

### **RITE OF ELECTION 2016**

Sunday 14 February, 2.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
Every year the Catholic Church in Melbourne welcomes hundreds of people who choose to join the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children. Parishes from around the archdiocese walk with these people on their journey of faith, which includes the Rite of Election. Come and see this wonderful sign of hope and witness in our Church! People of all parishes are warmly invited to attend this event in support of the catechumens and candidates as they respond to the call of God. Following the rite, everyone is invited to stay and enjoy some light refreshments outside the cathedral. RSVP: Tuesday 2 February to the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation: [anita.plant@cam.org.au](mailto:anita.plant@cam.org.au) or Joy Adriaanse 9287 5572.

### **ST VINCENTS SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP**

Expressions of interest are invited from parishioners to attend a day excursion to Blue Water Lotus Garden, Yarra Junction on Monday 7th March. A group of at least 15 is required to put this event together also 4/5 cars are required for transport. Cost \$25.00 which covers the talk, group garden entry and transport. Please phone your interest by 14th February to Alma Henshall 9379 1047, Therese Dargan, 9379 5661, Eileen Sheppard 9379 7898 or Keith Foletti 9379 4920.

### **CRAFT GROUP THIS WEDNESDAY**

Everyone welcome on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm, come along and learn a new skill in the Parish Centre. **Please note new start time.** Further details available from Christine Gregory on 9379 5497.

### **SOLO CATHOLICS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Solo Catholics is a social group which has been running for 45 years and welcomes anyone interested who is in the age range of 45 to 70. Join us for dinners or outings and get to know other Solo Catholics in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Contact: Barbara on 5995 8410

### ***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

### **THE POPE APP**

'The Pope App' and is the gateway to the latest news and information on Pope Francis. It contains lots of information and links to the Vatican. The General Audiences and other events of Pope Francis are streamed live, together with photos and links to all of the Vatican.

### **CARDS AFTERNOON**

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Cards in the Parish Centre commencing at 12.15 pm. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.



## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRESS**

30th & 31st January 2016

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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

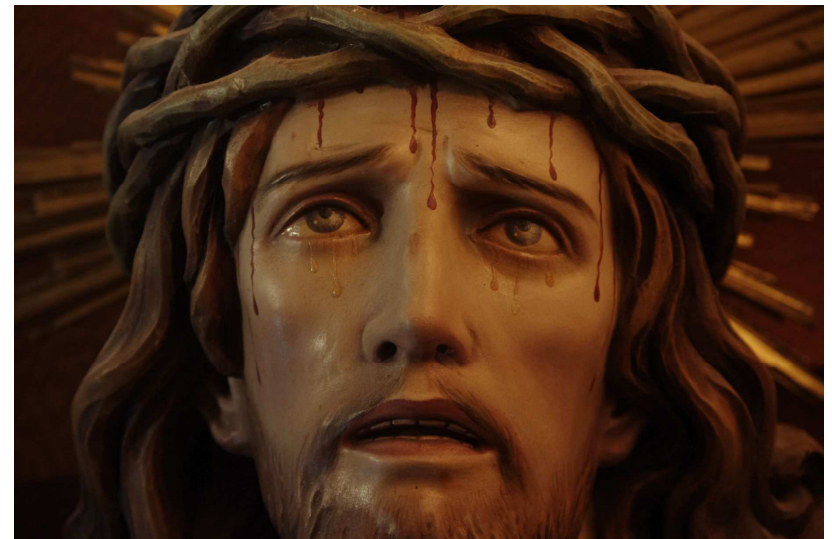
Second Sunday of the Month: 12.00 noon

Third Sunday of the Month: 12.00 noon

**Sacrament of Marriage:** By appointment with at least six months notice.

*A community celebrating Christ in life by striving to maintain  
a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart.*

## ***THE FACE OF CHRIST FROM OUR CRUCIFIX***



**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us , O Lord, our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing of your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### **Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Caterina Lamari, Salvatore & Immacolata Nesci

**Thanksgiving:** **Presbytery:**

### **Rosters for next weekend 6th & 7th February**

| 6.00 pm                             | 8.30 am                            | 10.30 am              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b><u>Lectors</u></b>               |                                    |                       |
| L Capparelli                        | B Hanley                           | L Wilson              |
| <b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b>    |                                    |                       |
| J Mammone, M Mollica                | A Henshall, M Thomas               | C Johnson, L Anderson |
| <b><u>Offertory:</u></b>            |                                    |                       |
| F Rivellese                         | B Evans                            | Tenuta Family         |
| <b><u>Counters:</u></b>             | <b><u>Transport:</u></b>           |                       |
| D Lane, M Schembri                  |                                    |                       |
| <b><u>Flowers:</u></b>              | <b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b>     | <b><u>Linen:</u></b>  |
| A Scerri                            | G Group                            | C Fox                 |
| <b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b> | Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11 |                       |

### **FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Lord

**Friday:** St Agatha

**Saturday:** St Paul Miki and companions

### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** **Craft Group** in the Parish Centre at 10.30am

**Baptism Preparation Meeting** in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

During 10.30am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, primary school aged children are invited to join us in the Parish Centre for Children's Liturgy of the Word. During each session the gospel of the day is explored in a way that assists children to understand and make meaning of the message, through stories, pictures and discussion.

### **FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass starting again for the year on Friday 5th February.

### **INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:**

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Centre every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm. Starting again for the year on Friday 5th February. All welcome, equipment provided.

### **1941 TO 2016 ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

#### **PARISH STRATHMORE**

This year begins the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of our Parish.

The first activity will be held on Sunday 21st February 2016.

To begin 'our journey' Come and Share High Tea at 'North Park Mansion'

with the Columban Fathers 69 Woodland Street, Essendon,

across the road from our Church, between 2.00 to 4.00 pm

A variety of sandwiches & petit four together with Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate with be available Gold coin donation would be appreciated to help cover the costs.

A part of our history there will be Tours of North Park Mansion.

To cover catering for this event tickets will be available in next weekend.

### **CHURCH RENOVATIONS**

During the renovations weekend Masses are being celebrated in the Hall and weekday Masses in the Parish centre. There is a wonderful sense of togetherness as we come together in prayer. Even though we are dislocated over the coming months it gives us an opportunity to consider the important aspects of our life.

Currently the Church is rather bare without the pews and the marble removed from the Sanctuary. Images of the various developments may be viewed on the notice board in the Hall.

We are able to view images of the wooden statues and crucifix which we have never seen.

Along with the Stations of the Cross these will be cleaned of their grime and dust accumulated over 57 years.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT**

Wednesday 10th February commences the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday.

Masses will be celebrated at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm in the Hall. During each Mass ashes will be distributed as a reminder that we humbly acknowledge our need to be reconciled and undertake penitential acts over the following 40 days. The children from years 6, 5 & 4 will be with us at the 10.00 am Mass. The children in years 3,2, & 1 will have their own prayer and distribution of ashes at 12 noon in the Hall.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. All who have completed their 18th and not begun their 60th Birthday are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat.

Lent is a season of penance, through Prayer, Self-denial and Helping Others.

### **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 9379 1488. 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.

#### ***Vision***

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#### ***Mission***

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