

END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

On Wednesday the 17th December the School Year ends. You are invited to join with our School Community to give thanks to God for the past year as we gather to celebrate Mass in the Church at 10.00 am.

It is also an opportunity for us to farewell those students and staff who will leave our School this year.

We especially farewell John Grant, our School Principal for the past six years. We thank John for the dedication and constant care he has lived with us.

All parishioners are invited to share this Mass together as we thank our God for the gifts he has bestowed upon us this year, especially through our educational facility here in Strathmore.

JCMA PRESENTS THE JEWISH FESTIVAL OF HANUKKAH

Thursday 11 December, 2pm-4pm Kew Hebrew Congregation, 53 Walpole St, Kew Come along and join the Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia (JCMA) Women's Committee in learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah from our host Rabbanit Tzapl Boroda. The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of a unique candelabrum, the branched menorah, lighting one candle for each day of the eight-day holiday of Hanukah. Afternoon tea provided. Cost: \$10 Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/113716> RSVP: Ginette Everest on 9287 5590 or women-conference@jcma.org.au

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 12 December, 7pm Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. In December we are discussing 'The Hound and the Falcon: The Story of Reconversion to the Catholic Faith' by Antonia White (1965). Contact: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.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



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Second Sunday of Advent

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Sunday Mass: **Saturday Vigil:** 6.00 pm **Sunday Morning:** 8.30 am & 10.30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



'The Good News' Jesus speaks about is the 'good news' we are called to share and live, especially in these days of preparation for Christmas. We might ask what is the Good News? Simply it is the news that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our God, as man, coming to living amongst us. It is a time to focus on Christ and avoid the secular that surrounds us even more. Speak of Christ!

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Jack & Alice Gatens Kelly, Pat Delaney, Ed Delaney

Thanksgiving: \$2227.00 **Presbytery:** \$1046.25

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors:		
S Crombie	M Gavaghan	L Wilson
Special Ministers:		
F Ferguson, T Dargan	M Thomas, M Gauci	G Cascone, C Johnson
Offertory:		
Hewitt Family	C Vega	Volunteer
Counters:	Transport:	
J Burke, G Cook	P Fox, D Meller, E Sheppard	
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
D & F Boyle	C Group	M Hitchcock
Next week's Readings:	Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St Lucy

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Book Club in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm

Thursday: Maintenance & Planning Committee Christmas Working Bee to prepare the grounds for Christmas at 6.00pm. Any assistance would be appreciated.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

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.

STRATHMORE INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL CAROL EVENING

All are invited to celebrate Christmas with family and friends as Strathmore local people gather at this holy time of year. The carols will be held at **Strathmore Uniting Church**, Upland Road, Strathmore on **Sunday 21st December 2014 at 5pm**. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Flyers for the Inter-Church Carol Evening are available for local distribution from the table on the east side of the Church. The flyers are in street order and your assistance with distribution would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil: 6.00pm Family Mass - Carols at 5.30pm

Christmas Midnight: 12.00 am Mass - Carols at 11.30pm

Christmas Day: 10.00am Mass - Carols at 9.45am

New Year's Eve: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Day: 10.00am Mass

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays at 9.00 am
Tuesday 23rd December 7.00 pm

PRAYER & SUPPER EVENING

In appreciation for your support I would like to offer my gratitude to you for your involvement within our Parish Community throughout this last year.

You and your family are invited together with our community to gather firstly, in the Church to pray with and for each other, seeking the strength of our God in preparation for Christmas, on

Tuesday evening 16th December at 7.00 pm and secondly, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre and grass beside the Adventure Playground, weather permitting at about 7.30 pm.

This evening will be an opportunity for us to gather together in prayer, for Reconciliation and Peace in our lives, acknowledging God's gifts and seeking his strength and then afterwards in an informal way for a chat and a drink as we draw close to Christmas.

For catering purposes would you kindly notify the Parish Office by telephone or email.

With every blessing in Christ, Fr Peter

2015 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The calendars are available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. Sales of the Calendars support the mission activities of the Columbans in poor communities.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available at the Piety Stall. \$4.00 for a packet of 5 cards and \$6.00 for a packet of 8 cards.

Vision

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Mission

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