

HOLY LAND TOUR

From 26th October to 13th November 2014. Also visiting Petra and Jordan, Escorted by Fr Jack Boog. Price \$5,760.00 pp, twin share. Includes airfares, taxes, meals, tips and more. For all details, please call Russel/Fiona at Travel talk 9792 4444

THE POPE APP

The Pope App. links you to the Vatican and all the events that are streamed live with Pope Francis. The General Audiences of Pope Francis are also streamed live, together with photos and links to all of the Vatican. Down load from iTunes.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 26 April, 7pm Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. In April we will be discussing "The Bell" by Iris Murdoch. Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Contact: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.au

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE, 1 MAY, 7:30PM

Hosted by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. A Kosher Supper will be served afterwards. Simmonds Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne
More info: 9926 5708 or eic@cam.org.au

"REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS"

The Auditorium at St. Bernard's Christian Brothers' College, Beryl Street, Essendon. Thursday 22nd May 2014, 7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m. The speaker: Robin de Crespigny, a film-maker, producer, director and a writer. Robin wrote a book - "The People Smuggler" - about the life of Ali Al Jenabi, an Iraqi refugee, who became a people smuggler to get his family to safety. The night promises to be fascinating, involving an incredible international odyssey. The only thing that was the same each day was the excruciating uncertainty about what the next might bring. Sponsored by St. Bernard's Social Justice Group with the support of St. Therese's parish Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group. To assist in supporting the families they are caring for, entry a gold coin donation.

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



St Vincent de Paul Press

26th & 27th April 2014

Second Sunday of Easter

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.*

Easter Joy

The joy of seeing Jesus after the Resurrection was slow at first through fear and uncertainty. As Jesus came amongst his friends he offered them a sign of peace and hope that reassured them and gave them the courage to go out and continue to bring the words and actions of Jesus to those they meet.

Sometimes we may be uncertain and afraid, not knowing and lost. As we ponder the events of Easter there is an opportunity for us to reflect upon the love of Jesus and the gifts that he is willing to share with us. These are expressions of the love of God for each one of us, whether we believe or not. Thomas is a good example to ponder. Then we hear the response that Jesus offer to Thomas:

'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

And as John the evangelist says: 'These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.'

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Recent Deaths: Fr Maurice Heriot

Anniversaries: Maurie Cronin, Florence Cronin

Thanksgiving: \$4386.50 **Presbytery:** \$2002.40

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> M Henshall	K McCartney	J Pattison
<u>Special Ministers:</u> M Mollica, F Ferguson	M Gauci, R McGowan	C Picinich, R Legudi
<u>Offertory:</u> Hewitt Family	N McCartney	V Evans & J Rogers
<u>Counters:</u> H Tobin, A Monaghan	<u>Transport:</u> P Fox, G Johnson, D Meller, M Sullivan	
<u>Flowers:</u> L Harrington & L Shannon	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> G Group	<u>Linen:</u> C Comerford
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31	

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.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Peter Chanel
Tuesday: St Catherine of Siena
Friday: St Athanasius
Saturday: Sts Philip and James

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm
Thursday: Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

CANONISATIONS OF POPES JOHN XXIII AND JOHN PAUL II

With the canonisations of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II scheduled for this weekend on Sunday 27 April, there are two opportunities for the people of Melbourne to participate across parishes and across the globe in this historic event:

A Thanksgiving Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne on Sunday 27 April at 2pm. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Denis Hart.
The canonisation will also be webcast live from the Vatican via xt3.com on Sunday 27 April at 6pm. Parishioners can join in by going to the website www.xt3.com/ canonisations or via The Pope App on your iPad.

PARISH PASTORAL OUTREACH GROUP:

Over recent months a small group of interested parishioners have been working at establishing a visiting program for elderly members of the community that would benefit from additional personal contact and that may not be able to initiate this for a range of reasons. Visits are undertaken by two volunteers together for a short stay on a regular basis to provide continuity and build a positive relationship with the person being visited. This group is now looking for extra volunteers to assist with visits so if you are willing to commit an hour of your time on a regular basis and feel you would be suited to helping out in this way please send an email to John Grant – principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au Parish office – Strathmore@cam.org.au or leave a message at the Parish office on 93791488. Likewise if you know of an elderly person that may benefit from this program please let us know so we can assist where possible.

PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – DAY TRIP TO CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILL

The Parish Seniors Social Group is planning a day trip by bus to the Creswick Woollen Mill in late May. The bus will depart St Vincent's at 9:00am and return at 5:00pm and include a guided tour of the Mill and morning / afternoon tea. The cost of the trip is yet to be finalised but will be around \$30-40 per person. If you are interested in coming on the trip, please contact Eileen Sheppard on 9379 7898 or Keith Foletti on 9379 4920 after 6pm so we can finalise numbers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in their educational transitions, in Secondary and Primary Schools, through Mercy Connect Melbourne. The volunteer's commitment is at least half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is required. Retired, Casual and Part Time Teachers along with Student Teachers are encouraged to apply. A training program will be conducted on Thursday 19th of June 2014 Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. MERCY CONNECT, PO BOX 221, Moonee Ponds, VIC. 3039, Australia Telephone: +61 (03) 9326 1895 Email: somml@bigpond.com Website: www.mercyworks.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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY SERIES

Wednesday 30 April 12pm – 1pm Gavin Dufty, Policy & Research Manager, SVDP will speak on the “Cost of Living Impact on Households” St Francis Church Pastoral Centre Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne Contact Paula 9895 5800

Vision

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Mission

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