

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them: they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Noel Whiter

Thanksgiving: \$1800.55 **Presbytery:** \$1128.85

Rosters for next weekend

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> L Capparelli	B Henley	M Sullivan
<u>Special Ministers:</u> J Burke, T Dargan	A Henshall, M Gauci	C Johnson, L Anderson
<u>Offertory:</u> Capparelli Family	C Attard	Hannan Family
<u>Counters:</u> A Monaghan, H Tobin	<u>Transport:</u> P Fox, D Nicol, E Sheppard, P Waddington	
<u>Flowers:</u> M Scott, T Galliot	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> B Group	<u>Linen:</u> A Rogers
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Saturday: The Chair of St Peter

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday: Parent Meeting for Reconciliation in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

THURSDDAY MASS

We are invited to join our School community for the Beginning of School Year Mass at 10am.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Declan McIlDowney** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember him and his family in our prayers.

MINISTER'S ROSTERS

Thank you to all who have renewed their commitment to supporting our community during the next twelve months through the various ministries. Thanks also to new ones who have offered to assist in different ways. Together we are able to give something of ourselves generously.

The new roster lists are available through the Church and School this week.

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MISSALS

If you would like to place an order at The Piety Stall for a Sunday or Weekday Missal please do so this weekend. The order will be placed during the week and the missals will be available in the next week or so.

ST COLUMBA'S YEAR 7 2015 SCHOLARSHIPS

St Columba's College is offering a limited number of scholarships for prospective Year 7 2015 students. Details and online application are available on the College website at <http://www.columba.vic.edu.au> Application closing date 14 March 2014.

'R (RELATIONSHIP) DAY' MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY

Saturday 15 March, 9:30am – 4pm An invitation to married couples to give yourselves a treat! A whole day together to *Relax, Revisit, Renew, Rejuvenate, Reconnect, Romance*, and *Rekindle* your Relationship! Throughout the day you will be invited to explore ideas and behaviours which will help build connection, friendship and intimacy in your marriage. Cost: \$100 per couple (Lunch and refreshments included). Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne RSVP: Monday 10 March. Contact: CatholicCare on 9287 5516 to register.

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 for more information.

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 www.sistersofcharity.org.au

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.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH

The season of Lent is not too far away. It is during the Lenten days that we are challenged to reflect upon our relationship with God and each other. Project Compassion is one way that we are able to consider the needs of others especially those who struggle through life.

Vision

To be a community celebrating Christ in Life

Mission

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

OUR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLAYFROUP

If you have preschool children, please join us on Thursdays between 9.00am and 11.00am in the Parish Centre for play, fun and conversation. For further details contact Fiona McIlldowney 0411 061 978 or just come along. NOTE the earlier start time.

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

There is morning tea every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass.

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.

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

Interested in craft and great conversation? 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.

PARISH HALL:

The Parish Hall is unavailable for hire due to School building works. All enquiries should be directed to Catherine Cook on 0424 938 145 stvincent-shallbookings@gmail.com

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 after Easter in the second term (School Year)

Explore the possibilities

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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6th 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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Explore the possibilities in the words of Jesus in our Gospel today:

‘Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them.’

There is an enormous challenge for us to reflect on the law that God offers and the response that we make, both personally and as a society.

We know that we can easily consider what we think we need as being the most important. It is the great human weakness to want to satisfy the self at the expense of the other.

So here is the challenge from Jesus to look to how we live and think. Jesus uses the example of those who say one thing and do the opposite, ‘If your virtue goes no deeper You will never get into the kingdom of heaven’. So in the words of Jesus:

‘All you need to do is say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no’.

Let’s all pray for one another that we have the strength and courage to be strong enough to resist the temptation to give in to the pressure to reject the love of God.

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