

**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:** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. 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:** Fr Peter Collins SSS, Jack Miller

**Anniversaries:** Bryan Nelthorpe, Jack Kennedy, Alice Kennedy, Keith Wall, Bill Hoey, Ian, Lorna & Jack Randall, Alfred Tormey, Pat Egan, Leonie Knowles, Edward Knowles, Samuel Heasley, Thomas Heasley

**Thanksgiving:** \$2365.00 **Presbytery:** \$1163.40

**Rosters for next weekend**

| 6.00 pm  | 8.30 am  | 10.30 am                     |
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| <b>Lectors:</b><br>J Harris                        | S Boyle  | D Nicol                      |
| <b>Special Ministers:</b><br>D De Silva, M Mollica | M Thomas, P McKay  | A Monaghan, D Meller         |
| <b>Offertory:</b><br>Romano Family                 | N McCartney  | Gaston Family                |
| <b>Counters:</b><br>G Cook, K Porter               | <b>Transport:</b><br>J Fraser, G Johnson, M Sullivan, P Waddington |                              |
| <b>Flowers:</b><br>R Attard                        | <b>Church Cleaning:</b><br>G Group                                 | <b>Linen:</b><br>C Comerford |
| <b>Next week's Readings:</b>                       | Sirach 15:15-20; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37                           |                              |

**FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday:** The Chair of St Peter

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Book Club in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm

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

**Thursday:** Pastoral Team Groups Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Porsha Bates** and **Alexander Bates** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

**SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MISSALS**

The Piety Stall is taking orders for those who wish to purchase a Sunday or Weekday Missal.

**COMPUTER TRAINING**

Fr Peter will provide computer lessons in the Parish Centre on Friday mornings after morning tea, following the 10.00 am Mass, for those interested in the use of computers and the internet. If you have no experience or wanted to improve your skills then you are invited to place an expression of interest, to Fr Peter. Five places are available at a time for about 1 hour. If you are interested please contact Fr Peter and classes will commence for 2014 when we have some participants.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR PREP 2014**

The Enrolment Package is now available for collection from the School Office. Enrolments close on Friday 21st March 2014.

**SCHOOL TOURS** New families are most welcome to attend a Tour of the School on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 commencing at 9:30 a.m. Tours will be conducted by the Principal and will provide a unique opportunity to view the school at work (Tours will be of approximately 45 minutes duration) Bookings not required Telephone: 9379 5723.

Email : principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY**

As we commence the year we are all invited to reflect on ways we are able to assist and support our community through various ministries. Through our generosity we are able to give a little to each other. I am most appreciative of the assistance through the numerous areas of support for our liturgies each weekend and those who clean the Church and linen and provide flowers on the Sanctuary.

I invite you to consider offering to participate through the various ministries outlined on the handout this weekend.

Explore the possibilities, and if you are not sure of what is required then speak with me or someone already involved.

I particularly would appreciate assistance with the Baptism preparation. It is very important that we walk with the families who present their children for the first Sacrament, through the preparation evening, the Rite of Reception and the celebration of the Baptism.

Please take the form with you and return by the 12th February to the boxes in the porches of the Church, School Office or Presbytery.

Explore the possibilities



St Vincent de Paul Parish 2014

Our Parish Theme for 2014 is an invitation to explore the possibilities .....

You may ask what possibilities. There are endless possibilities for all of us, especially as a community. It is very much in our hands as we explore the possibilities.

The Pastoral Plan that is unfolding will offer us the opportunity to explore some possibilities. On Thursday 13th February those who have offered to explore various avenues will meet to begin to break open and unfold our Pastoral Parish Plan.

**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.

***Vision***

*To be a community celebrating Christ in Life*

***Mission***

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

**SISTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATION OF 175 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA – MELBOURNE CELEBRATION**

Saturday 22 March, 10am. On 31 December 1838 the first religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity, arrived in Australia from Ireland. To celebrate this important milestone there will be a number of special events during 2014. A Melbourne celebration will take place on Saturday 22 March in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
RSVP: 9306 9555 if you would like to attend.  
More info on all special events:  
[www.sistersofcharity.org.au](http://www.sistersofcharity.org.au)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA**

Saturday 22 February 2014 In February, Marriage Encounter will celebrate 40 years of running weekends in Australia. We would love to hear from couples and priests who have been involved with ME in the past and who would like to gather to share memories, celebrate what has been and hear about ME today, as well as our vision for the future. Join us for a special gathering as we celebrate this milestone. Please spread the word. More info: Helen & Leo Wursthorn or call 9874 6979 or [helenandleow@gmail.com](mailto:helenandleow@gmail.com) for more information.

**ACU SHORT COURSE: CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THEOLOGY**

Wednesdays: 19 February - 12 March 2014, 6pm - 8pm. Learn the basics of Catholic theology with ACU experts, including Dr Joel Hodge, Dr Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegier, Rev Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR and Professor Anne Hunt. Refreshments provided from 6pm. Registration is essential and closes Friday 14 February. Cost: \$20 per person. Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy. Facebook:  
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*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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.

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## SALT & LIGHT

We all know the value of salt and light. In the past salt was a very important commodity used to preserve food and add flavour. Today we still use salt to a lesser degree to do the same, so its value is well known to us and is an essential part of our diet. Light also is so important for without it we cannot see and without would be in total darkness.

Jesus reminds us that we are salt and light to ourselves and those around us.

This year we are invited to continue to build our community as we explore the possibilities for our future. Without your salt and your light we are hindered in our capacity.

In the reading of Isaiah we hear our God reminding us that we are to share our bread and provide shelter, which means that we are to give of ourselves to foster growth in others. Each of us is poor in some aspect, so when we share something of ourselves we are being salt and light to the other and they to us.

What we are then doing is sharing the gifts God gives us with each other.

*Explore the possibilities*

