

### 18<sup>TH</sup> MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

Sunday 13 April, 1:30pm Join us for the annual Palm Sunday Passion Play, which recalls the final days of Jesus Christ's life and His passion and death. Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster. [www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info)  
Contact: Dawn on 0411 957 164

### SISTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATION OF 175 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA – MELBOURNE CELEBRATION

Saturday 22 March, 10am. On 31 December 1838 the first religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity, arrived in Australia from Ireland. To celebrate this important milestone there will be a number of special events during 2014. A Melbourne celebration will take place on Saturday 22 March in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
RSVP: 9306 9555 if you would like to attend  
[www.sistersofcharity.org.au](http://www.sistersofcharity.org.au)

### THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 30 March at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2 pm. Admission is free - a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist the missions.

### COMPUTER TRAINING

Fr Peter will provide computer lessons in the Parish Centre on Friday mornings after morning tea, following the 10.00 am Mass, for those interested in the use of computers and the internet. If you have no experience or wanted to improve your skills then you are invited to place an expression of interest, to Fr Peter. Five places are available at a time for about 1 hour.

If you are interested please contact Fr Peter and classes will commence for 2014 after Easter in the second term (School Year)

### INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Centre every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm. All welcome, equipment provided.

### 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

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St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014



## *St Vincent de Paul Press*

15th & 16th March 2014

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

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.*

## The Transfiguration of the Lord



Our pray this week is one of trust and confidence in the loving presence of our Lord in our daily lives.

The response to our Psalm: 'Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you', is a joyful expression recognising the continuing love of God for us.

The vision of Christ in his state after the Resurrection, experienced by Peter, James and John on Mt Tabor was to help them understand the events as they unfolded after the Resurrection.

Jesus offers to us a life that is without end, a life of peace and trust, a life offered for our own sinfulness and rejection. These days of Lent help us to refocus our lives as Jesus says, "... do not be afraid" for he is with us always.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Margaret & Colman Flaherty, Nell Bence

**Thanksgiving:** \$1877.70 **Presbytery:** \$874.35

**Rosters for next weekend**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b>Lectors:</b> J Harris	M Gavaghan	F Boyle
<b>Special Ministers:</b> D De Silva, J Mammone	M Gauci, A Henshall	L Anderson, D Meller
<b>Offertory:</b> Romano Family	N McCartney	Scavo Family
<b>Counters:</b> G Cook, K Porter	<b>Transport:</b> P Fox, J Fraser, E Sheppard, P Waddington	
<b>Flowers:</b> C Picinich	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> A Group	<b>Linen:</b> P McMahon
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42	

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** St Patrick

**Wednesday:** St Joseph

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am (no 10.00 am Mass) on Wednesday 19th & 26th March and Tuesday 25th March.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

**Thursday:** GodStart Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.00pm

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Mathias Di Carlo** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our prayers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

On the Fridays of Lent you are invited to share a reflection on The Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in the Church. The children from our School will also share a reflection of the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent throughout the day. You are most welcome to attend and join the year level as the children reflect and prepare to celebrate Easter.

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**PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – RACING AT MOONEE VALLEY**

The Parish Seniors Social Group would like to invite any senior members of the parish to attend a day race meeting at Moonee Valley, with free admission and member's guest passes for March 10 and 29, and June 7 and 24. Transport can be arranged if required. For tickets and further details please contact Keith Foletti on 9379 4920 after 6pm.

**PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – DAY TRIP VISITS PROGRAM**

The Parish Seniors Social Group would like to provide the opportunity for senior members of the parish to enjoy organised day trips to interesting places like SPC Ardmona, Creswick Wool-len Mills and Cranbourne Gardens. As organisation of the program will depend on the level of interest, would anyone interested in participating in this type of activity please contact Eileen Sheppard on 9379 7898.

**CATHOLIC CARE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Have a new look brochure and website! The 2014 brochure invites couples to visit the Catholic-Care website and look at a range of options for Marriage Education. Couples may wish to attend a group program, "Partnerships" or an individual program, "FOCCUS". Detailed information, dates, phone numbers and venues are all listed. Other relationship education programs include "Bringing Your Baby Home" for couples making the transition to parenthood. All bookings are online. Brochures or more info: Prema 92875516 or relationships@ccam.org.au

**LENT**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

**Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

**Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

**Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).

**PARISH WEBSITE**

Our Website is now up and running. Check it out at 'cam.org.au/strathmore'. Comments and feedback would be appreciated, especially if there are aspects that you would like included.

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***Mission***

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