

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Recent Deaths: Joyce Smith

Anniversaries: Irene & Les Beagley, Ernestina Marquez

Thanksgiving: \$2379.00 **Presbytery:** \$1266.05

Rosters for next weekend 14th & 15th December

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors:		
S Crombie	K Hill	F Boyle
Special Ministers:		
F Ferguson, T Dargan	P McKay, M Gauci	M Ruberto, C Johnson
Offertory:		
Hewitt Family	N McCartney	Modica family
Counters:	Transport:	
G Cook, F Burke	P Fox, M Green, D Nicol, M Sullivan	
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
M Scarpino	E Group	T Giardina
Next week's Readings:	Is 35:1-6, James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St Lucy

Saturday: St John of the Cross

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: **Book Club** in the Parish Centre at 12.50pm

Wednesday: **Pastoral Planning Team Meeting** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

Thursday: **Maintenance & Planning Committee Meeting** in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Oliver Pavlides** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his parents in our prayers.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we are invited to support the Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal. A collection will be taken up at Notice Time. Envelopes will be available in the Porches of the Church for credit card contributions and taxation deductions.

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.

2014 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

In the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. Sales of the Calendars support the activities of Columbans in poor communities and its missionary activity.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil: 6.00 pm Family Mass
Proceeded by Carols at 5.30 pm
Midnight Mass
Proceeded by Carols at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day: 10.00 am Mass
Proceeded by Carols at 9.30 am

New Year's Eve: 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Day: 10.00 am Mass

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

As we draw close to the celebration of Christmas I invite you to come and share an evening together in prayer for Peace and Reconciliation, in our lives, acknowledging God's gifts and seeking his strength and then after our prayer, in the Parish Centre for light refreshments. I invite you to gather with me on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 pm in the Church and then in the Parish Centre or Adventure Playground, weather permitting, at around 7.30 pm. Come and share this evening together as a family and as parishioners together. Fr Peter

STRATHMORE INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL CAROL EVENING

This year the Carol evening was scheduled for St Vincent de Paul. As the Strathmore Uniting Church will close soon we will now hold the **Carols at the Strathmore Uniting Church, Cnr Upland and the Crossway, on Sunday 15th December at 5.00 pm.** You are invited to share this evening with the members of the local Uniting and Anglican Church communities as we gather in song and reflection on the impending birthday of Christ. Your assistance will be asked next weekend to help deliver a Carol and Christmas service times leaflet for our three local Inter-Church Council Churches.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S ADVENT APP

As we celebrate the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas, *Caritas* offers you a reflection to use during the Advent journey. Using the symbols of the Jesse Tree you can learn, pray and act daily with and for communities around the world. Due to a couple of sensitive justice topics, primary-aged students should use the app with adult supervision. View the Advent calendar: <http://www.caritas.org.au/advent>

Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Mission

*That we strive to maintain a strong sense of belonging
and generosity of heart*

TYPHOON HAIYAN AID RESPONSE

Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall, has caused widespread devastation in the Philippines and caused significant damage in Vietnam and China. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief in the Philippines. Caritas Australia is responding to the disaster with our partners prioritising emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items (blankets, kitchen items), potable water and toilets. Give generously to the Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. To donate: Call the Melbourne Office (03) 9926 5706 or 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002 or GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.

CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Friday 13 December 2013, 8:30pm. The Tudor Choristers present their annual Christmas concert, featuring a selection of traditional and less well-known carols from across the centuries. Cost: \$30 full, \$20 concession, \$60 family St Patrick's Cathedral, Cnr Gisborne Street & Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. More info: www.tudorchoristers.org.au/

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio divina is the meditative reading of a text of God's Word, the Scriptures, alone or with others, which leads to prayer, transformation of life, and, through that transformed life. This practice of prayer involves the whole person. Through our senses we read, we meditate using our reason and imagination, and we pray and transform our life with our will. It is not just an interior practice but one that engages with the issues of our Christian life. *lectio divina* can now be with you at any time, wherever you are. For iPads and Android Tablets you will be able to follow a simple process to both read and hear the Scriptures for each Sunday during Advent along with selected Christmas and Epiphany readings. Each section has additional reflection material to assist in the prayerful exploration of the Word. Now as an App available free for both Apple and Android devices - just search for lectio divina, lectio, dbb, and look for the purple 'LD.' To find out more about lectio divina please visit www.dbb.org.au

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN NAPIER PARK

The annual street party & Christmas Carols are on Saturday 14th December, 2013 at 7.30pm in the Noble Avenue side of Napier Park. All welcome.

Caring for one another



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Second Sunday of Advent

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.

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2nd Sunday of Advent

Repent

St Paul in his letter to the Romans, speaks of the purpose of the scriptures was "to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God". Paul invites us "to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus".

This week let us reflect upon the areas in our lives where we know that we need to repent: for the errors in our lives, for the anger, the intolerance, the misunderstandings and the rejection of others.

The Gospel from St Matthew reminds us of the wonderful gift of the Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism that our God has given to us, to sustain and fire us, to nourish and repair.