

### **CALLING YOUNG MEN – WANT TO WALK THE CAMINO IN 2017?**

There are a number of sponsored places available to walk the Camino in June-July 2017, during the mid-year break. Details are available from the Melbourne Vocations Office at [camino2017@cam.org.au](mailto:camino2017@cam.org.au) or check out Melbourne Vocations Facebook Page for more info.

### **ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE SOCIAL JUSTICE**

It's that time of year again - when the St Bernard's College Social Justice Network hosts another exciting, thought provoking and challenging event. We would like to invite you to come along! This year's event is a great comedy debate called **"It's OK to be Different"**. Join us as we get to the heart of the matter with two great teams battling it out in the name of social justice and diversity. St Bernard's own comic duo, Paddy & Jack, will MC the night. These wonderful speakers have volunteered their time to take part in the Great Debate on Diversity: FIONA SCOTT - NORMAN - writer & comedian LEILA GURRUWIWI – TV presenter & mentor TIM CRONIN - social worker TOBY HALLIGAN - writer on Ch10's "The Project" & comedian LINC YOW YEH - educational coordinator & musician KATIE O'NEILL - refugee advocate. The event will be held in St Bernard's College Auditorium on Thursday, 20 October 2016 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. All of the local community is invited to attend; parents and children. While tickets are free, donations are welcome. The proceeds will be divided amongst charities nominated by our guest speakers.

### **ANNUAL MISSION FAIR - 9th OCTOBER**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 8 October 9am—3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will assist a project in Ghana to enable women to acquire various skills such as sewing, bread making and soap making. The eventual aim is to help them to set up a co-operative and generate income. Enquiries Phone 9817 3715.

### ***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

### **HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:**

If you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office on 9412 8460. Also, if you know of anyone would like to attend Mass on Sunday but cannot do so due to lack of transport we can arrange it for them. Please let us know as we would love to assist.

Visit our website:  
[cam.org.au/strathmore](http://cam.org.au/strathmore)



### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRESS**

24th & 25th September 2016

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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.*

***"If they will not listen to either Moses or to the prophets ...."***

We all know the story of Lazarus and the rich man, yet do we understand the impact of the story Jesus told?

The rich man enjoyed a wonderful life and did not care about anyone other than himself. We might say: a selfish person only interested in his own survival, yet when he realised his error wanted someone to tell his family they best change their way of life or they would end up where he was.

Jesus finishes his statement with these words ... "they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead". A reference to his own Resurrection.

St Paul in his letter to Timothy reminds each one of us, "you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of many witnesses." I'm sure Paul is referring to our own Baptism. A reminder that we are called to be people of faith, showing respect and care towards others.

**Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Eugenie Broad, Rita Donnelly, Bernice Muller, Frank Tosto

**Thanksgiving:** \$2139.90 **Presbytery:** \$1186.60

**Rosters for next weekend 1st & 2nd October**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b>Lectors:</b> L Capparelli	K McCartney	L Wilson
<b>Special Ministers:</b> T Dargan, J Mammone	M Gauci, L Sands	G Johnson, C Johnson

<b>Offertory:</b> T & S Comerford	N McCartney	G Polo
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<b>Counters:</b> M Schembri, K Porter	<b>Transport:</b> G Johnson, G Dovey, P Waddington
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<b>Flowers:</b> M Ponte	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> Group D	<b>Linen:</b> M Hitchcock
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**Next week's Readings:** Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-19

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** St Vincent de Paul

**Thursday:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

**Friday:** St Jerome

**Saturday:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

**TUESDAY MASS**

There will be no 10.00am Mass on this day as previously advertised as we have the Archbishop coming for the Consecration Mass in the evening at 7.00 pm.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

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

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Paul Gervasi** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our prayers.

**VOCATIONS OFFICE ACTIVITIES**

You are invited to support the work of the Melbourne Vocations Office by following their events on their Facebook Page: Vocations Melbourne. There are many things designed to support young people in discerning where the Lord is calling them in the future such as retreats, monthly social activities, on line support and spiritual guidance. Please pray daily for vocations!

**1941 to 2016 St Vincent de Paul Parish Strathmore**  
**Tuesday 27th September Mass Feast of St Vincent de Paul**  
**Mass 7.00 pm**

Archbishop Denis Hart, will consecrate the new Altar during the **evening Mass at 7.00 pm**. The relics of St Vincent de Paul, St Peter Julian Eymard, St Josaphat, St Pius X and St Stanilaus Kostka will be inserted into the Altar. The placement of relics takes us back to the early Church in Rome where Mass was celebrated underground on the tombs of the martyrs. **Supper will follow Mass in the Hall.** You are most welcome to bring your family and friends as we give thanks to God for the gifts he has bestowed up us. We also give thanks for the House of God in our midst.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL REPORT 2015**  
**Parish Education Board**

The key objective of the Parish Education Board is to act as an advisory body to the parish priest and principal, on matters concerning education in the parish, including both education in the parish primary school and the provision of Catholic education in the broader parish community.

2015 which was very much a transition year for the Board with a number of key membership changes, and development of a longer term planning focus. One area of particular focus for the board has been School Community, with the goal 'To foster genuine opportunities that build community engagement in the life of the school to enhance learning'. Key aspects of this initiative include the involvement of all families in building parent and community partnerships for more effective learning outcomes.

The year ahead offers the opportunity for the Parish Education Board to further strengthen its support for the new school leadership, and to work together to develop sound plans for the school's ongoing success.

**WE CELEBRATE SOCIAL JUSTICE THIS SUNDAY**

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: '*A PLACE AT THE TABLE: Social Justice in an Ageing Society*'. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For a copy and further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499

Copies of the statement are on the small table in the right-hand transept if you would like a hard copy

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To be a community celebrating Christ in Life*

***Our Mission**  
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