

**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:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**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 with peace.

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Tobin, Keith & Catherine McCartney

**Thanksgiving:** \$3064.15      **Presbytery:** \$887.30

**Rosters for next weekend 7th & 8th December**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
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**Lectors:**

C Romano	B Hanley	J Patterson
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**Special Ministers:**

J Burke, D De Silva	M Thomas, A Henshall	A Monaghan, R Legudi
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**Offertory:**

Capparelli Family	C Attard	M Burgess
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**Counters:**

D Lane, P Hill	<b>Transport:</b> J Fraser, M Green, E Sheppard, P Waddington
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**Flowers:**

A Henshall	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> A Group	<b>Linen:</b> N McCartney
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**Next week's Readings:** Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** St Francis Xavier

**Saturday:** St Ambrose

**TUESDAY MASS**

On Tuesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am (no 10am Mass) as he will be attending the Diocesan Pastoral & Development Fund Commissioners Meeting.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** **Craft Group** in the Parish Centre at 9.30am

**Baptism Preparation** Meeting in the Church at 7pm

**Friday:** **Seniors' Anointing Mass** at 11am followed by Lunch in the Parish Centre

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Lachlan, Campbell, Hamish & Nathalie Evans**, and **Sarah Viti** who were Baptised and **Bradley Evans** and **Simone Taylor** who were received into the Church last weekend. May we remember them all in our prayers.

**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL**

Next weekend we are invited to support the Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal. A collection will be taken up at Notice Time. Envelopes will be available in the Porches of the Church for credit card contributions and taxation deductions.

**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 6th 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 today, to the boxes in the porches of the Church

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve Vigil:** 6.00 pm Family Mass  
Proceeded by Carols at 5.30 pm  
Midnight Mass  
Proceeded by Carols at 11.30 pm

**Christmas Day:** 10.00 am Mass  
Proceeded by Carols at 9.30 am

**New Year's Eve:** 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

**New Year's Day:** 10.00 am Mass

**EVENING OF PRAYER FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION**

As we draw close to the celebration of Christmas I invite you to come and share an evening together in prayer for Peace and Reconciliation, in our lives, acknowledging God's gifts and seeking his strength and then after our prayer, in the Parish Centre for light refreshments.

I invite you to gather with me on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 pm in the Church and then in the Parish Centre or Adventure Playground, weather permitting, at around 7.30 pm.

Come and share this evening together as a family and as parishioners together. Fr Peter

**STRATHMORE INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL CAROL EVENING**

This year the Carol evening was scheduled for St Vincent de Paul. As the Strathmore Uniting Church will close soon we will now hold the **Carols at the Strathmore Uniting Church, Cnr Upland and the Crossway, on Sunday 15th December at 5.00 pm.** You are invited to share this evening with the members of the local Uniting and Anglican Church communities as we gather in song and reflection on the impending birthday of Christ.

Your assistance will be asked next weekend to help deliver a Carol and Christmas service times leaflet for our three local Inter-Church Council Churches.

**Vision**

*To be a community celebrating Christ in Life*

**Mission**

*That we strive to maintain a strong sense of belonging  
and generosity of heart*

## **LOURDES DAY MASS 2013**

Saturday 7 December, 10:30am The Order of Malta Australia 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. St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Contact: 9926 5730

## **POPE FRANCIS'S APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "EVANGELII GAUDIUM"**

Below is the link to Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation, on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world: [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/francesco/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20131124\\_evangelii-gaudium\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium_en.html)

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

*Lectio divina* is the meditative reading of a text of God's Word, the Scriptures, alone or with others, which leads to prayer, transformation of life, and through that transformed life. This practice of prayer involves the whole person. Through our senses we read, we meditate using our reason and imagination, and we pray and transform our life with our will. It is not just an interior practice but one that engages with the issues of our Christian life. *lectio divina* can now be with you at any time, wherever you are. For iPads and Android Tablets you will be able to follow a simple process to both read and hear the Scriptures for each Sunday during Advent along with selected Christmas and Epiphany readings. Each section has additional reflection material to assist in the prayerful exploration of the Word. Now as an App available free for both Apple and Android devices - just search for lectio divina, lectio, dbb, and look for the purple 'LD.' To find out more about lectio divina please visit [www.dbb.org.au](http://www.dbb.org.au)

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

Our Website is now up and running. Check it out at 'cam.org.au/strathmore'. Comments and feedback would be appreciated, especially if there are aspects that you would like included.

## ***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

## **2014 COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

The Calendars are available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. Sales of the Calendars support the activities of Columbans working to bring the Good News to poor communities and to make our local Church more missionary.

## ***Caring for one another***



# **St Vincent de Paul Press**

30th November & 1st December, 2013

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:** 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.

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# **1st Sunday of Advent**

## **STAY AWAKE**

'Stay Awake' is the theme that is offered to us today in the Scripture for the first week of Advent. To stay awake is a common theme, especially for car driver's and machine and equipment handler's. Parents are also challenged to stay awake to care for their children. We are aware of the consequences if we do not stay awake.

As we commence the season of Advent, a time to prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Emanuel who came to show us a way through life, we are invited to STAY AWAKE in order to prepare, to reflect to consider, to call to mind the place of Christ in our lives.

May our days of preparation not be overshadowed by the business that comes into our lives. Take some time to focus on the true value of Christ and the love we share through the gifts he offers to us all.