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St Vincent de Paul Mtg Term Three begins 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday "Cuppa"

Confirmation

St Vincent de Paul Mtg

Film & Soup Day Mass – Villa Maria 11.00am

July 28/29 Special Collection for **Catholic Missions** 

Anointing Mass 11.00am

St Vincent de Paul Meeting Mass – Villa Maria 11.00am

when ourdreams have come true because we dreamed

Amen Author unknown

# PRIMARY

Mr Tim Mc Mullen 8761 9600 9801 8296 9800 2733 SECONDARY

9754 6611 9758 2000 9758 2000

consecrated hosts is available at each Mass. The Ciborium will be on the Altar. Anyone who is a Coeliac, or wheat and



# **SERVICES & CONTACTS:**

**BAPTISM:** 9763 7302 By Appointment 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon. Welcoming: Sunday prior at 10.30am Parish Mass.

**BIBLE STUDIES:** Xavier David (AH)

9763 0712

**BLESSED SACRAMENT EXPOSITION:** 8.30am, Wedmesday – Saturday

**CENACLE OF PRAYER:** First Saturday of the month 9.30am

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** 0407 356 899 Leanna Raj

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS: 0419 381 058 Leigh Fleming Thurs/Friday/Saturday 1-6 pm. or Email: Leigh Fleming yahc@bigpond.com.au

FAIR: Parish Office

9763 7302

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0419 555 694

9763 7323

9753 2170

KNOX DEANERY: Leigh Fleming

LITURGY: Sr Mary Brady

**MARRIAGE:** By appointment

9763 7302

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday at1pm

Carmen Leitao

9778 7764

RAFFLE Brendon Considine

0403 187 848

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 6.00pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE Carmel Quiney

TENNIS CLUB: Vito Trifilo

0400 485 874

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For all information on our Parish, please check our website pol.org.au/scoresby

# 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- A Readingfrom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## *Gospel – A reading from the Gospel according Mark*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him.

And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laving his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

# Sharing the Tradition

Prophets and prophecy have always been part of the heritage of the people of Israel. The prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures were charged with the difficult task of speaking God's words to a people who did not always want to hear such a difficult message, often about their own failings.

Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed.

Even today, there are people who speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the way things are is the way things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended!

### Stewardship Corner

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" Ezekiel 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

# Thoughts on the Gospel

### Family conflict sparked by lack of understanding

The people of Capernaum had accepted the teaching of Jesus (Mk 1, 22), but the people of Nazareth did not like the words of Jesus and were scandalised. For what reason? Jesus, the boy whom they had known since he was born, how is it that now he is so different? They do not accept God's mystery present in Jesus, a human being, and common as they are, known by all! They think that to be able to speak of God. Nº? he should be different from them! As we can see, not everything went well for Jesus. The persons

who should have been the first ones to accept the Good News were precisely those who had the greatest difficulty to accept it. The conflict was not only with foreigners, but also, and especially with his own relatives and with the people of Nazareth.

They refused to believe in Jesus, because they could not understand the mystery of God embracing the person of Jesus. "From where do all these things come to him? And what wisdom is this which has been given to him? And these miracles which are worked by him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joseph and Jude and Simon? His sisters too, are they not here with us?" And they would not accept him, they do not believe in Jesus!

A reflection on the Gospel from the Order of Carmelites

## Did vou know?

- There is great debate about the relationship 'of the brothers of the Lord' to Jesus. Some scholars suggest that they were in fact literal brothers (or half-brothers or step-brothers), while others point out that it was common practice to refer to cousins and more distant relations as 'brothers'. The Catholic Church holds that Jesus was the only child of Mary, the virgin mother of Christ.
- The reference to Jesus as 'son of Mary' was a slur on his legitimacy as, in Jesus' time, people were usually identified as the child of their father.
- The man referred to here as 'James, the brother of the Lord' later became the leader of the Church in Jerusalem.

# Exploring the Word

The questions asked by the townspeople of Nazareth are interesting ones. *Where did the man get all this? What is this* wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked though him?

They recognise that Jesus is not the source of his own authority. There is greater power behind him. Their failure lies in the fact that they do not recognise the source of Jesus' power and authority. They do not see the presence of God in the words and deeds of their compatriot. Indeed, Jesus is designated as 'son of Mary', a slur on them both at a time when one's genealogy was traced through the line of the father.

