<u>CONVERSATION WITH MARY: A MONTH-</u> <u>LY GATHERING</u>

Monday 16 May, 11am–12.30pm Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne 'Conversations with Mary' is a monthly gathering of people interested in prayer and reflection with Saint Mary MacKillop, facilitated by a Sister of St Joseph. The gathering begins at 11am in the chapel at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and includes a light lunch, finishing at 2.30pm. Details: 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS 2016

Sunday 5 June, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the annual Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition at the Mass. Details and registration: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or on 9287 5587 or Lmf@cam.org.au. Registration closes on Friday 27 May.

AVE MARIA: CONCERT FOR ORGAN AND FLUTE, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Saturday 21 May, 5–6pm St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne A May concert in honour of and inspired by Mary, during her month of May. Organist Christopher Trikilis and flautist Peter Sheridan will present a magnificent hour of music inspired by the Blessed Virgin, by composers such as Bach, Gounod, Caccini, Bonnet, Faure and more, including a rare performance of the Ave Maria by Astor Piazzolla (1921–1992).

Cost: \$10 or \$5 concession (at door) Details: E: paul.taylor@cam.org.au or T: 9926 5753

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

CTC STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS 2016

Last days to book, limited places available Catholic Theological College Study Tour of the Biblical Lands 2016 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. Limited places are available for this exciting tour to the heart of your faith, led by Dr Rosemary Canavan (Senior Lecturer in NT) and Rev. Anthony Dean (Lecturer in OT). For itinerary and further information: Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass.

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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.

Pentecost

The richness of the mercy and love of God for each one of us is expressed today in the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. This feast not only highlights the Spirit of God on the early Church, it reminds us that we also have received the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

We might ask ourselves them what impact does the Holy Spirit have in our daily living?

Firstly a gift is given as a sign of love and is received when it is used as the intended purpose of the gift. If one is given a box of chocolates you do not leave them in the cupboard not eaten, nor a bunch of flowers left on the bench to wilt.

A sign that these gifts have been received is to use them as intended. Hence it is the same with the gifts God' gives to us.

These gifts from God are: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder & Awe.

The Feast of Pentecost allows us to pause and consider how do I use these gifts in my daily life, in my interactions with those around me - how do I use God's gifts?

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

<u>Communion Antiphon:</u> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Reg Egan, Leo Patrick Knowles, Mary Hannah Knowles, Mary Anne

Knowles, Dorothy Knowles

Thanksgiving; \$1645.00 Presbytery: \$1205.30

Rosters for next weekend 21st & 22nd May

6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

Lectors:

L Capparelli K McCartney M Sullivan

Special Ministers:

F Ferguson M Gavaghan L Anderson, C Johnson

Offertory:

T & S Comerford K Foletti M Galliott

Counters: Transport:

D Lane, K Porter G Johnson, F Dovey, M Sullivan

Flowers: C Murphy Church Cleaning: Linen: T Sardo

Next week's Readings: Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

WEDNESDAY MASS

This Wednesday the 18th May Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. The Confirmation candidates have a retreat day in preparation for the Sacrament on the 27th May.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday: Parrish Leadership Team Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Ella Kemp** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember her and her family in our prayers.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 2016 SPECIAL COLLECTION

This Sunday the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will conduct the annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains in hospitals, prisons, youth detention centers and seafarers. The collection will be taken up at the Notice Time. Envelopes are available at the back of the hall.

MINISTER ROSTERS

The latest Minister Roster is available for collection. They are in alphabetical surname order at the back of the Hall. Ministers who have an email address should have received the roster via email.

YEAR 5 MASSES

This weekend we are asked to remember and pray for the Year 5 children and their families during our Masses.

COMING EVENTS FOR OUR 75TH CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating the life of St Vincent de Paul

Guest Speakers presenting the 'Life of St Vincent de Paul', our Patron

Tuesday 21st June at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre - Fr Laurie McNamarra (Vincentian)

Wednesday 22nd June at 10.40 am in the Hall - Sr Dorothy (Daughter of Charity)

'Monsieur Vincent' the 1947 film on the life of St Vincent de Paul Friday 22nd July in the Parish Centre with Morning Tea/Supper at 10.45 am & 7.30 pm

75th ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA

The 75th Anniversary Committee has produced some commemorative memorabilia for this anniversary year. These include a battery operated Flameless Wax Candle (\$10) & Lantern (\$15) and 375mL bottles of Botrytis Semillion wine (\$15). All with an image of St Vincent de Paul glass stained window. These items are available for purchase after Mass this weekend. If you would like to place an order for any of the items you may do so after Mass, ring the Parish Office or send an email.

ST VINCENT'S SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

The Senior's Social Group have organised a visit to TAA/Australian Airlines Museum followed by lunch at Skyways Hotel on **Thursday 19th May** commencing at 9.30am. Cost will be approximately \$15.00 which includes museum entrance and lunch. To book contact Therese Dargan on 9379 5661 or Keith Foletti on 9379 4920 by Sunday 15th May.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS Weekly Church Update

The basalt flooring on the Sanctuary is almost complete and when the parquetry risers on the steps have been laid the Sanctuary area will be completed apart from the altar being installed. The electrician continues to install the new lighting.

The glazed wall between the Narthex and the Nave of the Church is in place. This area looks stunning and will offer us many uses for gathering before and after Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word. New entrance doors, with glass panels, have been installed at the front of the Church, allowing light to penetrate the Narthex and a visual relationship with the interior of the Church. Already the benefit of this I experienced this morning, while talking with the builder in the Church, when a gentleman came to the glazed doors and paused to say a prayer. The timber panel to hold the Stations of the Cross is also being prepared and will be installed soon. Updated photos are on view in the back of the Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During 10.30am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, primary school aged children are invited to join us in the Parish Centre for Children's Liturgy of the Word. During each session the Gospel of the day is explored in a way that assists children to understand and make meaning of the message, through stories, pictures and discussion. The children will leave after the Gathering Prayer and return at the Offertory.

Visit our website: cam.org.au/strathmore

Our Vision

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Our Mission

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