

**REASONS FOR HOPE A CONVERSATION  
BETWEEN TWO FRANCISCAN BISHOPS  
ON FINDING THE GOOD NEWS IN THE  
FAITH AND LIVES OF ORDINARY PEOPLE**

Thursday 14 May, 7–9pm All Saints Church, 174 Brunswick St, Fitzroy Join us at a special thanksgiving prayer service where Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv will interview Wilfrid Cardinal Napier OFM (Durban, South Africa) on 'Finding the Good News in the faith and lives of ordinary people.' Then, be uplifted by the angelic voices of the Vietnamese Choir of Melbourne! A light supper will follow. RSVP: Friday 8 May to the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au.

**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. 2015 Melbourne weekend dates : 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website:www.wwme.org.au

**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.

**ANZAC DAY 2015**

Centenary of the Anzac Landing at Gallipoli Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral 9:30am Saturday 25 April by Archbishop Denis Hart.

**KAIROS**

The current edition of Kairos is dedicated to ANZAC. View and read it online: [cam.org.au/kairos](http://cam.org.au/kairos)

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 31 May at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or [Lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:Lmf@cam.org.au). Please note that registration closes on Friday 22 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

***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.



***St Vincent de Paul Press***

18th & 19th April 2015

Third Sunday of Easter

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 - Friday 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.*

**You are witnesses to this**

The words of Jesus to his disciples that all that was 'written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled', are also most relevant for us today. For indeed we 'are witnesses to this' as well today.

The peace Jesus offered to his friends, after his Resurrection, is also offered to us today. Sometimes we know it is hard to see peace in our lives, particularly when we are under pressure or events in our lives present challenges for us. Perhaps it is then that we need to stop and consider the events in the life of Christ we have just reflected upon over Easter.

Jesus came to offer himself for us. Jesus sacrificed himself for us. Jesus died and rose again for us. In our moments of hardship, of loss and uncertainty, may we find hope in our reflection on the life of our God in the person of Jesus. Jesus is the one who offers us hope and sacrifices himself for us. Jesus invites us to find hope and comfort through his life with us, particularly in the gift of himself in Holy Communion.

'You are witnesses to this' and commissioned to go out and share this peace.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Bert Mannix, John Eddy, Andrew Hole, Natividad Vaga

**Thanksgiving:** \$1584.50 **Presbytery:** \$1224.20

**Rosters for next weekend 25th & 26th April**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> J Harris	K McCartney	M Sullivan
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b> G Cascone, T Dargan	P McKay, R McGowan	C Picinich, A Monaghan
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b> R & A Hutcheon	B Evans	Modica Family
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> P Hill, H Tobin	<b><u>Transport:</u></b> G Johnson, M Green, D Meller	
<b><u>Flowers:</u></b> A Scerri	<b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b> B Group	<b><u>Linen:</u></b> Eileen Sheppard
<b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b>	Acts 4:8-12; Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18	

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** 75th Parish Anniversary Planning Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Emma & Alyssia Beling** and **Angus Blunt** who were Baptised last week-end. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

**GOOD FRIDAY- HOLY PLACES COLLECTION**

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Good Friday - Holy Places Appeal. A total of \$655.45 was collected and will support the care of the shrines in the Holy Land.

**ANZAC DAY MASS**

Our 10.00 am Mass on ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April will have a special focus , as we reflect upon the 100th Anniversary of our troupes landing on Gallipoli. You are most welcome to come and celebrate as we remember and pray for peace in our world.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPE PACKS.**

Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion Boxes. So far we have contributed \$2128.25 to assist Caritas. For those who requested receipts these are available for collection from the Piety Stall.

**NEW CHURCH HEATERS**

As you can see the new heaters have been installed. As yet they have not been commissioned. The electricians are in the process of running cables to them. When the electrical wiring is completed the heaters will be commissioned. Hopefully this coming week.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CANDADATES**

Bishop Terry will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of May. The following candidates have made a commitment and seek to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. They ask you to remember them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Jessica Beltempo, Isabella Bleazby , Leroy Burns, Jules Caran, Isabella Cook, Davide Donalizio, Matthew Doody, Benjamin Fazzolari, Grace Harrington, Kassidy Lo Giudice, Lucas McMahon, Kaitlyn McNicol, Ruari O'Hara, Liana Rivellesse, Patrick Rutherford, Stephanie Ryan, Jett Sacco, Lucas Scerri, Sam Terry, Hayley Thompson, Eamon Whelan, Ruby Allison, Alyssa Beltempo, Mark-Anthony Caputo, Mia Caruana, Jack Cerra, Simone Cooke, Stephanie Dugo, Matthew Egan, Leonard Gaston, James Giunta, Samuel Hengel, Noah Hewitt, Bianca Jones, Blake Jones, Massimo La Verde, Max Marino, Ben Mastromanno, Rory McConville, Sophie Page, Taylah Scott, Kayla Vitale, Melina Borelli, Emma Loeliger, Patrick Overton, Ethan Siriwardane, Liam Sacco, Isabelle Raines, Jack Raines, Lucas Thompson.

If there are any adults who have not received the Sacrament and would like to be Confirmed, please contact Fr Peter.

**PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP**

An excursion to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens is planned for Monday 18th May. All Parishioners are invited. Approximate cost \$35.00 to cover bus hire. A café for tea, coffee and light snacks is available. Also bus tour for those unable to walk is \$6.00 concession. For bookings contact: Therese Dargan 9379 5661, Eileen Sheppard 9379 7898, Alma Henshall 9379 1047 or Keith Foletti 9379 4920. Bookings strictly close Monday 4th May.

**FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

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

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Following the most engaging and informative evening reflecting on Pope Francis, The Faith Development Team are currently arranging another lecture session towards the end of May. When the arrangements have been completed you are most welcome to come and share an engaging and inspiring evening with us. We will notify you of the date and time in the coming weeks.

**THE POPE APP**

'The Pope App' and is the gateway to the latest news and information on Pope Francis. It contains lots of information and links to the Vatican. The General Audiences and other events of Pope Francis are streamed live, together with photos and links to all of the Vatican. Download free from iTunes.

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