MENALIVE IN THE CITY: MAN UP AND BE MERCIFUL

Thursday 21 April, 6–7.45pm, St Augustine's Church, 631 Bourke Street, Melbourne Our topic tonight is 'Man up and be merciful: what does forgiveness look like?' All are welcome. menALIVE in the City is an opportunity to get together and explore all the things that matter. Details: Michael Bohan on 0439 172 465 or michael.bohan@menalive.org.au Website: www.menalive.org.au

MEN ALIVE: THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES

Thursday 21 April, 7–9am, CO Club, 113–123 Queen Street, Melbourne menALIVE invite you to hear former leading radio executive and present Communications Director of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Shane Healy. In this Breakfast Series, hosted by Melbourne's Archbishop Denis Hart, you will hear Shane Healy on the topic, 'Radio, Rex and religion', a fascinating insight into Shane's years as a top radio administrator, working with high profile performers such as Rex Hunt, Neil Mitchell and Brian Taylor, along with his present career as Director of the Catholic Church's Communications Office in Melbourne, Cost: \$45 Bookings: des@menalive.org.au Details: Michael Bohan on 0439 172 465 RSVP: 15 April

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY, KINGS PARK

Saturday 4 June, 9.30am–4pm, Resurrection Parish, 51 Gum Road, Kings Park Calling all married couples: give yourselves a treat—spend a whole day together to relax, revisit, renew, rejuvenate, recall, reassess, reconnect, romance, respond, resource, and rekindle your relationship! It's 'R' (Relationship) Day, a couples' marriage enrichment day. Cost: \$100 per couple, lunch and refreshments included Details and bookings: Ella at CatholicCare on 9287 5516 or http://www.ccam.org.au/ServicesCourses/RelationshipEducationCourses/Couples/MarriageEnrichment.aspx

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

HEALING MASS FOR ST PEREGRINE, PATRON OF CANCER SUFFERERS

Sunday 8 May, 2.30–4pm St Brigid's Church, Corner Nicholson Street and Alexandra Parade, North Fitzroy The Servite Friars invite you to a celebration of the liturgy in honour of St Peregrine, patron saint of sufferers from cancer. All are welcome for the Servite rosary, Holy Mass and the anointing of the sick. Details: 9347 8191

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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.

75th Anniversary of our Parish

The weekend we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of our Parish community under the patronage of St Vincent de Paul. Vincent, a French Priest, like in the Gospel today, was a shepherd to his community. His concern for the children in his Parish challenged him to care for and offer them an education to help them find their God given gifts and improve the opportunities for them as they grew.

Our Parish for the past 75 years has provided for the spiritual and physical needs of those who have journeyed together. The Priests, Teachers and Parishioners over the years have given generously in the spirit of the words from the Acts of the Apostles today, "We had to proclaim the word of God to you .. For this is what the Lord ordered us to do when he said: 'I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth".

Today we offer our gratitude to those who shared their gifts over the past 75 years. Today we give gratitude to our loving God who has showered us with his love in the words of the Psalm: 'We are his people the sheep of his flock'.

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

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Thanksgiving; \$1759.20 Presbytery: \$1021.05

Rosters for next weekend 23rd & 24th April

6.00 pm 8.30 am 10.30 am

Lectors:

S Crombie F Boyle M Sullivan

Special Ministers:

T Dargan A Henshall N Zanko, C Picinich

Offertory:

T & J Scott G Cronan A Abboud

Counters: Transport:

K Porter, D Lane M Green, D Meller, G Dovey

Flowers: Church Cleaning: Linen:

A Mammone T Giardina

Next week's Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

TUESDAY MASSES

Next Tuesday the 19th of April there will be no Mass.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Piper Dooley, Angus McMahon, Eden Schepis** and **Harper Simpson** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

MOVIE & MORNING TEA

This Friday the 22nd April the film 'Miss Potter' will be screened after the 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre. All welcome to share this film with morning tea.

ANZAC DAY MASS

Fr Peter will celebrate Mass on Anzac Day, Monday 25th April at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

<u>CHURCH RENOVATIONS</u> Weekly Church Update

This week the parquetry was laid in centre isle. The sanctuary has been measured for the laying of the new bluestone floor due to commence next week. Most of the organ has been relocated and the final installation of the pipes will take place once the floor has been sanded. The latest images ae able to be viewed in the Hall, continue to help us to visualise the progress to date.

75TH ANMNIVERSARY EVENT – 17TH APRIL

75th Anniversary Mass - Art display - Fun Run

In mid April 1941 Archbishop Mannix decreed the establishment of the Parish of Strathmore with the title and under the patronage of St Vincent de Paul.

Mass: To celebrate the 75th Anniversary we have invited our Regional Bishop, Terry Curtin, to celebrate the 10.30 am Mass this Sunday 17th April.

Children's Art Display: After Mass the children in our School have prepared an historical display depicted various aspects of our history. You are invited to come and share their art in our School after Mass.

Fun Run: Our school will be holding its very first School Fun Run as one of our major fundraising events this year. This event will take place at Windy Hill Football Oval, Essendon, commencing at 1pm and finishing at 4 pm. We're just asking for a small entrance fee as part of our fundraising. The funds will allow us to purchase more ICT equipment to be used throughout classrooms and other learning environments.

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.

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 Rita (Daughter of Charity)

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

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: EASTER JOY ORGAN AND FRENCH HORN RECITAL

Tuesday 19 April, 6–7pm St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne A sumptuous recital of music for organ and French horn from two acclaimed Melbourne musicians, in the memorable acoustic of Melbourne's iconic cathedral. Anthony Halliday (organ) is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist and organist, as well as composer/arranger. Geoff Lierse (French horn) has spent almost twenty years with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and has, like Anthony, been a frequent traveller to Europe's premier concert halls (as well as playing with the likes of Ray Charles, Kiss and Regurgitator!). The program will include works for each instrument as well as duets, by composers of the ilk of Beethoven, Saint-Saëns, Rachmaninov and Strauss. \$20 at door. music@cam.org.au or 9926 5753

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Our Mission

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