

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

MERCY CONNECT PROJECT MELBOURNE—Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in May followed by a Training Day early in June. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Mercy Connect Project Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

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## **VATICAN II 50 YEARS ON: RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP AND RETREAT**

Friday 22 May to Sunday 24 May Pallotti College, 80 McNamara's Rd, Millgrove This workshop/retreat will begin by exploring the historical, socio-cultural and political contexts which gave rise to the Second Vatican Council. The main part will focus on some of the overarching themes of the principal documents promulgated and how these have been received by the local churches in the last five decades. The weekend will comprise of lectures, group work and audio visual material, with time for socialisation, liturgies, personal prayer and personal reading. The presenter is Dr Edmund Chia BA, MA, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Theology at ACU. A 10% discount is available for early bird registrations before Wednesday 15 April. Cost: \$190 single, \$360 couple (includes accommodation, workshops and meals) Registration and details: 5966 2585 or [admin@pallottcollege.com.au](mailto:admin@pallottcollege.com.au)

## **ANNUAL MISSION CONCERT**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert—starring Mike Brady - on Sunday 19 April at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2pm. Admission is free - a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist the missions.

## ***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

## **ANZAC DAY 2015**

Centenary of the Anzac Landing at Gallipoli Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral 9:30am Saturday 25 April by Archbishop Denis Hart

## **THE POPE APP**

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



## ***St Vincent de Paul Press***

28th & 29th March 2015

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 - Friday 10.00 am

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:** Open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 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.

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**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:**

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppa Ortisi, George Awad, Betta Samna, Mary Awad

**Thanksgiving:** \$2746.00      **Presbytery:** \$1114.55

**Rosters for the Sacred Paschal Triduum**

**Holy Thursday**

<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>Commentator</u></b>	<b><u>Special Minister</u></b>	<b><u>Offertory</u></b>
K McCartney	M Henshall	T Dargan, L Anderson	D & L A'Hearn

**Good Friday**

<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>Commentator</u></b>	<b><u>Special Minister</u></b>
G Johnson	J Harris	J Burke, J Mammone, G Cascone
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b>		
J Harris	B Hanley	F Boyle
<b><u>Commentator</u></b>		
C Romano	A Mucic	M Sullivan
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b>		
M Mollica, J Mammone	F Ferguson, P McKay	A Monaghan, C Johnson

**Offertory:**  
C Vega      B Evans      C & K Lo Giudice

**Counters:**  
G Cook, J Burke      **Transport:**  
G Johnson, D Meller, M Sullivan

**Flowers:**  
A Henshall      **Church Cleaning:**      **Linens:**  
F Group      T Giardina

**Next week's Readings:** Gen 1:1-22; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14  
Is 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezek 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

**Wednesday:** Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 9.45pm  
Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church at 7.00pm

**TUESDAY MASSES**

For the next three Tuesdays, 31st March, 7th April & 14th April Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am. On these Tuesdays there will be no 10.00am Mass.

**THANKSGIVING**

As we will be ordering the next set of envelopes shortly please contact the Parish Office if you require envelopes. Thanksgiving Information packs are available in the east porch for those who would like to start contributing to the Thanksgiving Program. You are also able to contribute via Credit Card and Direct Debit.

## **EASTER CEREMONIES**

**TUESDAY 31ST MARCH - 2ND RITE OF PENANCE**

7.00 pm in the Church. Scripture and individual absolution.

**HOLY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

7.00 pm Mass with exposition of the Blessed Eucharist till 10.00 pm at the Altar of Repose. Donations of flowers would be appreciated.

**GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL - THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

10.00 am Stations of the Cross.

3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord– Scripture, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

**Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.**

**EASTER VIGIL 4TH APRIL - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

6.00 pm Mass including the Solemn beginning of the Vigil, blessing of fire, Lighting of the Pascal Candle, Procession, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism & Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses

**Project Compassion Boxes and Envelope Packs.**

Please return your Project Compassion offers over the Easter period. A box will be available at the front of the Church. Thank you for your sacrifices to assist Caritas Australia.

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Thirty-five St Vincent de Paul parishioners attended our Faith Development Program's inaugural event, 'Encounter with Pope Francis', in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 18 March. The guest speaker, Frank Cumbo is Faith, Mission & Liturgy Coordinator at St Monica's College in Epping and Frank delivered an engaging, informative and well-received presentation on Pope Francis. Frank touched on many issues of faith, response to the Gospel, Church governance, and tackling of difficult social questions by Pope Francis since his election to the Papacy. All present enjoyed the conviviality of the evening and agreed that the Faith Development Program has started well. Further events will be offered to parishioners throughout the year. Please enjoy the report and the photographs taken by Father Peter on the evening which are on the Parish website - [cam.org.au/strathmore](http://cam.org.au/strathmore)

**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.

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