

ANZAC DAY MASS

On Friday April 25th at 8.00am Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds. Mass will also be celebrated as usual at 10.00 am here at St Vincent de Paul Church to remember those who have died in war and conflict, as well as our prayer for those who have been affected by war.

PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – DAY TRIP VISITS PROGRAM

The Parish Seniors Social Group would like to provide the opportunity for senior members of the parish to enjoy organised day trips to interesting places like SPC Ardmona, Creswick Woollen Mills and Cranbourne Gardens. As organisation of the program will depend on the level of interest, would anyone interested in participating in this type of activity please contact Eileen Sheppard on 9379 7898.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. There is no group sharing. Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place. Your marriage deserves that kind of attention. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2014 weekend dates : 13-15 June, 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. For further information and bookings: Contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

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 on 2nd May at 11.00 am, after Mass & morning tea.

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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.*

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury pardon.

Where there is doubt faith.

Where there is despair hope.

Where there is darkness light and where there is sadness joy.

O Divine Master grant that I

may not so much seek to be consoled as to console

to be understood as to understand

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive

it is in pardoning

that we are pardoned

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The prayer of St Francis is most apt as we celebrate Passion Sunday, for it reminds us of the sacrifice of Jesus and his love for us. St Francis' prayer helps us to also become more Christ, the focus of Easter for us all.

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

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: Julie Smith, Fr Desmond Byrne

Anniversaries: Joseph Briffa, Rita Xerri, Leslie Bronkhurst, Patrick Frances,
Joseph D'Costa, Marc Mantel

Thanksgiving: \$4289.60 **Presbytery:** \$1452.60

Rosters for the Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Special Minister</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
J Nesci	L Capparelli	A Henshall, M Ruberto	A Soci

Good Friday

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Special Minister</u>
J Harris	M Sullivan	M Gauci, F Ferguson, M Mollica
6.00 pm		8.30 am 10.30 am

Lectors:

C Romano	B Hanley	L Wilson
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Commentator

S Crombie	S McNulty	F Boyle
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Special Ministers:

T Dargan, J Burke	P McKay, A Monaghan	D Meller, L Anderson
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Offertory:

Scott family	C Attard	Modica Family
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Counters: **Transport:**

G Cook, T Daffey	P Fox, D Meller, E Sheppard, M Sullivan
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Flowers:

M Camilleri & M Hitchcock	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> E Group <u>Linen:</u> A Sullivan
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Next week's Readings: Refer to booklet

PROJECT COMPASSION

You are invited to return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the basket on the Sanctuary, over the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your support of Caritas Australia.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: **Book Club** in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Frederick Metcalfe** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our prayers.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Sebastiano & Carmela Lo Giudice** who celebrate 50 years of marriage. May we remember them in our prayers.

Easter in St Vincent de Paul Parish Strathmore

The Easter ceremonies are a time for us all to reflect upon the love of our God expressed for us over these days at the end of Lent, through his Passion, Death on the Cross and Resurrection.

To help us to share in these celebrations our Easter Ceremonies are listed below.

Weekend 12th & 13th April: Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday)

*** Masses: Vigil 6.00 pm Saturday Sunday morning 8.30 & 10.30 am**

Palm will be blessed at each Mass. You are invited to take your blessed palm home and place it within your home as a reminder of Christ in our lives.

Tuesday 15th April:

*** Morning Mass at 7.30 am**

Mass of the Oils in St Patrick's Cathedral at 11.00 am. The Holy Oils used during the administration of the Sacraments are blessed and consecrated during this Mass. You are invited to come to the Cathedral.

*** Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7.00 pm in the Church**

Wednesday 16th April:

*** Morning Mass at 10.00 am**

Thursday 17th April: Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

*** Mass at 7.00 pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose -10.30 pm.**

Friday 18th April: Good Friday

*** Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am**

*** Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3.00 pm**

Saturday 19th April: Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

*** Mass at 6.00 pm**

Sunday 20th April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

*** Masses at 8.30 am & 10.30 am**

I wish to each one of you and your families very Happy and Holy Easter. Over the Easter ceremonies I shall remember you all in my prayer and ask that God continue to walk with you and support you with his love. May God bless you and your family during this most sacred time.
Fr Peter

GOOD FRIDAY

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, self sacrifice, works of charity, etc..

Vision

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Mission

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and generosity of heart*