

RESPONDING TO A NEW FEDERAL BILL ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

The Life Marriage and Family Office at the Melbourne Archdiocese has prepared a fact sheet for those wishing to respond to the new bill on same-sex marriage. The Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014 was recently tabled in the Federal Senate. The Bill is a backdoor attempt to change the definition of marriage. It would create an inconsistency in Australian law by recognising same-sex marriages contracted in a foreign country. This inconsistency would then be exploited to create further pressure to redefine marriage here.

The Life, Marriage and Family Office encourages people to make a private submission supporting Australia's current legal framework for marriage. Submissions close Thursday 31 July.

More Info: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/
Life, Marriage and Family Office on 9287 5579.

HIGH TEA

Sunday 17 August, 2:30pm – 4:30pm Come and enjoy a lovely High Tea with guest presenter and international designer Liz Davenport who will showcase her Spring fashion collection. All proceeds will go towards funding the Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service provided by CatholicCare. Cost: \$50 Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
Contact: Angela on 9926 5722 or fundraising@ccam.org.au

HOMESTAY AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

www.homestay-australia.com Accommodation is URGENTLY NEEDED for a large number of Exchange students arriving in Melbourne in August for Melbourne Universities. Period : 4 weeks to 9 months Average Payment is \$1000.00 per 4 weeks per student. Male or Female applicants All Homestay Income is Tax Free. For an Application form please contact Sandra 9 395 7046 or email Sandra@homestay-australia.com

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.

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



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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 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.*

A Treasure Found

Three images of something found are pertinent for our reflection this weekend. Treasure, pearls and all kinds of things that are of value and to be kept.

As we remember married life this weekend I'm sure it would be true to say that most of you have found a treasure that you wanted to spend the rest of your life with. That precious treasure you love and want to engage with, is most important in your life.

To love means to have uncounted goodness and value, something precious that you don't want to be separated from. The graciousness of God is love and when we love we are encountering the gracious love of God in the other.

Simple things can move us, be it a sunrise, a beautiful scene or even a butterfly. As we engage with these we are engaging with our creator. Likewise when we are moved to love another person and want to be with them always we are encountering God in that person.

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

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: Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mel DuCasse, Joan Malouf

Thanksgiving: \$5261.00

Presbytery: \$899.10

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm

8.30 am

10.30 am

Lectors:

L Capparelli

K McCartney

D Nicol

Special Ministers:

J Burke, T Dargan

A Henshall, M Gauci

R Legudi, L Anderson

Offertory:

H & R Pless

B Evans

V Evans & J Rogers

Counters:

J Burke, H Tobin

Transport:

G Johnson, D Meller, P Waddington

Flowers:

A Mammone

Church Cleaning:

F Group

Linen:

C Comerford

Next week's Readings:

Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St Martha

Thursday: St Ignatius of Loyola

Friday: St Alphonsus Liguori

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15 pm

Thursday: Parent 1st Holy Communion Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Propagation of the Faith Appeal. A total of \$855.05 was collected.

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL:

Lectio Divina & Mass with Cardinal Luis Tagle Tuesday 5 August, 6pm – 8:30pm

Be uplifted! Gather for an evening of prayer, music and reflection at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Cardinal Luis Tagle (Archbishop of Manila, Philippines) will lead a Lectio Divina (the ancient practice of slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures) and Mass, with music by the Filipino community. All welcome. No RSVP required. St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne Contact: 9926 5761, evangelisation@cam.org.au or www.cam.org.au/evangelisation

ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE

This weekend we pray for and celebrate with those couples who have achieved a significant anniversary in their married life. For those who requested certificates they will be distributed during our Masses this weekend. May we all pray for and celebrate married life as a gift of love between a couple and a gift of love from God.

ROYAL COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE MELBOURNE RESPONSE

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has announced that it will be holding a public hearing commencing on Monday, 18 August 2014 to examine the Melbourne Response. The Royal Commission has allowed two weeks for the hearing.

The scope and purpose of the hearing is to inquire into how the Melbourne Response has responded to victims of child sexual abuse and allegations of child sexual abuse against personnel of the Archdiocese, the experience of people who have engaged in the Melbourne Response and any other related matters. It is anticipated that the Royal Commission will hear from victims who have used the Melbourne Response, Archbishop Hart and Cardinal Pell who established the Melbourne Response whilst Archbishop of Melbourne as well as the Independent Commissioners, Compensation Panel and Carelink. The Archdiocese respects the Royal Commission and is committed to full cooperation with the inquiry being undertaken by the Royal Commission.

Information about the involvement of the Archdiocese with the Royal Commission will be provided in further emails and available at www.cam.org.au/Royal-Commission.

Our prayers are with the victims and their families and those entrusted with the conduct of the Royal Commission.

LAWS PASSED BY THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL ABUSE WITHIN INSTITUTIONS.

The new laws follow recommendations made in Betrayal of Trust, the report of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations.

The new laws add three criminal offences to the Victorian Crimes Act of **grooming, failing by persons in authority to protect children from child sexual abuse and failing to report to police sexual offences committed against children under 16 years of age.**

Of particular note is the offence of **grooming** which occurs when communication or conduct is linked to the **intention** of facilitating the involvement of a child under 16 years of age in a sexual offence with an adult. Examples of grooming behaviour might include, and are not limited to, the following examples:

- Persuading a child or group of children that they have a 'special relationship';
- spending inappropriate time with a child;
- inappropriately giving gifts;
- special favours to one child over other children;
- encouraging inappropriate physical contact;
- inappropriate communication via email, telephone calls, text messaging and use of social media.

Some printed copies of the document for those who would like to take one are available in the east porch of the Church.

Further information is available on the Archdiocesan website: www.cam.org.au and click on 'Facing the Truth' and 'Melbourne Response'.

Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Mission

*That we strive to maintain a strong sense of belonging
and generosity of heart*