

### **ANNUAL MISSION FAIR - 9th OCTOBER**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 8 October 9am—3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will assist a project in Ghana to enable women to acquire various skills such as sewing, bread making and soap making. The eventual aim is to help them to set up a co-operative and generate income. Enquiries Phone 9817 3715.

### **JOHN PAUL 2: THE MUSICAL**

Wednesday 21 September to Saturday 24 September 7pm, Saturday 24 September 1pm Renaissance Theatre, Kew High School, 826 High Street, Kew Be inspired and uplifted by this wonderful celebration of the life of this influential and courageous man of God. A musical not to be missed. Cost: \$35 (\$20 concession). Group bookings: \$20pp Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/](http://www.trybooking.com/) KPEK Details: 9017 5065 or 0488 333 737

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS?**

The Cagliero Project, run by the Salesians of Don Bosco, gives Australians an opportunity to devote six to twelve months in volunteer service to youth in overseas Salesian communities. The Salesians are known for their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged youth. Therefore our volunteers are placed in projects such as schools, youth centres and orphanages. Our aim is to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models, people that young people can aspire to be. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do! Applications for January 2017 departures are open until October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please visit [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) for more information.

### **INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:**

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Centre every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm. All welcome, equipment provided.

### ***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

### **KAWAI ELECTRONIC ORGAN**

A new home is being sought for the organ in the Hall. If anyone would like it or knows someone how would, please contact the Parish Admin and it is yours for the taking. It is a Kawai Electronic Organ- Electro Chord Bass III.

Visit our website:  
[cam.org.au/strathmore](http://cam.org.au/strathmore)



### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRESS**

17th & 18th September 2016  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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.*

## ***Slaves of God or slaves of Money!***

All of us must contribute to the broader human society. As we look around the world today it is easy for us to note that there are unjust and selfish attitudes in caring for the well being of all people.

Mostly, we know, what causes this imbalance is the dependency and attention to money rather than the well being of all citizens. The saying, 'money is the root of all evil', is most apt as we reflect upon the Gospel today (Luke 16:1-3). Jesus reminds us, 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

When our focus is balanced then we see a need to make sure we share our gifts with others and not seek to build our own empire at the expense of others.

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Les Humphries, Roy & Valda Kennedy, Catherine Cox, Odette Sequeira

**Thanksgiving:** \$1419.75 **Presbytery:** \$881.10

**Rosters for next weekend 24th & 25th September**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
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**Lectors:**

S Crombie	B Hanley	J Pattison
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**Special Ministers:**

F Ferguson, A Mammone	R McGowan, A Henshall	N Zanko, L Anderson
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**Offertory:**

Capparelli Family	K Foletti	Lo Giudice Family
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**Counters:**

D Lane, G Delaney	<b>Transport:</b> P Fox, M Green, P Waddington
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**Flowers:**

A Mammone	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> Group C	<b>Linen:</b> C Fox
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**Next week's Readings:** Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions

**Wednesday:** St Matthew

**Friday:** St Pius of Pietrelcina

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Thursday:** GodStart Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm

**PHOTOS OF PAST PARISH PRIESTS**

The 75th Anniversary Committee would like to place the photos of our past Parish Priests in the Narthex of the Church. If you have a portrait photo or similar we would like to borrow it to copy. Please either email a good quality photo or drop off the photos at the Parish Administration. We will return your photos so please leave your details with the photos.

**WE CELEBRATE SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY ON 25 SEPTEMBER.**

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: '*A PLACE AT THE TABLE: Social Justice in an Ageing Society*'. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499

**1941 to 2016 St Vincent de Paul Parish Strathmore**

**Tuesday 27th September Mass Feast of St Vincent de Paul**

**Masses 10.00 am & 7.00 pm**

Archbishop Denis Hart, will consecrate the new Altar during the **evening Mass at 7.00 pm**. The relics of St Vincent de Paul, St Peter Julian Eymard, St Josaphat, St Pius X and St Stanilaus Kostka will be inserted into the Altar. The placement of relics takes us back to the early Church in Rome where Mass was celebrated underground on the tombs of the martyrs. **Supper will follow Mass in the Hall.** You are most welcome to bring your family and friends as we give thanks to God for the gifts he has bestowed up us. We also give thanks for the House of God in our midst.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL REPORT 2015**

**Parish Leadership Team -**

The St Vincent de Paul Parish Leadership Team was a key initiative coming out of the Parish Strategic Plan 2013-2017 with the objective to drive and support the various 'strategic' activities contained in plan aimed at building a stronger parish community. The Pastoral Leadership Team is composed of the Parish Priest, School Principal and six parishioners.

The Parish Leadership Team commenced operation in 2015 and met on 12 occasions during the year, primarily focusing on the Parish Master Plan and associated activities, including formation of the Senior Citizens Social Group, Faith Development and Celebration of Faith Programs, which have all made a good start and hopefully will expand in 2016. The Parish Master Plan, including refurbishment of the church and surrounding gardens, will continue to be a major focus during 2016.

The Parish Leadership Team meets every 3rd Thursday of the month but may meet at other times to consider any issues or proposals that may arise. Parishioners are encouraged to speak with members of the Leadership Committee or make submissions on any aspects of parish life at any time. All representations and submissions will be promptly considered and responded to in an open and transparent manner.

**THEOLOGY AT THE PUB: POPE FRANCIS' GREAT MESSAGE ABOUT CHARACTER**

Monday 19 September. Dinner and drinks from 6.30pm. Talk commences at 7.30pm.

The Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy How do Auschwitz, psychopaths and atomic bomb survivors confirm Pope Francis' great message about character and living for others? Come along and hear Dr Andy Mullins solve the riddle! Andy Mullins is the author of *Parenting for Character*. His doctorate is about virtue and the brain. This T@P will be an excellent way for pilgrims recently returned from seeing the Holy Father in Poland to consolidate their World Youth Day experience. Audience: 18 to 35 year olds. Priests and religious of all ages welcome. Details: [www.facebook.com/groups/tapmelb/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/tapmelb/)

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