

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 7th December at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5579 or Lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 28th November. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

2015 3YEAR OLD KINDER PLACES AVAILABLE NOW

St Aidan's Preschool Centre Strathmore currently has places available in the 2015 3 Year Old Kinder Program. Please contact enrolments@staidanspreschool.com.au or call 9379 4879 to enquire NOW

YEAR 7 2016 ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT

Applications for Year 7 2016 at St Columba's College can be lodged by contacting the College Registrar, Josie Zanic, on 9331 9128 or zaicj@columba.vic.edu.au. Applications can also be downloaded from the College website at www.columba.vic.edu.au. Applications for Year 7 2016 close on Friday 27 February 2015. Bookings for School Tours can be made via the website or contacting the Registrar. **Year 7 2016 Scholarships** St Columba's College is offering a limited number of scholarships for prospective Year 7 2016 students. Details and online application are available on the College website at www.columba.vic.edu.au. Application closing date 6 March 2015

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Open Day Wednesday 5 November Study options, Building tour, Refreshments Two programs: 4.00pm-6.00pm or 6.00pm-8.00pm Bookings essential RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday 31 October 2014 Phone: 9412 3314 Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

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

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

25th & 26th October, 2014
30th 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: Wednesday & Friday 10.00 am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Friday 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.*

Love is a Gift

Last week we reflected on ourselves as God's gift and belonging to him, yet within this God also offers us freedom. Because the Sadducees and Pharisees were not content with the challenges that Jesus placed in their way, once again we hear how they tried to disconcert him.

Every parent loves their child, implicitly and without question, for they see their child as their own. Yet at the same time recognise the independence and uniqueness of the person in their arms. God likewise sees us so. It is with these thoughts in mind that Jesus is able to come back to the Sadducee with his most profound reflection. It is not just an invitation, for Jesus says you 'must'. It is a requirement that is placed upon us, like so many other requirements that are placed upon us. It is 'how' we respond that makes the difference. If we love because we have to do so, then is it really love? Jesus truly invites us to reflect upon the greatest gift that he is able to offer to us. We likewise think of the ways in which we give ourselves to those around us.

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

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: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Recent Deaths: Marie Hughes, Katherine Rowe

Anniversaries:

Thanksgiving: \$3657.70

Presbytery: \$1053.10

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

Lectors:

C Romano

B Hanley

G Johnson

Special Ministers:

M Mollica, J Mammone

R McGowan, M Gauci

R Legudi, A Monaghan

Offertory:

Romano Family

D & L A'Hearn

C & K Lo Giudice

Counters:

F Burke, B Tormey

Transport:

P Fox, M Green, D Meller

Flowers:

A Mammone

Church Cleaning:

E Group

Linen:

A Sullivan

Next week's Readings:

Is 25:6-9; Rom 5:5-11; Mt 11:25-30

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Sts Simon and Jude

Saturday: All Saints

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Cara Bianchi-Rossi**, **Lachlan Munro** and **Harry Pollard** 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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you to all who generously donated to the World Mission Sunday Appeal. A total of \$1062.25 was collected.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The Faith Development Team members thank parishioners who completed the faith development survey two months ago. Results have been collated with great interest in Pope Francis, the Bible and social justice issues. A Sunday rural retreat was also popular. Sessions of different types will be offered to parishioners of all ages as from early 2015.

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.

FEAST DAYS

Next Saturday, November 1st is the feast of **All Saints**. Mass will be celebrated here at St Vincent's Church at 10.00am. An opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available **before** and immediately **after** that Mass. All are welcome.

Next Sunday, November 2nd is **All Souls Day**, a feast in commemoration of all the faithful departed. The Mass of All Souls will be celebrated on Saturday at 6.00pm and on Sunday at 8.30am and 10.30am

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions. (From the official ORDO of the Catholic Church)

Indulgence: The remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. A properly disposed member of the Christian faithful can obtain an indulgence under prescribed conditions through the help of the Church, which as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment. (From the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

ST VINCENT'S SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

The Parish Senior's Group had another enjoyable day thanks to the organisation of Keith Foletti. The group went to Living Legends at Oakland Junction a haven for retired champion racehorses. Followed by a tour of the Woodlands Homestead, a truly remarkable place.

56TH RACING FRATERNITY MASS

Sunday 2 November, 9.30am St Francis' Church, corner Lonsdale and Elizabeth Sts, Melbourne. The Principal celebrant will be Fr Des Fitzgerald CSsR. Dignitaries attending include Premier Denis Naphthine, Robert Roulston (RVL Chairman), Des Gleeson (retired Chief Steward), prominent trainers, owners and jockeys (both current and retired). Contact: Peter James at pfjames18@bigpond.com or 0408 580 018.

MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHORUS PERFORMS RACHMANINOV VESPERS

Friday 31 October, 8pm St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Rachmaninov considered his setting of the *All-Night Vigil* the crowning achievement of his life. A radiant masterpiece pulsating with the ancient traditions and extraordinary emotional power of the Russian Orthodox Church, it is a work the MSO Chorus loves and has been associated with for a great many years. Bookings: 9929 9600

PARISH HALL:

The Parish Hall is available for hire. All enquiries: stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com

Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Mission

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and generosity of heart*