

### **18<sup>TH</sup> MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY**

Sunday 13 April, 1:30pm Join us for the annual Palm Sunday Passion Play, which recalls the final days of Jesus Christ's life and His passion and death. Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster. [www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info)  
Contact: Dawn on 0411 957 164

### **SISTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATION OF 175 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA – MELBOURNE CELEBRATION**

Saturday 22 March, 10am. On 31 December 1838 the first religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity, arrived in Australia from Ireland. To celebrate this important milestone there will be a number of special events during 2014. A Melbourne celebration will take place on Saturday 22 March in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
RSVP: 9306 9555 if you would like to attend  
[www.sistersofcharity.org.au](http://www.sistersofcharity.org.au)

### **BABYSITTER REQUIRED**

to pick up and drive 2 primary school aged children from St Vincent De Paul Primary at 3.35 pm, 1-2 days per week (days negotiable) to their home in Keilor Park, approximately 20 minute drive on the freeway. For further information please contact Filomena on 0438 682 268.

### **THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 30 March at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2 pm. Admission is free - a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist the missions.

### **AN AFTERNOON WITH DUDLEY DREW**

Please Join CatholicCare and celebrate Dudley Drew a living art legend is making a rare public appearance, Saturday March 15 at St Kevin's College 31 Moonga Rd Toorak from 2:30pm – 4:00pm. His spectacular still-life painting worth \$5000 will be raffled raising funds for the Adult Education Program, Clemente Fitzroy. CatholicCare is a community partner with Australian Catholic University. \$10 Entry & raffle ticket to win original Dudley Drew Still. Website: [www.ccam.org.au/events](http://www.ccam.org.au/events)

### ***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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*St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014*



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

8th & 9th March 2014

First Sunday of Lent - Year A

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.*

## **Christ the Second Adam**



This image of Christ as the second Adam reminds us that Jesus came in response to our sin, to redeem and renew us, to offer once again a path through life to eternal life which our God had intended for us. Through our sinfulness we alienate ourselves and thus need to be reconciled. Jesus' sacrifice of himself is the means by which we are made whole again.

During these days of Lent we have

the opportunity to consider how we respond to the temptation to satisfy the self, or want for our self at the expense of the other.

Penance or self denial is a wonderful way of putting before ourselves an option to make a choice. May we all grow a little each day as we pray for each other.

**Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Recent Deaths:** Brian Jolley, Liam Clancy, Graeme Law, Max Monaghan

**Anniversaries:** Michael Powell, Agnes Wilken, Peter & Carol Tonge

**Thanksgiving:** \$3262.30 **Presbytery:** \$1498.55

**Rosters for next weekend**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> S Crombie	K Hill	M Sullivan
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b> F Ferguson, T Dargan	R McGowan, P McKay	R Legudi, M Ruberto
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b> R & A Hutcheon	B Evans	M Scarpino
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> B Tormey, T Daffey	<b><u>Transport:</u></b> G Johnson, M Green, D Meller, M Sullivan	
<b><u>Flowers:</u></b> A Henshall	<b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b> G Group	<b><u>Linen:</u></b> N McCartney
<b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b>	Gen 12:1-4; 2Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9	

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

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

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Eve Tsolakis** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember her and her family in our prayers.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week the children from our community will receive the Sacrament for the first time. Please remember them in your prayers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

On the Fridays of Lent you are invited to share a reflection on The Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in the Church. The children from our School will also share a reflection of the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent throughout the day. You are most welcome to attend and join the year level as the children reflect and prepare to celebrate Easter.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

As we enter the season of Lent we are challenged to reflect upon our relationship with God and each other. Project Compassion is one way that we are able to consider the needs of others especially those who struggle through life. Project compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the porches of the Church.

**THE LENTEN SEASON HAS A TWOFOLD CHARACTER**

\* it recalls baptism or prepares for it; \* it stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer.

During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social.

In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

**Ash Wednesday** and **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** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

**Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

**Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).

- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 13 February and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2013 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

- The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year. (See Parish Web for details: [cam.org.au/strathmore](http://cam.org.au/strathmore))

**PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – RACING AT MOONEE VALLEY**

The Parish Seniors Social Group would like to invite any senior members of the parish to attend a day race meeting at Moonee Valley, with free admission and member's guest passes for March 10 and 29, and June 7 and 24. Transport can be arranged if required. For tickets and further details please contact Keith Foletti on 9379 4920 after 6pm.

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