

## **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM**

This week on The Journey's second birthday, Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of John; Marilyn Rodrigues talks about the importance of creating family memories and Fr Dave Callaghan MGL asks the question "What would heaven look like?" Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

## **BREAKFAST BRIEFING: POPE FRANCIS AND THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME**

Friday 31 July, 7.15am for a 7.30am start, finish 8.45am Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Pope Francis has published his long-awaited encyclical *Laudato Si'* on our relationship with the whole of creation. The encyclical places the care of creation, our 'common home', at the heart of Christian theology. He calls on our fragile world to leave behind the myth of unlimited material progress and proposes instead a 'sense of fraternity that excludes nothing and no one' and an understanding of the Earth as a 'shared inheritance'. Catholic Earthcare Australia has provided a list of main themes of the encyclical and some practical actions for us all. Joseph Camilleri, an emeritus professor from La Trobe University, and Andrew Hamilton SJ have written insightful local initial reviews of the encyclical for our reflection. Please join us for a Breakfast Briefing: Pope Francis and the Care of our Common Home, with Australian delegate Jacqui Rémond, Director of Catholic Earthcare Australia. Jacqui was part of a small delegation of six Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) members who met with His Holiness Pope Francis and joyfully received the Pope's encyclical. Bookings: [\\$20 RSVP: Friday 24 July](http://www.trybooking.com/IDMRCost) (Please advise of any special dietary requirements) Enquiries: Lucia Brick 9287 5566, or [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.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

## **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 9379 1488. 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.



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

25th & 26th July 2015

17th 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 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.

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a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart.*

## ***Food for the Journey***

From the Book of Kings we listen to the account of Elisha feeding the crowd with twenty barley loaves and being questioned as to how so many could feed so many from a small amount of bread. We note that there was bread left over, 'for the Lord says, "They will eat and have some left over."'

We also note a parallel within our Gospel today when Jesus feeds the crowd from five barley loaves and two fish. There is an obvious link to this Old Testament account for, 'The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, "This really is the prophet who is to come into the world."'

Contained within this account it is also important to note that Jesus and his friends needed time to get away from the business of daily events. We need to do the same and find time for reflection and revitalization in the business of our lives. Yet within all of this we see Jesus offering himself to us as. May we reflect on how we are also respond to those who seek our support.

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forgets all his benefits.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Mel DuCasse, Eric Hudson, John Pitney, Stella Camelleri, Rita Vassalo, Lubarda Xerri, Mary Zarb

**Thanksgiving:** \$3248.60 **Presbytery:** \$1480.75

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

| 6.00 pm                      | 8.30 am                                      | 10.30 am             |
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| <b>Lectors</b>               |  |                      |
| C Romano                     | S McNulty                                    | J Pattison           |
| <b>Special Ministers:</b>    |  |                      |
| F Ferguson, J Mammone        | P McKay, R McGowan                           | C Johnson, G Johnson |
| <b>Offertory:</b>            |  |                      |
| A Timmins                    | L & S Sands                                  | Tenuta Family        |
| <b>Counters:</b>             | <b>Transport:</b>                            |                      |
| P Hill, F Burke              | P Fox, M Green, P Waddington                 |                      |
| <b>Flowers:</b>              | <b>Church Cleaning:</b>                      | <b>Linen:</b>        |
| T Trevisiol                  | A Group                                      | A Sullivan           |
| <b>Next week's Readings:</b> | Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35 |                      |

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** St Martha

**Friday:** St Ignatius of Loyola

**Saturday:** St Alphonsus Liguori

**TUESDAY MASSES**

Fr Peter will celebrate Mass this Tuesday 28th July at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass on Tuesday.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

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

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

**Wednesday:** InterChurch Council Meeting in the Parish Centre at 2.00pm

**CATHOLIC MISSION - PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL**

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Catholic Mission - Propagation of the Faith Appeal. A total of \$883.95 was collected.

**STRATHMORE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL**

Strathmore InterChurch Council will hold a meeting to determine the future of the "Easter Event" on Wednesday 29th July at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre at St Vincent's de Paul Catholic Church. All welcome to attend particularly those involved with the "Easter Event".

**FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

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

**SYNOD ON THE FAMILY: DISCUSSING THE ISSUES**

Mondays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August & 7 September, 6.30–8.30pm, Mary Glowrey House, 132 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy (opposite Carlton Gardens). This six-week course will provide an opportunity to review the proposals of the 2014 Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on 'The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelisation', to listen to some of the debate that has been taking place in the months since, and to discuss issues on the agenda of the 14th Ordinary General Assembly (4 to 25 October 2015) Lecturer: David Schütz BTh BA GradDip Min, GradDip LIM Cost: \$15 per night (\$90 for the whole course) Details & enrolments: 0400 978 938 or david.schutz@cam.org.au

**MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE OPEN DAY**

Saturday 8 August, 10am–4pm. Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Join the Sisters of St Joseph as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our Victorian foundation. Afternoon tea will be served in the delightful surrounds of the Heritage Centre between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday 8 August, the feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop. Our OPEN DAY commences at 10am and concludes at 4pm. Pray in the Chapel, take a tour of the Museum, visit the gift shop, and enjoy afternoon tea. All welcome.

**SHORT COURSE ON WORLD RELIGIONS**

Wednesdays 29 July, 5, 12, 19 and 26 August, 6–8pm Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy Learn about the beliefs and practices of the major world religions with experts from ACU: Dr Edmund Chia, Fatih Erol Tuncer, Rabbi Fred Morgan, Rev. Dr John Dupuche and Prof. John D'Arcy May. Cost: \$80 (certificate of attendance provided) or \$40 (attendance only). Registrations and details: [www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses](http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses)

**ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE**

Application for Enrolment Year 7 2017 Apply now for Year 7 2017 at St Columba's College. Visit the College website to request a prospectus and book a tour. Applications can be downloaded from the College website at [www.columba.vic.edu.au](http://www.columba.vic.edu.au) For all other enrolment enquiries contact the College Registrar on 9331 9128 or email [registrar@columba.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@columba.vic.edu.au)

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYGROUP**

Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIlldowney 0411 061 978 or just come along.

**RETREAT WEEKEND. ON THE THRESHOLD: STEPPING INTO THE SACRED**

Friday 14 August, 8pm to Sunday 16 August, 3pm Pallotti College, Millgrove In Rev 3:20, God stands and knocks at the door of our heart. Using the image of doors, we will explore how we might open the door of our heart to deeper relationship. All welcome. Cost: \$180 (includes meals, and accommodation in a private room with shared bathroom) Details and bookings: Lorraine 0402 217 123 or [lorraine613@bigpond.com](mailto:lorraine613@bigpond.com)

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