

## **ST JOSEPH'S TECHNICAL SCHOOL, SOUTH MELBOURNE REUNION**

Sunday 23 March, 2014, 1pm-4pm Reunion of students, teachers and staff at the old school site in Park Street, South Melbourne. BBQ lunch and light refreshments provided. Enquiries and confirmation of attendance: Tony, 9580 7344.

## **THEOLOGY@THE PUB**

Monday 17 March, 6:30pm Join us as we explore Lent - the holiest season of the Christian liturgical calendar. Leading our quest to discover what the early Church learnt about Lent will be Fr Brian Kelty, a Ukrainian Catholic priest and retired theology professor at ACU. Dinner & drinks from 6:30pm, talk from 7:30pm. Where: Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy. More info: [www.theologyatthepub.com.au](http://www.theologyatthepub.com.au)

## **HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:**

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office on 9379 1488 to be placed on our roster. Also, if you would like to attend Mass on Sunday but cannot do so due to lack of transport we can arrange it for you.

## **PUBLIC DEBATE: FAITH-BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS NO PLACE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Wednesday 26 February, 6:30pm – 8:30pm Presented by the Wheeler Centre the first Intelligence Squared debate of the year proposes: Faith-based Religious Education Has No Place in Public Schools. Speaking for the motion are Professor Marion Maddox, a leading authority on the intersection of religion and politics in Australia, award-winning author David Vann, and Professor Peter Sherlock, vice-chancellor of the University of Divinity. The speakers against the proposition include Tim Costello AO, Baptist minister and World Vision Australia CEO, and Dr Justine Toh, senior research fellow at the Centre for Public Christianity. \$20/\$12 concession. Melbourne Town Hall, corner of Swanston and Collins Streets Bookings: [www.wheelercentre.com](http://www.wheelercentre.com)

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## ***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

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

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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.*

**The Lord spoke to Moses; he said:**

**“Speak to the whole community .... Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.”**

We are invited to reflect upon the love of God and the examples that he offers as our way of life. God invites us to look at our self and consider how we love our self, and in this way - **“You must love your neighbour as yourself”**.

St Paul reminds us that the Spirit of God lives in us and therefore God is very much present amongst us. He invites us to consider who we treat each other.

And in our Gospel today we are invited to consider how we love not only those who are close to us, yet to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”. This we know it not easy and is a real challenge for us. Jesus sets the example and invites us to follow. Yet not only follow, but to draw strength and forgiveness from him in the gifts of the Sacraments, particularly in Holy Communion, the Body of Christ, and the Sacrament of Penance through forgiveness for our sin. So we remember: ‘The Lord is kind and merciful’.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

**Recent Deaths:** Gwen Travers

**Anniversaries:** Luigi Martino

**Thanksgiving:** \$2367.50 **Presbytery:** \$1205.70

**Rosters for next weekend**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b>Lectors:</b> C Romano	B Henley	J Pattison
<b>Special Ministers:</b> F Ferguson, D De Silva	P McKay, R McGowan	C Johnson, A Monaghan
<b>Offertory:</b> Capparelli Family	D & L A'Hearn	G Pitney & M Hitchcock
<b>Counters:</b> D Lane, F Burke	<b>Transport:</b> P Fox, G Johnson, D Meller, M Sullivan	
<b>Flowers:</b> D & F Boyle	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> E Group	<b>Linen:</b> M Hitchcock
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Is 49:14-15; Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34	

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

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

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

The children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Penance and their families are present with us this weekend. We are invited to pray for the children on their faith journey.

As our Scripture this weekend reminds us we are to strive to be like Christ. The Gospel is a wonderful example of how we are all invited to live our lives.

**MINISTER'S ROSTERS**

Thank you to all who have renewed their commitment to supporting our community during the next twelve months through the various ministries. Thanks also to new ones who have offered to assist in different ways. Thank you to new n supporters: 2 Lectors, 2 Special Ministers of the Eucharist, 4 Church cleaners, 2 GodStart members, 1 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 1 Maintenance Committee, 5 Care support and some expressions of interest. Thank you to these generous parishioners who will assist us.

Together we are able to give something of ourselves generously. The new rosters are available for collection from the east Transcept of the Church for those without children in our School, there roster has been distributed via the children.

**PARISH WEBSITE**

Our Website is now up and running. Check it out at 'cam.org.au/strathmore'. Comments and feedback would be appreciated, especially if there are aspects that you would like included.

**PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH**

The season of Lent is not too far away. It is during the Lenten days that we are challenged to reflect upon our relationship with God and each other. Project Compassion is one way that we are able to consider the needs of others especially those who struggle through life.

Project compassion boxes and envelopes will be available next weekend.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES—5TH MARCH**

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses as we commence the season of Lent in preparation for Easter.

**'ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES'**

Featuring five time Richmond Premiership player Francis Bourke. Hear Francis tell his story: "Faith, Family and Football". Venue is CQ Club 121 Queen St. Melbourne, 7am – 9am Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**SISTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATION OF 175 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA – MELBOURNE CELEBRATION**

Saturday 22 March, 10am. On 31 December 1838 the first religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity, arrived in Australia from Ireland. To celebrate this important milestone there will be a number of special events during 2014. A Melbourne celebration will take place on Saturday 22 March in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
RSVP: 9306 9555 if you would like to attend [www.sistersofcharity.org.au](http://www.sistersofcharity.org.au)

**CATHOLIC CARE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Have a new look brochure and website! The 2014 brochure invites couples to visit the Catholic Care website and look at a range of options for Marriage Education. Couples may wish to attend a group program, "Partnerships" or an individual program, "FOCCUS". Detailed information, dates, phone numbers and venues are all listed. Other relationship education programs include "Bringing Your Baby Home" for couples making the transition to parenthood. All bookings are online. Brochures or more info: Prema 92875516 or [relationships@ccam.org.au](mailto:relationships@ccam.org.au)

**'R (RELATIONSHIP) DAY' MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY**

Saturday 15 March, 9:30am – 4pm An invitation to married couples to give yourselves a treat! A whole day together to Relax, Revisit, Renew, Rejuvenate, Reconnect, Romance, and Rekindle your Relationship! Throughout the day you will be invited to explore ideas and behaviours which will help build connection, friendship and intimacy in your marriage. Cost: \$100 per couple (Lunch and refreshments included). Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne  
RSVP: Monday 10 March. Contact: CatholicCare on 9287 5516 to register.

**PARISH HALL:**

The Parish Hall is available for hire. All enquiries: [stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com)

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