THE FOLLOWING IS THIS WEEK’S PARISH BULLETIN...
Invited to respond

Better to illuminate than merely shine.

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Entrance Antiphon
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.
Contact: Mr Larry Pankhurst

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB
This is an initiative of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. The Group, made up of Vinnies members, parents, teachers and parishioners, meets to provide breakfast for the school children.
Contact: Ms Julia Mioduchowski

MACKILLOP GROUP
This Group gets together in the Parish Meeting Room on a Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. until noon.
Contact: Ms Betty Hurst

GEELONG DEANERY
For more information go to: http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au
Contact: Ms Betty Hurst

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Once again, today's story continues to look at our response to God’s Kingdom. There is an emphasis on how broad the invitation is: all are invited. Yet, one is also free to say “no”, though this turning away has consequences.

Throughout our lives, God constantly invites us to a deeper union with God. This enables us to become better proclaimers of the Kingdom through our lives. We are called to a choice: to orient ourselves to the Kingdom or to settle for our own fleeting excuses.

Our response needs to be free so that we can give ourselves wholeheartedly to God and to one another. How do I respond to God’s grace?

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday's winners were: Joh Evertsen-Mostert (38) and Frances Carey (41).
A new Block has started. Two numbers are still vacant. Will you be in it? Thank you for your support.

AMBULANCE COVER
To ensure you are covered ring 1300 366 141. You would hate to think you are covered, and use the ambulance service and end up with a large bill. So do yourself a favour and ring the number just for peace of mind.

PIETY STALL
There are a number of new items in the Piety Stall. New Christmas cards are out, and more arriving sometime in October.

TRADING TABLE
Your assistance in this venture has made it a success. Please keep an eye out for anything you feel someone else could use. Fresh produce is also welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP
Would you like to form part of a Bible Study Group? This would be a small group so there would need to be some commitment to regular attendance. Please see Fr Ray if interested. The first meeting is on Thursday 16 October at 4.00 p.m.

COMMENTATORS, READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
More volunteers for these ministries are needed. Would those who feel they can offer their services please see Fr Ray. New Rosters are now available. Please pick up your copy.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND
From 1 July 2012, 10% of the Thanksgiving offering has been directed to the School Building Fund. This same amount can then be claimed as a tax deduction. It is a way of supporting our School.

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS’ CLUB
Come join us for a two course meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only $28. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Dromoland House on Pakington Street. For more information and reservations, please phone Terry, 5221 7339.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14 October 2014 at 2.00 p.m. at the Presbytery.
OUR CALL TO MISSION

Faced with disconcerting episodes of violent fundamentalism, our respect for true followers of Islam should lead us to avoid hateful generalisations, for authentic Islam and the proper reading of the Koran are opposed to every form of violence.

(Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 253)