

LENTEN TALK BY FR FRANK BRENNAN

Monday 14 March, 7.30pm Community hall behind St Ignatius' Church, 326 Church Street, Richmond. Frank Brennan SJ will speak on: 'Laudato Si' and the Year of Mercy: how do we do justice while being merciful?' Frank Brennan is a Jesuit priest, professor of law at Australian Catholic University and Adjunct Professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, the Australian National University College of Law and the National Centre for Indigenous Studies. He is the National Director of Human Rights and Social Justice for Jesuit Social Services, and superior of the Jesuit community at Xavier House in Canberra. Details: 8420 6789

ORCHESTRAL RECITAL, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: THE ART OF SOUND ORCHESTRA

Wednesday 16 March, 6-7pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne A thrilling and evocative musical journey through the landscapes of Europe, from Finland to Russia, Scotland to the drawing rooms of Vienna. With composers represented such as Mozart, Mussorgsky, Sibelius, Schubert and Michael Lampard (a world premiere), this one-hour recital will transport us musically through some of the outstanding images from Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, with several scenic detours along the way! An orchestra comprising strings, flute, oboes, horns and solo soprano Alexandra Oke will be conducted by Mario Dobernig. Join us in the wonderful acoustic of St Patrick's Cathedral for this enthralling musical journey. Cost: \$20 at the door.

CTC STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS 2016: INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday 19 March, 2-4pm 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Catholic Theological College is holding an information session for our Study Tour of the Biblical Lands 2016, a journey which will take place from 12 November to 15 December this year, travelling to Jordan for five days, Israel and Palestine for ten days and Turkey for 15 led by Dr Rosemary Canavan (Senior Lecturer in NT) and Rev. Anthony Dean (Lecturer in OT). Details: Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.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

'MELBOURNE CATHOLIC' ARRIVES!

'Melbourne Catholic', is the new magazine of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It's a larger format monthly with a wide range of quality articles and photos to help readers "encourage, accompany, discern and pray". This month's copy is free, and 25 copies are available. Subscription envelopes are in each copy. It is also online at cam.org.au.



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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

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.*

What do you think?

"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her". Interesting words in our Gospel today as Jesus confronts the Pharisees, remembering that they consider themselves better than anyone else.

During these final Lenten days have you taken time to consider how judgmental we might be? It is so easy to blame the other. It is so easy to find fault in the other. Our Gospel today is a challenge offered by Jesus to stop and take a look at ourselves. We note that Jesus does not condemn and simply says, do not sin again.

Perhaps, Paul, in his letter to the Philippians has a thought for each of us as he recognises his own weaknesses:

"All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain for what I still come: I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus."

Paul reminds us of the loving support and guiding hand he finds in the Gospel, which supports his faith. We can also forget the past and live for the future.

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord, Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Thanksgiving: \$3697.00 **Presbytery:** \$1621.90

Rosters for next weekend 19th & 20th March

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors		
L Capparelli	B Hanley	G Johnson
Special Ministers:		
T Dargan	A Henshall	L Anderson, C Johnson
Offertory:		
Capparelli Family	N McCartney	M Galliot
Counters:	Transport:	
B Tormey, P Hill	G Johnson, M Green, P Waddington	
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
M Camilleri & M Hitchcock		E Sheppard
Next week's Readings:	Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Thursday: St Patrick
Saturday: St Joseph, husband of Mary

RECENT BAPTISMS

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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Book Club in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm
Wednesday: Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm
Thursday: Parish Leadership Team Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

During the renovations in the Church our weekend Masses are being celebrated in the Hall and our weekday Masses in the Parish Centre.

FRIDAY REFLECTIONS

On the Fridays during Lent join us for reflections on the Passions of Christ in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Weekly Church Update

The Sanctuary continues to be modified and the electricians have been roughing in the cables.

**1941 TO 2016 ST VINCENT DE PAUL
PARISH STRATHMORE**

Sunday 20th March 2016

Parish Picnic

Brimbank Park - Picnic Area B Keilor Park Drive, Keilor

12.00 to 4.00 pm

Entrance from Keilor Park Drive (Melway B10)

Come along no need to book

A variety of old fashioned games with fun for all ages

Bring your own lunch and drinks - BBQs available

On arrival at the Park follow the signs to our reserved area

Easter Ceremonies

Weekend 19th/20th **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Please bring Palm to be blessed during each Mass

Tuesday 22nd March 7.00 pm **2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Penance** in the Hall

Thursday 24th 7.00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Friday 25th **Good Friday**

10.00 am **Stations of the Cross**

3.00 pm **Passion of the Lord** - Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Saturday 26th **Easter Vigil** 6.00pm Sunday 27th **Easter Sunday** 8.30 & 10.30 am

LENT

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. All who have completed their 18th and not begun their 60th Birthday are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat. Lent is a season of penance, through Prayer, Self-denial and Helping Others.

PALLOTTINE CAMINO 2016

Saturday 23 April to Monday 25 April

A pilgrimage walk is taking place this year from St Christopher's Parish, Syndal to Pallotti College, Millgrove: approximately 65km over three days, from Saturday 23 to Monday 25 April. You are invited to register your interest now and reserve your place. Transfers, meals and accommodation are all included, together with maps and daily prayer resources. A blessed time of fellowship and prayer, as well as fresh air and healthy exercise!

Cost: \$230 includes transfers, 2 nights accommodation and all meals except lunch first day
Details: Lorraine on 0402 217 123 or lorraine613@bigpond.com

Vision

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Mission

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