

### **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.

### **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

### **NATIONAL LAMENT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Catholic Religious Australia is launching a "National Lament" in response to the asylum seeker situation. Taking their inspiration from the words of Pope Francis when he visited Lampedusa, the National Lament is a campaign of prayer, penance and action for people seeking asylum in Australia. This is an opportunity to be part of a Christian response. More info: [www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org](http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org)

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY SERIES** **WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 12PM – 1PM**

Maggie has been with AMES in a number of capacities over 45 years and also works at Brighton Grammar, heading up the International Parent Group where she actively supports families who are new to Australia. It is the work that Maggie does outside of those two official roles that won her the OAM award. Maggie will speak about welcoming and assisting new arrivals in Melbourne. St Francis Church Pastoral Centre Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne. Contact: Paula 9895 5800

### **FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

There is morning tea every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYFROUP**

If you have preschool children, please join us on Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIlldowney 0411 061 978 or just come along. NOTE the earlier start time.

### ***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***

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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.*



### **Jesus at the Well.**

This image is in the cloister at Chester Cathedral, England, depicting the meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan woman.

There is a wonderful encounter between the both of them. First we note that Samaritans and Jews did not associate with each other, and the disciples on their return high-

light this. Jesus reveals to the woman his knowledge of her life and that he indeed is the Messiah. She acknowledges that the Messiah is coming and eagerly she returns to her village to inform them that she has found the Christ.

The imagery of water is also very powerful here, for it gives life not only now but for all eternity. Obviously the woman is eager to receive Christ.

We might ask ourselves are we prepared to listen to what Jesus offers to us and echo the words of the Samaritans.

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Responsorial Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**Recent Deaths:** Dudley Gomeze (Dorothy Boyle's father), Frank Webb

**Anniversaries:** Mary-Anne Fitzgerald, Anthony McAninly, Mary Anne Knowles, Bill Crombie

**Thanksgiving:** \$2909.50 **Presbytery:** 1031.30

**Rosters for next weekend**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> C Romano	S McNulty	L Wilson
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b> M Mollica, J Burke	R McGowan, M Thomas	C Johnson, J Nesci
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b> F Rivellese	C Attard	Gaston Family
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> A Monaghan, H Tobin	<b><u>Transport:</u></b> G Johnson, D Nicol, M Sullivan, P Waddington	
<b><u>Flowers:</u></b> M Reynolds	<b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b> B Group	<b><u>Linen:</u></b> A Rogers
<b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b>	1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41	

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** Annunciation of the Lord

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am (no 10.00 am Mass) this Tuesday 25th March and Wednesday 26th March.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Parish Education Board Meeting in the School at 7.30pm

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Archie Walsh** who was Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our 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.

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**LENT**

**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 OFFICE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE AND THE MELBOURNE CATHOLIC Migrant and Refugee Office**

Invite you to attend Palm Sunday Prayer Service in Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Refugees. 1.00 – 1.30pm, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014 St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long All Welcome

**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.

**PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – DAY TRIP VISITS PROGRAM**

The Parish Seniors Social Group would like to provide the opportunity for senior members of the parish to enjoy organised day trips to interesting places like SPC Ardmona, Creswick Woollen Mills and Cranbourne Gardens. As organisation of the program will depend on the level of interest, would anyone interested in participating in this type of activity please contact Eileen Sheppard on 9379 7898.

**PALM SUNDAY MARCH: WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES**

Sunday 13 April, 2pm Join us as we gather in solidarity to seek justice for refugees. This Palm Sunday event is supported by a large range of organisations, including Catholic Religious Australia, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Victorian Council of Churches. The State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne, Victoria.

**PARISH HALL:**

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

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