

## SOLO CATHOLICS NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

**Saturday 31 December, 7.30pm**

**St Paul Apostle Community Hall, 5 William Hovell Drive, Endeavour Hills**

Solo Catholics members and new visitors are most welcome for this New Year's Eve dance with band and DJ. Light supper included.

**Cost:** \$35. BYO drink and food.

**Details:** Sharon on 0404 042 906

## DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMPS 2017

**3–6 January, 9–12 January and 16–19 January 2017**

**56–62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach**

Don Bosco Camps annual summer holiday camps for disadvantaged young people will be held in January. This summer there will be two camps for juniors aged 9–13 and another camp for seniors aged 13–16. Run completely by volunteer youth leaders, the camps offer a fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment.

**Bookings:** [www.donboscocamp.org.au](http://www.donboscocamp.org.au)

**Details:** 03 5987 2692 or

[dbc@donboscocamp.org.au](mailto:dbc@donboscocamp.org.au)

## ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR: NEW CD RELEASED

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir has just released a new CD recording entitled *Sing, my soul*. Conducted by the director of the Cathedral Choir, Dr Daryl Barclay, and accompanied by the organist for the choir, Dion Henman, the CD features a wonderful array of traditional and contemporary classics recorded in the glorious acoustics of St Patrick's Cathedral. It is the perfect Christmas gift.. Order now for Christmas. Cost: \$25 Details and orders: St Patrick's Cathedral Shop, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne or 9665 2256 or [cdshop@cam.org.au](mailto:cdshop@cam.org.au)

## AS WE END THE YEAR

The various groups that meet during the year will have a break during the Christmas holidays and resume in the New Year. Thanks to all who have coordinated and enjoyed participating in these activities during the year.

## 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

## HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

If you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office on 9412 8460 Also, if you know of anyone would like to attend Mass on Sunday but cannot do so due to lack of transport we can arrange it for them. Please let us know as we would love to assist.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRESS

17th & 18th December 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT Year A

The Weekly Bulletin of the Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore

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**St Vincent de Paul Primary School:** Woodland Street, Strathmore, 3041

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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 Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for private prayer

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation:** Saturday 9.00 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.*



## Fourth Week of Advent

This final week of Advent focuses on the coming of our Emmanuel, God-is-with-us.

The prophet Isaiah said long ago, "The Lord himself will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".

As we make our final preparations to celebrate Christmas may we give thanks for the many graces and blessing we have received this year. May we all allow the presence of our Saviour to bring peace and harmony in our lives and families.

*May the grace and love of our God be with us all as we prepare to  
welcome our Emmanuel.*

**Entrance Antiphon:** Deep down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Les & Irene Beagley, Jack & Alice Kelly, Ed & Pat Delaney, Richard Tighe, James Tighe, Michael Callanan

**Thanksgiving:** \$1039.70 **Presbytery:** \$1134.70

**Rosters for next weekend 24th and 25th December:**

**6.00 pm** **Midnight Mass** **10.00 am**

**Lectors:**

L Capparelli J Harris F Boyle

**Special Ministers:**

A Mammone, J Mammone M Gauci L Anderson A Henshall, R McGowan  
T Dargan, L Caridi

**Offertory:**

Scavo Family M Scarpino Volunteer

**Counters:**

**Transport:**

**Flowers:**

A Henshall

**Next week's Readings:**

**Church Cleaning:**

Group C

**Linen:**

N McCartney

*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

*Night:* Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

*Day:* Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Lola Dimasi, Margot Trotta** and **Will Viola** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION COLLECTION**

Thank you to all who generously gave to the annual Melbourne Overseas Mission Collection. A total of \$844.00 was donated.

***Christmas Timetable***

**Tuesday 20th December** Communal Celebration of Penance at 7.00 pm in the Church

**Christmas Eve** Carols at 5.45 pm & Family Mass at 6.00 pm

**Christmas Midnight** Carols at 11.45 pm & Mass at 12.00 am

**Christmas Morning** Carols at 9.45 am & Mas at 10.00 am

**PIETY STALL IS READY FOR YOU**

**Columban Calendars** are also now available at a reduced price of \$8.00. The sale of the Calendars supports the Columban Mission. Also a selection of Christmas gifts.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE**

Congratulations to the winners of the Hamper raffle.

1st prize: Simon Best 2nd prize: Dan Lane 3rd prize: Michael Almond

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND STREET PARTY IN NAPIER PARK**

**WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.30 PM.**

Everybody is welcome to come along and celebrate, with friends, family and neighbours. Come early, bring a torch, chair, food and drink and meet on the Noble Avenue side of Napier Park. The street will be closed to traffic from 5 pm. Inquiries: Mark Roberts 9379 7164

**The Strathmore Inter-Church Council**

invites you to share in our

***Community Carol Evening***

Please come and celebrate Christmas with family and friends  
as Strathmore local people gather at this holy time of year

**in St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm**

*Light refreshments served after the Carols in the Parish Centre*

*May the blessings of our Saviour whose birth we are about to celebrate bless and  
grace each one of us over the coming days.*

***A Very Happy & Holy Christmas to you all***

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in late January followed by a Training Day early 2017. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) ( preferred for contact )  
Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au) Mercy Connect Melbourne - Tel: 9326 1895

**PALMS AUSTRALIA**

A Palms Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor: A last minute gift that will deliver the real message of Christmas and be remembered forever. Palms long-term volunteers guide this intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. Get a Christmas gift voucher for any 2017 Encounter. Register now for our 2 – 14 April Encounter and receive \$400 off a 2nd ticket. Call Roger on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/Encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/Encounters) for more. Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life

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***Our Mission***

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