

### **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.

### **FRIDAY MORNING TEA**

Morning Tea after the 10.00am Mass on Friday 19th December will be the last for 2014. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate and celebrate a Christmas break up. Friday Morning Tea will resume on February 6th 2015.

### **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

### **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.

### ***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***

13th & 14th December 2014

Third 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 - 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.*

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



During this week of Advent we contemplate the joy our loving God brings to us. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us we have been anointed and given the spirit of the Lord. With this comes the responsibility to share, to give of ourselves to those who come our way. May we rejoice because of these wonderful gifts.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul rejoices in my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**Recent Deaths:** Dorothy ViPond, Dolores Renkin

**Anniversaries:** Emanuel, Mary & Louis Zarb, Joe Xerri, Rita Vassallo, Jenu & George Xerri, Carmen Kamizuli

**Thanksgiving:** \$3005.00      **Presbytery:** \$1301.90

**Rosters for next weekend 20th & 21st December**

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> L Capparelli	S McNulty	G Johnson
<b><u>Special Ministers:</u></b> J Mammone, M Mollica	P McKay, R McGowan	C Picinich, L Anderson
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b> T & S Comerford	B Evans	M Galliot
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> P Hill, K Porter	<b><u>Transport:</u></b> J Fraser, M Sullivan, P Waddington	
<b><u>Flowers:</u></b> A Henshall	<b><u>Church Cleaning:</u></b> E Group	<b><u>Linen:</u></b> J Izatt
<b><u>Next week's Readings:</u></b>	2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38	

### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 2.00pm

### **MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION**

This 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.

### **BISHOP ELECT TERENCE ROBERT CURTIN**

On Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, our new Regional Bishop, Terence Curtin, will be ordained Bishop. All are invited. May we also remember Bishop Terry in our prayers and Masses. Bishop Terry will reside at Moonee Ponds beside the Presbytery. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 28th August 1971. For most of his priesthood Bishop Terry has been involved with education at Australian Catholic University, Catholic Theological College and the College of Divinity.

### **ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

The Strathmore Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society would like to express our sincere gratitude on behalf of the people that we assist for the wonderful support the Society receives from the parishioners of St Vincent de Paul. The Vinnies Christmas Appeal will enable us to assist many families and individuals who are encountering difficulties in their lives to experience a joyous Christmas knowing that someone cares. There will be a leaving collection on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st December.

### **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

### **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.

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***To be a community celebrating Christ in Life***

### ***Mission***

***That we strive to maintain a strong sense of belonging  
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