

19TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

Sunday 29 March, 1.30pm Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster Come along to witness this amazing and moving re-enactment of Christ's Passion and death. Every year this Passion play, set in the beautiful surrounds of Ruffey Lake Park, is hugely popular. Come along and experience this event for yourself! Entry is absolutely free.
Details: 0409 965 965 or www.passionplay.info

BROKEN NOT BEATEN': THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES

Thursday 16 April, 7-9am 113-123 Queen St, Melbourne Hear former Australian cricketer Rick McCosker tell his story. Rick is perhaps best remembered for the 1977 Centenary Test against England. After having his jaw broken in the first innings, he returned to bat in the second with his jaw wired shut, closing out the match and leading Australia to victory. Rick brings the same commitment and tenacity to life with his family and a long history of service within the Church. Cost: \$45
RSVP: Monday 13 April Bookings: des@menalive.org.au Details: Michael on 0439 172 465

PRAYER SERVICE IN SOLIDARITY WITH REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

PALM SUNDAY 29 March 2015, 1.00 -1.30 pm
Celebrant: Fr Bruce Duncan CSsR
St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne

ANZAC DAY 2015

Centenary of the Anzac Landing at Gallipoli Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral 9:30am Saturday 25 April by Archbishop Denis Hart

ANNUAL MISSION CONCERT

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert- starring Mike Brady - on Sunday 19 April at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2pm. Admission is free - a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist the missions.

PARISH HALL:

The Parish Hall is available for hire. All enquiries: stvincentshallbookings@gmail.com

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

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.



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21st & 22nd March 2015

Fifth 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.*

Jesus reminds us of his sacrifice

These words of Jesus in our Gospel today, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest', speak of the sacrifice Jesus himself is to make.

These words though are more than just related to Jesus. They are words for each one of us. Everyone of us makes sacrifices, we are prepared to give so others will have life. Perhaps the only difference between Jesus and ourselves is that we are not prepared to give so fully and totally. Take a look at your life. Yes, I'm sure you make lots of sacrifices, yet at the same time have limitations. When we take a look at ourselves, which Lent offers us the opportunity to do, we can honestly say that we are not perfect givers. We therefore turn to Jesus as an example and listen to his words in our Gospel today.

Let us pray that we will strive to imitate Christ in the way we give and the way we love. Think of yourself as the grain of wheat which gives of itself to produce a rich harvest, a selfless focus rather than an inward desire for self.

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. Form the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Nell Bence, Gaudence Zarb, Coleman & Margaret Flaherty

Thanksgiving: \$1760.10 **Presbytery:** \$1035.30

Rosters for next weekend 28th & 29th March

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u>		
C Romano	G Delaney	B Hanley
<u>Commentator</u>		
L Capparelli	K McCartney	M Sullivan
<u>Special Ministers:</u>		
Volunteer, T Dargan	M Thomas, A Henshall	A Monaghan, R McGowan
<u>Offertory:</u>		
G Cascone	N McCartney	Gaston Family
<u>Counters:</u>	<u>Transport:</u>	
P Hill, F Burke	P Fox, E Sheppard, P & N Tendam	
<u>Flowers:</u>	<u>Church Cleaning:</u>	<u>Linen:</u>
A Mammone	E Group	C Fox
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15;47	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Annunciation of the Lord

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Victor Cutajar, Indiana Longo,** and **Jack, Abby & Ruby Petrie** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

TUESDAY MASSES

For the next four Tuesdays, 24th March, 31st March, 7th April & 14th April Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am. On these Tuesdays there will be no 10.00am Mass.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

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

Thursday: GodStart Meeting in the Presbytery at 7.00pm

COLLECTION FOR CARITAS TO ASSIST VANUATU DEVESTATION

As the magnitude of the devastation of the Pacific nation of Vanuatu becomes known Caritas Australia has opened a special Pacific Emergency Appeal to respond to urgent immediate needs such as food, shelter and clean water. A collection for Caritas will be taken up today at Notice Time.

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.

MAINTENANCE AROUND OUR CHURCH

The storm water drains have been replaced and pathways repaired around the Church. The leadlight windows have been cleaned and broken glass replaced and frames painted. The fascia and eave linings on the four corners of the Church have been replaced where they had rotted. We have increased the concrete area near the east doors of the Church which will allow for a gathering space, and the lighting in this area will be upgraded shortly.

Now the outside of the Church has been renovated we can move inside. The replacement of the heaters will happen shortly.

Vision

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Mission

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