

JUNE T@P – THEOLOGY ON TAP:

A Christian Response to Asylum Seekers Featuring Bishop Vincent Long Tuesday 3 June, 6:30pm – 9pm Bishop Vincent Long is one of many former refugees who have distinguished himself in public life after arriving in Australia by boat. He will assist us in answering the difficult questions we must confront as Christians: Are we bound as Christians to adopt a completely 'open door' policy in welcoming those seeking asylum? Can we be "cruel" to be "kind" to prevent asylum seekers make the perilous journey to Australia? Young people 18 to 35 years old, priests and religious of all ages are welcome. Where: Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy. Contact Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin 0438 643 070

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY SERIES

"Homelessness and the Law— using legal services to prevent homelessness and reduce its impact"

Wednesday 28 May 12pm – 1pm Join us for this lunchtime address presented by Lucy Adams, Manager and Principal Lawyer, Justice Connect Homeless Law. Lucy has recently completed a Churchill Fellowship. She spoke with over 60 experts in the US, Canada and Europe about reducing the negative impact of laws on people experiencing homelessness. St Francis Church Pastoral Centre Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne Contact: Paula 9895 5800

R (RELATIONSHIP) DAY CATHOLIC CARE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM SATURDAY 14 JUNE

Relax, Renew, Recall, Romance, Revisit, Revitalize, Rejuvenate and Rejoice! This one day workshop for couples is based on the 7 Principles of a Sound Relationship House developed by relationship expert Dr John Gottman. During the workshop you will explore ideas for deepening connection, friendship and intimacy in your relationship. Educators from CatholicCare's Marriage and Relationship Education Team will run the workshop. Contact: 92875516 or email relationships@ccam.org.au

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

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Sixth 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 - 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.*

Prayer of Service

This prayer is most appropriate to our Gospel today.

Lord, let nothing stop me from doing what I ought to do,
and being where I ought to be.

Give me the grace to conquer:

Laziness, which paralyses my mind and will and heart;

Fear, which may deter me from taking a public stand
about what I know ought to be said and done;

Selfishness, which prevents me from caring for and sharing with others,
even though I know how better off I am.

Lord, I ask this grace for myself;

I ask it, too, for my community and my nation.

May despair not make us stop trying.

May discouragement not make us give up.

May pessimism not take away our hope.

Give us the grace of perseverance and discipline;
foresight and wisdom and true devotion of heart.

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Jean Erskine

Thanksgiving: \$2612.30 **Presbytery:** \$1259.20

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> L Capparelli	K Hill	J Pattison
<u>Special Ministers:</u> T Dargan, J Burke	M Gauci, A Henshall	G Johnson, C Johnson

<u>Offertory:</u> J Mammone	C Attard	J Rodgers
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<u>Counters:</u> P Hill, K Porter	<u>Transport:</u> P Fox, G Johnson, D Nicol, M Sullivan
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<u>Flowers:</u> M Camilleri	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> C Group	<u>Linen:</u> T Giardina
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<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mt 28:16-20
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FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Philip Neri

Saturday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY MASSES

This Tuesday (27th May) and next Tuesday (3rd June) Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. Please note there will be no 10.00am Mass on these days.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Isabel Conti, Charlie Conti and Louie Howard** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their family in our prayers.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

Wednesday: Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion Boxes. \$2690.70 was collected. Receipts can be collected from the Piety Stall for those who requested a receipt.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 18 MAY

Thank you to those who generously donated \$750.70 to the Chaplaincy Appeal last weekend.

MINISTERS ROSTERS

The next roster for the months of June through to August, in name order, are available on the table in the east transept of the Church. Thank you for your assistance.

THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING MY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

My thanks to all who shared with me the 40th Anniversary of my Ordination. I thank you for your prayers, expressions of support, cards and gifts, Masses and Morning Tea on Friday.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this Friday and Saturday evening. WE are invited to remember and prayer for the candidates over the coming days. May we be an example to them as they seek the gift of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH SENIORS BUS TRIP

What a wonderful day the Parish Seniors had on their bus trip to the Creswick Woollen Mill. Lots of laughter and conversation. We all had a great time and are looking forward to the next excursion!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

The School Fete will be held this year on Saturday, 15th November, from 11am to 4pm. Our Second Hand Book stall needs loads of wonderful books to sell at the fete. If you have any books you would like to donate, please place them in the container labelled "Second Hand Books" located in the east porch of the Church. If any parishioners would like to strike some plants to sell at the plant stall this would be greatly appreciated. Details regarding collection of plants will be supplied later on. Thank you to those who have donated books.

SOLIDARITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified and experienced in education, health, agriculture, tourism, business administration, or other profession and trade? Share your knowledge and skills in Asia, Africa or the Pacific for a minimum of 12 months. Your placement will assist to advance the awareness, enthusiasm and involvement of Australians in shared action to achieve just, sustainable, and peaceful development. Palms Information Session, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne Thursday 19th June 5:45 – 7:15 pm Enquiries: Roger O'Halloran: (02) 9518 9551 / roger@palms.org.au

FREE E-BOOK FOR COMPUTER OR E-READER: *SON OF GOD: THE DAILY GOSPEL YEAR A-2*

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader, offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year A-2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It contains the Gospel passages not only for this present but for any A-2 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their respective reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta. *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2* may be accessed at the following address: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

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Vision

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Mission

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