

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the end of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord!.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Stanislaus Smith

Thanksgiving: \$1150.50 **Presbytery:** \$973.80

Rosters for next weekend

| 6.00 pm | 8.30 am | 10.30 am |
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| Lectors: S Crombie | S McNulty | G Johnson |
| Special Ministers: J Burke, F Ferguson | M Gauci, A Henshall | R Legudi, C Picinich |
| Offertory: T & J Scott | D & L A'Hearn | G & M Pitney/Hitchcock |
| Counters: S Boyle, B Tormey | Transport: P Fox, M Green, D Meller, D Nicol | |
| Flowers: A Scerri | Church Cleaning: F Group | Linens: P McMahan |
| Next week's Readings: | Is 58:7-10; Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5: 13-16 | |

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: St Agatha

Thursday: St Paul Miki

TUESDAY MASS

This Tuesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church at 7pm

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYFROUP

If you have preschool children, please join us on Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIl-downey 0411 061 978 or just come along. NOTE the earlier start time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR NON ST VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL CHILDREN

Classes for Reconciliation start next week. Any other children seeking the sacraments this year are asked to contact the Parish Office, Wednesday to Friday to make a booking.

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.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY

As we commence the year we are all invited to reflect on ways we are able to assist and support our community through various ministries. Through our generosity we are able to give a little to each other. I am most appreciative of the assistance through the numerous areas of support for our liturgies each weekend and those who clean the Church and linen and provide flowers on the Sanctuary.

I invite you to consider offering to participate through the various ministries outlined on the handout this weekend.

Explore the possibilities, and if you are not sure of what is required then speak with me or someone already involved.

I particularly would appreciate assistance with the Baptism preparation. It is very important that we walk with the families who present their children for the first Sacrament, through the preparation evening, the Rite of Reception and the celebration of the Baptism.

Please take the form with you and return by the 12th February to the boxes in the porches of the Church, School Office or Presbytery.

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Our Parish Theme for 2014 is an invitation to explore the possibilities

You may ask what possibilities. There are endless possibilities for all of us, especially as a community. It is very much in our hands as we explore the possibilities.

The Pastoral Plan that is unfolding will offer us the opportunity to explore some possibilities. On Thursday 13th February those who have offered to explore various avenues will meet to begin to break open and unfold our Pastoral Parish Plan.

MINISTERS LETTER

For all in ministries a letter is available for you today in the east transept of the Church.

Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Mission

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

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.

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

There is morning tea every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass. All Welcome.

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.

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.

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 when we have some participants.

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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 are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office on 9379 1488 to be placed on our roster. Also, if you would like to attend Mass on Sunday but cannot do so due to lack of transport we can arrange it for you.

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The Presentation of The Lord

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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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The presentation of the Lord

Light is a most precious gift for without it we cannot see. Light allows us to be able to decipher almost everything that is in our vision.

Our Parish Theme this year challenges us to look for the light, to look beyond, to explore the unknown and be prepared to set free and go where ever the Spirit takes us.

In some ways this is an enormous challenge for it means that we are called to look beyond where we are now. It challenges us to look ahead, to encounter the unknown, it invites us to go that little bit further, to also be a light for others to help them on the journey.

Like when we look to the heavens at night, the opportunities are endless. How prepared are you to "Explore the possibilities"?

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