

ST VINCENTS SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP

Expressions of interest are invited from parishioners to attend a day excursion to Blue Water Lotus Garden, Yarra Junction on Monday 7th March. A group of at least 15 is required to put this event together also 4/5 cars are required for transport. Cost \$25.00 which covers the talk, group garden entry and transport. Please phone your interest by 14th February to Alma Henshall 9379 1047, Therese Dargan, 9379 5661, Eileen Sheppard 9379 7898 or Keith Foletti 9379 4920.

'MELBOURNE CATHOLIC' ARRIVES!

This weekend sees the launch of 'Melbourne Catholic', the new magazine of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It's a larger format monthly with a wide range of quality articles and photos to help readers "encourage, accompany, discern and pray". This month's copy is free, and available in the church entrance. Subscription envelopes are in each copy. We urge you to pick up yours today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REUNION

Maree Poynton (nee Ward) is organising a 55th reunion of the Grade 2 class that celebrated their First Holy Communion in 1961 on the 14th May 2016, venue to be confirmed. Please see Facebook Page: St Vincent de Paul's grade 2 Holy Communion 07 May 1961. Contact Maree at poyntonmaree@gmail or on 0416 098 827

AVE MARIA COLLEGE

Enrolment Applications Year 7 - 2017
Applications for Enrolment for Year 7 2017 are currently being accepted by the College. All families, including families with another daughter currently enrolled at the College, must submit an Application for Enrolment. All applications are considered according to the criteria listed in the College Enrolment Policy. Applications for Year 7 2017 close on 26 February 2016. Late applications are considered in order of receipt. To organise a copy of the College Prospectus, organise a College tour or for further information, please contact the College Registrar, Carmel Brewster on 9331 9308.

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

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass starting again for the year on Friday 5th February.

CARDS AFTERNOON

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Cards in the Parish Centre commencing at 12.15 pm. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRESS

6th & 7th February 2016

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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.*

1941 to 2016 St Vincent de Paul Parish Strathmore Activities for the next six months

Sunday 21st February High Tea 'North Park Mansion' St Columban Mission Society 69 Woodland Street 2.00 to 4.00 pm Gold coin

Sunday 6th March Fun Run Boeing Reserve 12.00 noon Sponsorship
Run for fun and support our School

Sunday 20th March Parish Picnic Brimbank Park Keilor 12.00 - 4.00 pm
BYO Lunch Location - Follow the signs Games and fun for all

Sunday 17th April Mass 10.30 am Mass Celebrating & Remember
the start in 1941 with Bishop Terry Curtain, celebrating our 75 years

Sunday 17th April Tennis Comp St Vincent's Tennis Club Round Robin
2.00 pm Tennis Club A Round Robin event for the 75th anniversary

TBA June Guest Speaker Life of St Vincent de Paul 10.30 am & 7.30 pm
A talk on the life of St Vincent de Paul, our Patron

Friday 22nd July Film Monsieur Vincent & Morning Tea/Supper
10.45 am & 7.30 pm 1947 film on the life of St Vincent de Paul

Entrance Antiphon: O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord..
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Patrick Egan, Bill Hoey

Thanksgiving: **Presbytery:**

Rosters for next weekend 13th & 14th February

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
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Lectors

J Harris	K McCartney	G Johnson
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Special Ministers:

T Dargan, F Ferguson	M Gauci, M Gavaghan	C Johnson, C Picinich
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Offertory:

Volunteer	K Foletti	C & K Lo Giudice
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Counters:

H Tobin, G Cook

Flowers:

C Murphy	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
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Next week's Readings:	Duet 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13	T Giardina
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FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

TUESDAY MASS

The next two Tuesdays, the 9th, & 16th February Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass on these days.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Parish Education Board Meeting in the School at 7.30pm

Thursday: Maintenance Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

MINISTER & PARISH INVOLVEMENT COMMITMENT

This weekend we are asked to consider offering support through various ministries within our community for the next twelve months.

The forms have been emailed and are also available at the back of the Hall. Please consider how you may support one another. You may return the form via the Parish or School Offices or by email by Wednesday 17th February.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The Parish Administration Centre attached to the Parish Centre is now in use. It offers us the opportunity to have a central location for our Parish Administration. The facility offers a reception area, main office, parish priest's office, spare office, interview room and storage/print room. The area between the Parish Administration Centre and the Church will be landscaped when the Church renovations are completed.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Wednesday 10th February commences the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm in the Hall. During each Mass ashes will be distributed as a reminder that we humbly acknowledge our need to be reconciled and undertake penitential acts over the following 40 days. The children from years 6, 5 & 4 will be with us at the 10.00 am Mass. The children in years 3,2, & 1 will have their own prayer and distribution of ashes at 12 noon in the Hall.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. All who have completed their 18th and not begun their 60th Birthday are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat.

Lent is a season of penance, through Prayer, Self-denial and Helping Others.

On the Friday's during Lent join us for reflections on the Passion of Christ in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm.

1941 TO 2016 ST VINCENT DE PAUL

PARISH STRATHMORE

This year begins the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of our Parish.

The first activity will be held on Sunday 21st February 2016.

To begin 'our journey' Come and Share High Tea at 'North Park Mansion'

with the Columban Fathers 69 Woodland Street, Essendon,

across the road from our Church, between 2.00 to 4.00 pm

A variety of sandwiches & petit four together with Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate will be available. Gold coin donation would be appreciated to help cover the costs.

A part of our history there will be Tours of North Park Mansion.

Tickets will be available this weekend.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

During the renovations weekend Masses are being celebrated in the Hall and weekday Masses in the Parish centre. There is a wonderful sense of togetherness as we come together in prayer. Even though we are dislocated over the coming months it gives us an opportunity to consider the important aspects of our life.

Weekly Church Update

The rear internal Narthex wall is being removed to provide a glazed gathering area. Structural supports for this area are being finalised. The sanctuary is covered with scaffold in preparation for the paint due to start on Monday. Pictures of the works this week are also on the notice board in the Hall.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH 1941-2016

The 75th Planning Committee for the celebration of our 75th next year has arranged a series of events to mark this special moment in our history. The timetable is available on our web page and in the Hall.

Vision

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Mission

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