linen:

T Sardo

Next week's Readings:

Is 45:1, 4-6; Thess 1: 1-5; Mt 22: 15-21

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: St Teresa of Jesus

Friday: St Ignatius of Antioch

Saturday: St Luke, Evangelist

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Isla Vella** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember her and her family in our prayers.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Book Club in the Parish Centre at 12.45am

Wednesday: St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend we are invited to support World Mission Sunday. A collection will be taken up at Notice time to assist the Missions in their outreach work. Envelopes will be available for taxation deductions and credit card contributions in the porches of the Church.

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.

GREETINGS FROM ROME

After a pleasant holiday in Italy, travelling from Rome to Capri, Naples, Stromboli and with some travels in between I have been at the North American College in Rome for the past month. Our studies have focussed on St Paul in his scripture writings, Canon Law review, preaching the Scriptures, the new Roman Missal in a liturgical context (with little appreciation from the presenter on our difficulty with the translations) and Social outreach to the poor. As well we have enjoyed a detailed insight into the Vatican Museum and St Peter's Basilica, St Paul Outside the Walls as well as other visits around Roman Churches. We went to Assisi last week for a retreat. Last Sunday I was at the Mass in St Peter's for the beginning of the Synod on the family, helping to distribute Holy Communion and will concelebrate Mass this Sunday with Pope Francis. Fortunately we have weekends free which means that I have had the opportunity to explore places around Italy including Spoleto, Orvieto, Tivoli as well as appreciating Rome itself. There is certainly something great about the food in Italy, and to find a good gelato shop is satisfying. Since I have been here the weather has been wonderful, warm days and now cooler evenings and the humidity has gone.

I continue to remember you all in my prayer and Masses and ask that you do likewise for me. Every blessing, Fr Peter

ST VINCENT'S SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP

The committee have organised an outing to "Living Legends" at Oaklands Junction, a retirement haven for retired champion racehorses on Monday 20th October. Cost of entrance, tour and morning tea approximately \$20.00. Transport will be provided for those who require it. Departure from Church at 10.00am. Confirm bookings to Keith Foletti on 9379 4920 or Eileen Sheppard on 9379 7898 by 12th October. Early bookings preferred to facilitate transport arrangements.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 7th December at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5579 or Lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 28th November. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON RETREAT

Saturday 18 October, 10am-4.30pm Sunday 19 October, 10.30am-4.30pm Campion at Corpus Christi Community, 855 Mickleham Road, Greenvale This weekend retreat on the topic 'The Return of the Prodigal Son', will explore how this parable still has relevance in our lives, both in terms of healing and restoring relationships with our Loving God, and other significant figures in our life's journey. RSVP: Thursday 16 October Contact: Jane Phelan on 0449 725 425

Vision

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Mission

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