

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 7th December at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5579 or Lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 28th November. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

DECEMBER T@P EVENT

Monday 2 December, 6.30pm-9pm Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy
Help cap off a wonderfully successful year at T@P with a panel of experts including priests and lay people answering your questions on any topic of interest. Please email to T@P any questions you may have and these pre-prepared questions will be answered by a nominated panellist. Further details to follow as to the composition of the Panel. No serious question will be placed in the 'Too Hard Basket' provided it is forwarded in advance to contact@theologyatthepub.com.au. **Contact:** Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin 0438 643 070

PETER PAN: A PANTOMIME ADVENTURE

Thursday 4 to Saturday 6 December Moreno Performing Arts Centre, MacKillop College, Russell St, Werribee St Andrew's Amateur Theatre Company presents 'Peter Pan: A Pantomime Adventure'. Peter Pan is the story of a mischievous little boy who can fly and his adventures on the island of Neverland with Wendy Darling and her brothers, the fairy Tinker Bell, the Lost Boys, the Indian princess Tiger Lily, and the pirate Captain Hook. Performance dates are: Thursday 4, Friday 5 and Saturday 6 December 2014. Cost: Evening \$15, Matinee \$10 Bookings: <http://www.standrewstheatrecompany.com> Contact: Werribee@cam.org.au

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 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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First Sunday of Advent

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: Wednesday & Friday 10.00 am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Friday 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.*

Fist Sunday of Advent



The first Sunday of Advent reminds us that we are a waiting people. Waiting for the coming of Christ to celebrate Christmas and also a waiting people to celebrate our union with Christ. As we prepare each day to celebrate Christ in our lives may we turn to him as our sure guide. May the love Christ expresses for us be reflected by the way we live our lives.

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Entrance Antiphon: To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved..

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Recent Deaths: Michael O'Connor, Joan Gardner

Anniversaries: Gary Kirwin, Keith McCartney, Cath McCartney, Margaret Tobin

Thanksgiving: \$2949.50 **Presbytery:** \$971.90

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> C Romano	B Hanley	F Boyle
<u>Special Ministers:</u> J Mammone, J Burke	R McGowan, P McKay	D Meller, A Monaghan
<u>Offertory:</u> Capparelli Family	D & L A'Hearn	Gaston Family
<u>Counters:</u> F Burke, B Tormey	<u>Transport:</u> G Johnson, M Green, P Waddington	
<u>Flowers:</u> T Dargan & J Whelan	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> D Group	<u>Linen:</u> T Giardina
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: St Francis Xavier

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church at 7.00pm

MASS OF THE ANOINTING AND LUNCHEON

All are invited to come to St Vincent de Paul Church for the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing and prayers for the sick and senior parishioners of our community. Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 5th December at 11am** followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. To help us to prepare for this celebration forms are available in the porches of the Church. Please return the form by the 30th November, to the boxes in the porches of the Church.

2015 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The calendars are available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. Sales of the Calendars support the mission activities of the Columbans in poor communities.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available at the Piety Stall. \$4.00 for a packet of 5 cards and \$6.00 for a packet of 8 cards.

PARISH HALL:

The Parish Hall is available for hire. All enquiries: stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com

PRAYER & SUPPER EVENING

In appreciation for your support I would like to offer my gratitude to you for your involvement within our Parish Community throughout this last year.

You and your family are invited together with our community to gather firstly, in the Church to pray with and for each other, seeking the strength of our God in preparation for Christmas, on Tuesday evening 16th December at 7.00 pm and secondly, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre and grass beside the Adventure Playground, weather permitting at about 7.30 pm. This evening will be an opportunity for us to gather together in prayer, for Reconciliation and Peace in our lives, acknowledging God's gifts and seeking his strength and then afterwards in an informal way for a chat and a drink as we draw close to Christmas.

I invite you and your family to share this evening with me and our fellow parishioners.

For catering purposes would you kindly notify the Parish Office by telephone or email.

With every blessing in Christ, Fr Peter

RERUM NOVARUM ORATION 2014

'A Stitch in Time': Early Intervention in psychiatry – Young People at Risk Monday 1 December, 7pm Phillipa Brazil Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building, Australian Catholic University, 8 Brunswick St, Fitzroy Professor Patrick McGorry AO will be giving the Rerum Novarum Oration for 2014. He is an Irish-born Australian psychiatrist known for his development of early intervention services for youth. He is Professor of Youth Mental Health at the University of Melbourne, and was named 2010 Australian of the Year. His respondent will be Professor John Gleeson, a clinical psychologist and Head of the School of Psychology at the Australian Catholic University. His research interests include psychological treatment of youth with psychosis. RSVP: Wednesday 26 November to justice@cam.org.au Contact: Mark Clarke on 9926 5727 More info: www.cam.org.au/justice

LOURDES DAY MASS 2014

Saturday 6 December, 10.30am St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne The Order of Malta Australia and the Development Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne invite you to the Lourdes Day Mass, a mass for the sick and fragile in our community. To be celebrated by Most Reverend Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Gift bags for all attendees including a bottle of Lourdes water, Rosary beads and more. Wheelchair access by the side door of Albert St - vehicles can approach this entrance. Contact: 9926 5731

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 2015 TOUR

An Experience of Catholic Culture. 3 September – 3 October. Ireland: Dublin, Glendalough, Kilkenny. Scotland: Iona, Edinburgh, Melrose Abbey. England: York, Lindisfarne, London, Norwich. Italy: Rome, Monte Cassino, Florence. Further information: www.ctc.edu.au/study-tours Fr Austin Cooper omi, or Sr Frances Baker rsm 03 9412 3333

Vision

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Mission

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