

### **MUSLIM AND CATHOLIC MARYAM MEAL**

Wednesday 25 March, 6.30pm (for 7pm start)  
Catholic Leadership Centre, Victoria Parade and  
Hoddle Street, East Melbourne The meal provides  
a chance for Catholics and Muslims in Melbourne  
to come to know each other as friends. Hosted by  
The Australian Intercultural Society and the Ecu-  
menical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic  
Archdiocese of Melbourne and celebrating the 50th  
anniversary of Vatican II Nostra Aetate and 15th  
anniversary of the establishment of AIS. Held on  
the Feast of the Annunciation, the program will  
focus on the place of Mary the Mother of Jesus in  
our traditions, and also celebrate together the cul-  
tural contributions that Islam and Catholicism have  
made to our society. Cost: \$40  
Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/GYBK](http://www.trybooking.com/GYBK) or call  
0400 978 938 or email to [eic@cam.org.au](mailto:eic@cam.org.au) to ar-  
range payment by cheque or cash on the evening.

### **MENALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND**

Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 March Marist-Sion Col-  
lege, 165 Burke St, Warragul This weekend is an  
opportunity for men to explore what makes them  
feel fully alive. During the weekend, the  
menALIVE team will share about their lives, the  
challenges they face and the hope they have discov-  
ered in seeking to walk this journey with God. The  
weekend offers space for men to reflect and oppor-  
tunities to share with one another about their lives.  
These weekends are powerful and dynamic and  
many men are inspired and encouraged, gaining a  
new sense of purpose. The weekend is suitable for  
all men aged 18 and over. Cost: \$50  
Contact: Deacon Mark Kelly on 0427 748 646 or at  
[mkelley@mscw.vic.edu.au](mailto:mkelley@mscw.vic.edu.au)

### **HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:**

If you are unable to attend  
Mass and would like to re-  
ceive Holy Communion  
please contact the Parish Of-  
fice on 9379 1488 to be  
placed on our roster. Also, if  
you would like to attend  
Mass on Sunday but cannot  
do so due to lack of transport  
we can arrange it for you.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYFROUP**

Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre  
for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fio-  
na McIlldowney 0411 061 978 or just come along.

### **INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:**

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Centre every Friday  
afternoon from 1.30 pm. All welcome, equipment provided.

### **CRAFT GROUP**

Everyone welcome on the first Wednesday of every month from  
10.00 am to 3.00 pm, come along and learn a new skill in the Parish  
Centre. Further details available from Christine Gregory on 9379  
5497.

### ***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 weak-  
ness, 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 gentle-  
ness.

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



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

14th & 15th March 2015

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.*

## **God loved us so much!**

St Paul reminds us in these words: "God loved us so much that he was generous  
with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with  
Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved".

While speaking with Nicodemus (in today's Gospel), Jesus explains his place in  
our own salvation, drawing on history and the events of the Israelites with Moses  
in the desert, to help us today understand what he has done for us. "Yes, God  
loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes  
in him may not be lost but may have eternal life".

These remaining weeks of Lent offer us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the  
impact of the love of Jesus for us, which challenges us to consider where we are  
on our journey. Do we ever consider the sacrifice Jesus makes for us each time  
we celebrate the Eucharist? Look at the sacrifices you make for those you love so  
dearly. Jesus is doing exactly the same, yet more perfectly, for he sacrifices him-  
self each time we gather at Mass and receive Holy Communion.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

**Recent Deaths:** Pam Eckman

**Anniversaries:**

**Thanksgiving:** \$1909.00

**Presbytery:** \$1308.80

**Rosters for next weekend 21st & 22nd March**

**6.00 pm** **8.30 am** **10.30 am**

**Lectors:**

S Crombie K McCartney D Nicol

**Special Ministers:**

M Mollica, G Cascone M Thomas, R McGowan L Anderson, A Monaghan

**Offertory:**

Capparelli Family L & S Sands Scavo Family

**Counters:**

M Schembri, B Tormey J Fraser, M Green, P Waddington

**Flowers:**

D Jones D Group J Izatt

**Next week's Readings:** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

### **FRIDAY MASS**

All are welcome to attend Friday Mass at 10.00am. The Sacrament of Anointing will be offered during Mass.

### **FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** St Patrick

**Thursday:** St Joseph, husband of Mary

### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Liturgy Team Meeting in the Presbytery at 2.30pm

Faith Development Talk in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

**Preps with us at Mass:** This weekend we welcome the prep children and their families to our Masses. Please pray for them.



### **"AN ENCOUNTER WITH POPE FRANCIS"**

Frank Cumbo, Faith, Mission & Liturgy Coordinator, will present an interactive workshop on our current Pope – the man, his message and his mission. This will be a multi-media presentation.

Wednesday, 18 March, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm, in the Parish Centre. Wine, cheese and refreshments offered. All welcome.

Please support this first project of our parish's Faith Development Team. Enquiries: Brian Hanley (03) 9338 9686 or B.Hanley@iprimus.com.au

## **EASTER CEREMONIES**

### **28TH/29TH MARCH - PASSION SUNDAY**

Palm will be blessed during each Mass. Please bring your own and also palm will be available for you.

### **TUESDAY 31ST MARCH - 2ND RITE OF PENANCE**

7.00 pm in the Church. Scripture and individual absolution.

### **HOLY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

7.00 pm Mass with exposition of the Blessed Eucharist till 10.00 pm at the Altar of Repose. Donations of flowers would be appreciated.

### **GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL - THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

10.00 am Stations of the Cross.

3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord– Scripture, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

**Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.**

### **EASTER VIGIL 4TH APRIL - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

6.00 pm Mass including the Solemn beginning of the Vigil, blessing of fire, Lighting of the Pascal Candle, Procession, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism & Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### **EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses

### **Project Compassion Boxes and Envelope Packs.**

Please return your Project Compassion offers over the Easter period. A box will be available at the front of the Church. Thank you for your sacrifices to assist Caritas Australia.

### **THE CHALLENGE OF FATHERHOOD TODAY**

Saturday 21 March, 9am–3pm Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne MenALIVE and the Life, Marriage and Family Office are offering this opportunity for men who take their responsibility as fathers and husbands seriously, to consider some of the challenges that fathers face in our changing world and, importantly, how to respond. Presented by Robert Falzon, co-founder of MenALIVE. Registrations close Wednesday 18 March. Cost: \$35 (includes BBQ lunch and a copy of Robert Falzon's *The Fatherhood Factor*). Register: [www.trybooking.com/GJZH](http://www.trybooking.com/GJZH). Contact: 9287 5576 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au).

*Congratulations to the Children who received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time.*

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### ***Mission***

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