

## **RESPONDING TO A NEW FEDERAL BILL ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**

The Life Marriage and Family Office at the Melbourne Archdiocese has prepared a fact sheet for those wishing to respond to the new bill on same-sex marriage. The Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014 was recently tabled in the Federal Senate. The Bill is a backdoor attempt to change the definition of marriage. It would create an inconsistency in Australian law by recognising same-sex marriages contracted in a foreign country. This inconsistency would then be exploited to create further pressure to redefine marriage here.

The Life, Marriage and Family Office encourages people to make a private submission supporting Australia's current legal framework for marriage. Submissions close Thursday 31 July.

More Info: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/)  
Life, Marriage and Family Office on 9287 5579.

## **THEOLOGY SHORT COURSE: JESUS AND THE GOSPELS**

Wednesday evenings: 30 July, 6 August, 13 August and 20 August, 6:30pm - 8pm

Step inside the world of Jesus and early Christianity: What are the Gospels? Why were they written? What is their theological message? How does each Gospel understand Jesus' Infancy, Life, Death and Resurrection?

This short course is an opportunity to explore the four Gospels with experts from the School of Theology at ACU: Rev. Prof. Francis Moloney SDB, Assoc. Prof. David Sim, Dr. Elizabeth Dowling RSM and Dr. Michael Theophilus. This course does not involve assessment and is not for university credit. It is a general introduction to the Gospels and is open to the public. Refreshments provided from 6pm.

The Catholic Education Office Melbourne has approved this course for 6 hours towards Accreditation to teach in a Catholic School (under CECV Policy 1.6). Registration is essential. Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy. Cost: \$80/person (Certificate of Attendance provided) or \$40/person (no Certificate required). Registration: [www.acu.edu.au/628933](http://www.acu.edu.au/628933) closes Friday 25 July. Contact: Dr. Joel Hodge [joel.hodge@acu.edu.au](mailto:joel.hodge@acu.edu.au)

## **THE POPE APP**

The Pope App links you to the Vatican. Download free from iTunes.

## ***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



## ***St Vincent de Paul Press***

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16th 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 Tuesday - Saturday 7.00 am - 5.00 pm for private prayer

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation:** Saturday 9.00 - 9.30 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.*

## **Growing our Faith**

The parable Jesus shares about the wheat growing in the fields challenged by the weeds, draws us to reflect upon our own faith journey.

This weekend we are invited to reflect upon ways we may explore our understanding of our faith. You are asked to express areas of interest for faith development.

Jesus reminds us that faith is like the yeast in bread and the small seed that grows to maturity. While the yeast rises and the tree grows, life continues on. Both the yeast and the seed sustain and make wholesome the final result, the bread and the tree. It is the same with us. We are surrounded by distractions as we see in the parable of the wheat and weeds. It is our faith that continues to sustain and support us through our life journey. Faith is seen as the yeast of life and we the tree that offers support, shelter and love.

May we take some time to reflect and seek ways that we may continue to grow. What is the 'yeast' that you are looking for to sustain and support? This survey is offered as a way to support each of us "Growing Our Faith".

**Explore the possibilities**



*St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014*

**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

**Recent Deaths:** Leonard Vi Pond (Husband of Dorothy), Jean Gladys Green

**Anniversaries:** Gerard Bourke, Bill Parker

**Thanksgiving:** \$1958.00      **Presbytery:** \$1111.65

**Rosters for next weekend**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> S Crombie	K Hill	J Nesci
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b> M Mollica, F Ferguson	R McGowan, P McKay	C Johnson, A Monaghan
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b> J Mammone	C Vega	T & S Comerford
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> T Daffey, G Cook	<b><u>Transport:</u></b> J Fraser, E Sheppard, P Waddington	
<b><u>Flowers:</u></b> M Camilleri & M Hitchcock	<b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b> E Group	<b><u>Linen:</u></b> A Sullivan
<b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b>	1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52	

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** St Mary Magdalene

**Friday:** St James, apostle

**Saturday:** Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Samuel Dean, Joshua Dean** and **Oliver Shaw** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Parish Education Board Meeting in the School at 7.30 pm

**Thursday:** GodStart team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.00 pm

**TUESDAY MASS**

This Tuesday, 22nd July Mass will be at 7.30 am (No 10.00 am Mass)

**'GROWING OUR FAITH' PROGRAM - PARISH SURVEY**

This weekend all parishioners are invited to complete a local survey on matters of faith which are of interest to them. Information and discussion sessions will then be organized. This is an initiative of our Parish Pastoral Plan. The survey is also available via the parish website [www.cam.org.au/Strathmore](http://www.cam.org.au/Strathmore)

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

This weekend we are invited to donate to the Catholic Mission Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith Society, taken up at the Notice Time. Envelopes are available in the porches.

**ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES**

Featuring Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor of Australian Catholic University. Hear Greg tell his story: "Children, Cows and Catholicism". The venue is the CQ Club, 113 - 123 Queen St. Melbourne, 7am – 9am Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014, \$45/head. Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439172465, [michael.bohan@menalive.org.au](mailto:michael.bohan@menalive.org.au) The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of menALIVE Australia

**IN THE BEGINNING: GUTENBERG'S BIBLE ON VIEW IN THE BAILLIEU LIBRARY**

Friday 18 July – Sunday 27 July, 11am - 5pm The University of Melbourne proudly invites parishioners and friends from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to this exciting ten-day exhibition of the Gutenberg Bible. Printed in the mid-15th century the Bible is generously on loan from its current home in The University of Manchester's John Rylands Library. It is the first book printed in the western world using moveable type and has become a symbol for the revolution of printing and mass literacy. Cost: Free Ground floor, Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne.

**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. 2014 weekend dates : 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne. 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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

**OPEN THE DOORS TO A NIGHT OF FUN!**

1930s Cocktail Party and Trivia Night. For OPEN DOORS COUNSELLING - Celebrating 30 years of supporting Mothers and Babies through tough times, enriching family communication and promoting best health choices for young people. SAT AUG 9, 7pm for 7.30 start. St Therese's School, Performing Arts Centre, 25 -31 Edward St Essendon. Live Jazz band 'Soul Chic', Trivia, Silent and Live Auctions, Dancing. Complimentary cocktail/mocktail on arrival. Put together your table of 8 or let us place you on a table. Tickets: Adult \$25, Youth (13 - 17) \$10; Under 13 Free. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. TICKETS - GO TO <http://www.trybooking.com/FEYV> or CONTACT BERNADETTE at Open Doors

**FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

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

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