

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

One performance only! Palm Sunday, 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. Please note that the Passion Play will NOT be on Good Friday this year. Palm Sunday only. Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster More info: [www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info)  
Contact: Dawn on 0411 957 164

### **2014 CTC BIBLICAL LANDS STUDY TOUR**

Info Session Saturday 12 April, 2pm All welcome to an info session for people interested in travelling to see the places mentioned in the Bible. The planned study tour will visit places of significance in Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Turkey and Greece between Saturday 15 November and Thursday 18 December this year. Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Contact: Jenny Delahunt to RSVP 9412 3314

### **SOLO CATHOLICS MACEDON RANGES VISIT**

Sunday 6 April, 12:30pm Catholics of all ages without partners are welcome to join us for lunch, a walk and afternoon tea in the Mt Macedon Ranges. Mt Macedon - Memorial Cross (located 200m off Cameron Drive Car Park at the summit of Mt Macedon Road) Contact: Joy 0407 873 590

### **CRAFT GROUP**

Interested in craft and great conversation? Everyone welcome on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, come along and learn a new skill in the Parish Centre. Further details available from Christine Gregory on 9379 5497.

### **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)

### ***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***

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Fourth 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.

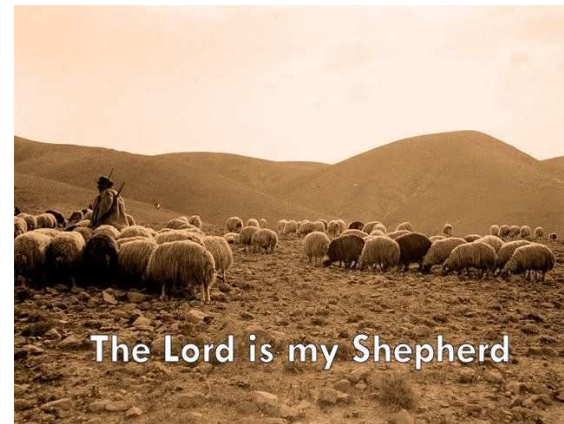
First Sunday of the Month: During our weekend Masses

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 Lord is my Shepherd**

### **Shepherd me O Lord**

The concept of the shepherd watching over the sheep has always taken on a biblical theme of the Lord watching over his creation. For pastoral people this image is very real. For us these images take on a significance as we consider our Scripture today. The Lord chose Samuel and then David to be the shepherd of his presence in the world. The Israelites sang the song we know so well offering

images of the shepherd enveloping the sheep with loving care.

The Gospel also contains for us the image of Jesus being the shepherd offering sight, loving care and compassion, while we also consider the challenge of those who were not prepared to be supported, those who rejected the shepherd. We might also ourselves: Do we allow the Lord to be our light, our shepherd, our guide, our eyes?

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** George Awad, Betta Samna, Giuseppa Ortisi, Leslie Muller, Beka Cusack Muller

**Thanksgiving:** \$2892.00 **Presbytery:** \$957.70

**Rosters for next weekend**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> L Capparelli	B Hanley	J Pattison
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b> T Dargan, F Ferguson	M Gauci, P McKay	A Monaghan, G Cascone
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b> J Mammone	D & L A'Hearn	Hannan Family
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> F Burke, D Lane	<b><u>Transport:</u></b> P Fox, J Fraser, M Green, D Meller	
<b><u>Flowers:</u></b> A Scerri	<b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b> D Group	<b><u>Linen:</u></b> T Sardo
<b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b>	Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11: 1-45	

**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.

**RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH**

Congratulations to **Charlotte Petrou** who was received into the Church last weekend. May we remember her and her family in our prayers.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

**Wednesday:** Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

As we enter the season of Lent we are challenged to reflect upon our relationship with God and each other. Project Compassion is one way that we are able to consider the needs of others especially those who struggle through life. Project compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the porches of the Church.

**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.

**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).

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE**

The School Fete will be held this year on Saturday, 15th November, from 11am to 4pm. Our Second Hand Book stall needs loads of wonderful books to sell at the fete. If you have any books you would like to donate, please place them in the container labelled "Second Hand Books" located in the east porch of the Church.

**PALM SUNDAY MARCH: WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES**

Sunday 13 April, 2pm Join us as we gather in solidarity to seek justice for refugees. This Palm Sunday event is supported by a large range of organisations, including Catholic Religious Australia, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Victorian Council of Churches. The State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne, Victoria.

**THE OFFICE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE AND THE MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MIGRANT AND REFUGEE OFFICE**

Invite you to attend Palm Sunday Prayer Service in Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Refugees. 1.00 – 1.30pm, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014 St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long All Welcome

**NATIONAL LAMENT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Catholic Religious Australia is launching a "National Lament" in response to the asylum seeker situation. Taking their inspiration from the words of Pope Francis when he visited Lampedusa, the National Lament is a campaign of prayer, penance and action for people seeking asylum in Australia. This is an opportunity to be part of a Christian response. More info: [www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org](http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org)

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