

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please return your Project Compassion box by next weekend.

VOCATIONS NEWS

At the current time, the Archdiocese of Melbourne has thirty-five students for the priesthood. Three of these men are studying in Rome and the rest are studying at Corpus Christi College, our seminary in Carlton. Please pray for these men and for more vocations to the priesthood for our local Church. Each one of us has a role to play in encouraging and praying for vocations from our parishes. When was the last time you prayed for vocations?

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 14 May (Mother's Day) at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 5 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

NOTRE DAME PARIS CATHEDRAL ORGANIST IN RECITAL

Friday 5 May, 6.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne This recital, by visiting choir organist at Notre Dame Cathedral Paris, Johann Vexo, and chant soloist Damien Rivière, presents a rare opportunity to hear a magnificent miscellany of music for organ and voice from these illustrious French musicians. Cost: \$20 Details: Paul Taylor on 9926 5753 or paul.taylor@cam.org.au

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 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

CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

CCI has offered us an Easter Hamper to Raffle. The proceeds will be used to support our pastoral outreach this year.

Tickets for the Hamper are only \$1.00.

The hamper is valued over \$150.00. A list of contents is available with the hamper at the Piety Stall in the Narthex of the Church or the Parish Administration Office.



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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD 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

Our Church is Open: Tuesday - Friday 7.00 am - 5.00 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.*

In preparation for Holy Week we may reflect upon these words from the holy Gospel according to John: (13:21..38)

While at supper with his disciples, Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, 'I tell you most solemnly, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, wondering which he meant. The disciple Jesus loved was reclining next to Jesus; Simon Peter signed to him and said, 'Ask who it is he means', so leaning back on Jesus' breast he said, 'Who is it, Lord?' 'It is the one' replied Jesus 'to whom I give the piece of bread that I shall dip in the dish.' He dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. At that instant, after Judas had taken the bread, Satan entered him. Jesus then said, 'What you are going to do, do quickly.' None of the others at table understood the reason he said this. Since Judas had charge of the common fund, some of them thought Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival', or telling him to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the piece of bread he went out. Night had fallen.

Simon Peter said, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus replied, 'Where I am going you cannot follow me now; you will follow me later.' Peter said to him, 'Why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' 'Lay down your life for me?' answered Jesus. 'I tell you most solemnly, before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.'

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done,.

Recent Deaths: Fr (James) Jim Kierce PE

Anniversaries: Harry McConville

Thanksgiving: \$3758.00 **Presbytery:** \$1503.50

Rosters for next weekend 15th & 16th April:

| 6.00 pm | 8.30am | 10.30am |
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| Lectors: S Crombie | K Barry | L Wilson |
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| Special Ministers: J Mammone, F Ferguson | R McGowan, M Gauci | C Johnson, C Picinich |
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| Offertory: M & J Pittappillil | K & M Barry | Scavo Family |
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| Counters: B Tormey, D Lane | Transport: P Fox, G Johnson, G Dovey | |
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| Flowers: M Ponte | Church Cleaning: Group A | Linen: C Comerford |
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Next week's Readings: Gen 1:1-2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-185, 32-4:4; Ezek 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

TUESDAY MASS

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE ON TUESDAY

This Tuesday there will be a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance commencing at 7.00pm

EASTER CEREMONIES

HOLY THURSDAY: 7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration till 10.00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 10.00 am Stations of the Cross
3.00 pm Passion of the Lord - Liturgy of the Word,
Adoration of the Holy Cross, Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY: 6.00 pm Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord - Lighting of the Pascal Candle, Liturgy of the Word, Baptism Liturgy, Liturgy of the Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY: 8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Book Club in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm

Wednesday: Maintenance Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Liam Henneman** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our prayers.

Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly".' This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

First reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Second reading Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Booklets are available for the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

ST VINCENT de PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

This year St Vincent de Paul Primary School is celebrating 80 years. You are invited to help us celebrate by attending Mass on Sunday 21st May at 10.30am and then join us for an open morning to view the school. You are also invited to attend our 80 years celebration day on Wednesday 24th May at 10.15 to 1.30pm. We are asking parishioners if they would like to share photos and stories with the students. Flyers with more details are available in the porch of the Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - THIS SUNDAY

During 10.30am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, primary school aged children are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Our Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Our Mission

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