Jesus is astonished by the inability of the people to look beyond what they are familiar with to the obvious signs of the kingdom of God in his actions and words. The kingdom of God requires the cooperation of people if it is to become a reality. He can do nothing there!

# Symbols and Images

The rejection here of Jesus by the people of his hometown foreshadows his later rejection by the people as a whole. Their lack of faith and their hostility towards him means that he can work no miracles there. This indicates the importance of faith and hope. Jesus is not simply a magician who 'performs' at will.

"Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, But you know they are always there

# **CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of confirmation will take place in this Parish on Friday 20th July, at 7.00pm



Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.



The next ANOINTING MASS for the sick and elderly will be celebrated on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 11.00am. Enquiries please phone Parish Office on 9763 7302

All Welcome

# **FILM AND SOUP DAY**

**KNITTERS** - Can you help?

Thursday 26th July 10.00am Sign up sheets In the church foyer, more details next week.



project in Term 3 and require donations of wool and old knitting needles and crochet hooks. If you can help, please contact Holy Trinity on 9801 8296, or drop off donations at the school. Thank you

This is a good opportunity to catch a good film and

Holy Trinity Year 5/6 studentsare starting an exciting

have soup and a roll on a cold Winter's day.



### LIFEBOAT

Has been providing practical and pastoral support to over one hundred victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia for five years.

Having commenced in Geelong in 2013, "Lifeboat's" first Melbourne-based fundraising function will be held on Friday July 6, 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m at Tosaria Restaurant, Henderson Rd. Rowville.

Entertainment from renowned singer Sue Jones. Finger food served through the evening. Tickets just \$40 and due to the generous support of Sue and Tosaria, most of this will go directly to the work of Lifeboat itself.

To order tickets, email Fr. Kevin Dillon -

frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au, or post a note to "Lifeboat", c/- 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville 3178, or call 0421 777 360

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET RACK** -Have you seen our pamphlet on ..

> "Community Aged Care Packages' Villa Maria Catholic Homes



# **ST JUDE'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

In a spirit of Pastoral Outreach of St. Jude's Parish, we, the people of this parish, are called to "Serve the Lord with joy".

We respect diversity and welcome all who choose to belong to our community. By sharing our gifts and resources generously, we support and encourage all people who come our way. Let all our voices be heard in a spirit of openness that fosters ongoing communication across our Parish.



# Thank vou

"Our Parish Secretary, Mary Tuner, concludes 13 years of loyal service to the Parish this Thursday. The Parish has been extremely fortunate to have someone with Mary's commitment and dedication to manage many of the parish's administrative responsibilities, something that she has done with great diligence and little fanfare.

Mary, on behalf of everyone in the Parish and the Pastoral Team, we say a heartfelt THANK YOU for your wonderful loyal service and we wish you nothing but Best Wishes as you leave a significant hole for us to fill in the Parish Office." Longinus Onyechesi

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 'Cuppa & Chat' 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 All welcome to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 'Cuppa & Cha't following the 9.00am Mass



## Heart of Life Spirituality Centre 96 Albion Road, Box Hill

# Retreat in Everyday Life -

Here's an invitation to rest in your inner room while pondering the joys and sorrows of your everyday life. The retreat will be held over 5x Mondays, 23 July 2018 from 1.15 pm – 2.15pm.

*Kindly register your interest by 16 July. A small donation will be* welcome.

*Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email* (holsc@bigpond.com) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne

# Are you new to the Parish?

If you have just moved into the Parish, please write your details in the New Parishioners book to enable us to put you on the Census.

A new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes will be delivered soon. If you would like to join the Thanksgiving program please see Father after Mass, or ring the Parish Office on 9763 7302.

# Are you Moving?

If you are moving to a new address in the Parish, or moving away altogether, please let us know so that we can update our Census date. Thank you.

# **Annual Anniversary Mass**



Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year? The Life,

Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificate.

To register visit: <u>www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily</u> or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5587/ Imf@cam.org.au. Registrations close Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

# **Attention all Parish Groups**



Community Centre Bookings for Parish Groups and Committees will be taken before dates will be accepted from the wider community.

If your group /committee is planning functions please advise Leigh Fleming 0419 381 058 as soon as your plans are confirmed.

Please Note: Friday and Saturday Evenings Functions finish time 11pm - Cleaning finish time 11.45pm