

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 25 OCTOBER 2015

This week on The Journey Fr Richard Healey reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda Scott OSB reminds us that the only thing that really matters is God's Unconditional Love and Fr Dave Callaghan assures us that the hope of the Resurrection will change our life. The Pirolas in their Smart Loving segment remind us of "The Power of Ritual" in marriage. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 30 October, 7pm Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. This month we are discussing *An Infinity of Little Hours: Five young men and their trial of faith in the Western world's most austere monastic order*, by Nancy Klein Maguire (2007). Contact: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com

OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Communities in East Timor, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer. 2016 positions close soon! Please contact palms@palms.org.au or call 02 95189551

SOLO CATHOLICS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Solo Catholics is a social group which has been running for 45 years and welcomes anyone interested who is in the age range of 45 to 70. Join us for dinners or outings and get to know other Solo Catholics in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Contact: Barbara on 5995 8410

CARDS AFTERNOON

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Cards in the Parish Centre commencing at 12.15 pm. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.

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

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2016 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for the special price of \$8.00. When you purchase the calendar, you are assisting the Columbans.

MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Majellan Christmas Cards are now available at the Piety Stall. A packet of 10 cards is \$6.00. Proceeds from the cards will aid Redemptorist overseas Missions.



St Vincent de Paul Press

17th & 18th October 2015
29th 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: 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.*

Prayer of St Francis

The Prayer of St Francis is particularly relevant for us today, as we ponder the words of Jesus in our Gospel. He reminds his friends not to think of themselves and what they want, but rather to think of what they can offer:-

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury pardon.

Where there is doubt faith.

Where there is despair hope.

Where there is darkness light and where there is sadness joy.

**O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Recent Deaths: Sebastiano Lo Giudice (husband of Carmela)
Anniversaries: Marj Campbell, Dawn Cleal, Florence Beshara, Myra Hughes, Halin Wezden, Rosaria Zammit

Thanksgiving: \$1703.50 **Presbytery**\$1588.90

Rosters for next weekend 24th & 25th October

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors</u> L Capparelli	A Mucic	M Sullivan
<u>Special Ministers:</u> F Ferguson, Volunteer	P McKay, R McGowan	C Johnson, G Johnson
<u>Offertory:</u> A Timmins	N McCartney	S La Vita
<u>Counters:</u> M Schembri, H Tobin	<u>Transport:</u> P Fox, D Meller, P Waddington	
<u>Flowers:</u> A Mammone	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> F Group	<u>Linen:</u> E Sheppard
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52	

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday: Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm
Friday: Maintenance Committee Working Bee around the Church at 5.30 pm

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT PROGRAM

Information sessions on the proposed refurbishment plan were conducted on 17 & 18 September and participants were invited to submit any feedback or comments for consideration. We have received several 'formal' submissions regarding the plan, together with other feedback from parishioners. We are currently working through that feedback and any impact it may have on the planned changes. We will get back to you shortly with an update and thank all those who contributed their ideas. Parish Leadership Team

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The members of the Finance Committee would like to thank the Parishioners who distributed the Thanksgiving Brochures during the week. In order to protect your privacy, would you ensure that you put your completed commitment form in the envelope supplied, and place it on the plate at the normal collection time by the 25th October.

CATHOLIC MISSION - 2015 WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL

This weekend we are invited to donate to the annual World Mission Day Appeal. A collection will be taken up at Notice time. Envelopes will be available in the porches of the church for credit card and taxation purposes.

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

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

ALL SOULS' DAY (COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED)

On **Monday 2nd November** we remember those who have died from our families and our parish this past twelve months, together with all whom we remember. Masses will be celebrated at **10.00 am and 7.00 pm** in memory of all whom we wish to remember. Envelopes are available for Mass offerings during the Month of November.

YR 2 WITH US THIS WEEKEND

The Yr 2 children are with us during our Masses this weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

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. All children from Year Prep to Year 6 are welcome.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH 1941-2016

The 75th Planning Committee for the celebration of our 75th next year is arranging a series of events to mark this special moment in our history. During the year our history will be presented in a publication. We are keen to gather as much historical material as possible. If you have memorabilia which we could borrow, please contact Pat McKay or Denise A'Hearn or the Parish Office. Photos loaned will be scanned and returned. Other items are also most welcome, be they stories or artefacts.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset...Your marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome 23-25 Oct Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS 2016: INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday 31 October, 2-4pm Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne CTC is offering a fully escorted Study Tour of the Biblical Lands in November/December 2016. This information session will include itinerary, costs, study options and information regarding the places to be visited in Jordan, Israel and Palestinian Territories and Turkey. Journey with CTC to the heart of your faith! Details: Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au RSVP: Wednesday 28 October

Vision

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Mission

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