

### **PALM SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE**

Sunday 13 April 2014, 1pm – 1:30pm Join us for a prayer service in solidarity with refugees led by Bishop Vincent Long. St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

### **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.

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

One performance only! Palm Sunday, 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. Please note that the Passion Play will be on Palm Sunday only. Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster More info: [www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info) Dawn on 0411 957 164

### **2014 CTC BIBLICAL LANDS STUDY TOUR**

Info Session Saturday 12 April, 2pm All welcome to an info session for people interested in travelling to see the places mentioned in the Bible. The planned study tour will visit places of significance in Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Turkey and Greece between Saturday 15 November and Thursday 18 December this year. Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Contact: Jenny Delahunt to RSVP 9412 3314

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY SERIES**

Wednesday 30 April 12pm – 1pm Gavin Dufty, Policy & Research Manager, SVDP will speak on the "Cost of Living Impact on Households" St Francis Church Pastoral Centre Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne Contact Paula 9895 5800

### **Holocaust Memorial Service, 1 May, 7:30pm**

Hosted by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. A Kosher Supper will be served afterwards. Simmonds Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne  
**More info:** 9926 5708 or [eic@cam.org.au](mailto:eic@cam.org.au)

### ***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

**Explore the possibilities**



*St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014*



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

5th & 6th April 2014

Fifth 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.*



### **NEW LIFE**

Through the Prophet Ezekiel God foreshadows his own life, while offering a vision, he presents to them, new life. 'I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel'. Lazarus stands, in the life of Christ, as the image of that vision presented so long ago, new life, and again foreshadows the

life and death of Christ, himself.

As we draw close to the celebration of the Passion of Christ, we begin to understand how we have been so much a part of God's plan. He offers us this new life, for through his own Death and Resurrection we also rise with him to the new life of complete union with him. We hear Jesus responding to Martha:

**"I am the resurrection and the life.**

**If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
And whoever lives in me will never die. Do you believe this?"**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

**Recent Deaths:** Sam Costanzo

**Anniversaries:** Harry McConville, Domenica Murdaca, Franca Murdaca, Domenico Murdaca, Giuseppe Murdaca, Rosa Costa, Antonina Timparro, Marie Teresa Oakley

**Thanksgiving:** \$2056.50 **Presbytery:** \$1104.15

**Rosters for next weekend**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b>		
M Henshall	K McCartney	D Nicol
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b>		
J Mammone, D De Silva	M Thomas, R McGowan,	R Legudi, C Picinich
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b>		
H & R Pless	C Vega	M Galllott
<b><u>Counters:</u></b>	<b><u>Transport:</u></b>	
B Tormey, J Burke	G Johnson, D Nicol, E Sheppard, P Waddington	
<b><u>Flowers:</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b>	<b><u>Linen:</u></b>
M Scott & T Galllott	C Group	E Sheppard
<b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b>	Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66	

**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.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

**Thursday:** Maintenance & Planning Committee Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

You are invited to return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the basket on the Sanctuary, over the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your support of Caritas Australia.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE**

The School Fete will be held this year on Saturday, 15th November, from 11am to 4pm. Our Second Hand Book stall needs loads of wonderful books to sell at the fete. If you have any books you would like to donate, please place them in the container labelled "Second Hand Books" located in the east porch of the Church. If any parishioners would like to strike some plants to sell at the plant stall this would be greatly appreciated. Details regarding collection of plants will be supplied later on.

## Easter in St Vincent de Paul Parish Strathmore

**The Easter ceremonies are a time for us all to reflect upon the love of our God expressed for us over these days at the end of Lent, through his Passion, Death on the Cross and Resurrection.**

To help us to share in these celebrations our Easter Ceremonies are listed below.

**Weekend 12th & 13th April: Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday)**

**\* Masses: Vigil 6.00 pm Saturday Sunday morning 8.30 & 10.30 am**

Palm will be blessed at each Mass. You are invited to take your blessed palm home and place it within your home as a reminder of Christ in our lives.

**Tuesday 15th April:**

**\* Morning Mass at 7.30 am**

Mass of the Oils in St Patrick's Cathedral at 11.00 am. The Holy Oils used during the administration of the Sacraments are blessed and consecrated during this Mass. You are invited to come to the Cathedral.

**\* Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7.00 pm in the Church**

**Wednesday 16th April:**

**\* Morning Mass at 10.30 am**

**Thursday 17th April: Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**\* Mass at 7.00 pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose -10.30 pm.**

**Friday 18th April: Good Friday**

**\* Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am**

**\* Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 19th April: Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**\* Mass at 6.00 pm**

**Sunday 20th April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection**

**\* Masses at 8.30 am & 10.30 am**

I wish to each one of you and your families very Happy and Holy Easter. Over the Easter ceremonies I shall remember you all in my prayer and ask that God continue to walk with you and support you with his love. May God bless you and your family during this most sacred time. Fr Peter

**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 Wool-len 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.

***Vision***

*To be a community celebrating Christ in Life*

***Mission***