

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Bryan A'Hearn, Joe Parnis, Louis Zarb, Rita Vassallo, Mary Borg, Carmel Pirotta & Bill Mahony

Thanksgiving: \$2615.00 **Presbytery:** \$1311.90

Rosters for next weekend 30th November & 1st of December

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<u>Lectors:</u> L Capparelli	M Gavaghan	D Nicol
<u>Special Ministers:</u> M Mollica, J Burke	M Gauci, P McKay	R Legudi, C Johnson
<u>Offertory:</u> R & A Hutcheon	N McCartney	V & J Evans/Rogers
<u>Counters:</u> G Cook, P Hill	<u>Transport:</u> P Fox, G Johnson, D Meller, M Sullivan	
<u>Flowers:</u> M Scott, T Galllott	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> D Group	<u>Linen:</u> D De Silva
<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday: St Andrew

MASSES THIS WEEK

On Tuesday and Thursday of this week Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30 am and on Tuesday 3rd December Mass will also be celebrated at 7.30 am, (no 10.00 am Mass) as he will be attending meetings in the Diocesan Centre on those days.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Cards Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

Wednesday: Inter-Church Council Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Rose Casey** and **Maxwell Scicluna** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their parents in our prayers.

MASS OF THE ANOINTING AND LUNCHEON

All are invited to come to St Vincent de Paul Church for the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing and prayers for the sick and senior parishioners of our community. Mass will be celebrated on Friday 6th December at 11am followed by Lunch in the Parish Centre. To help us to prepare for this celebration forms are available in the porches of the Church. Please return the form by the 29th November, to the boxes in the porches of the Church

PASTORAL PLAN UPDATE

We have had a strong response to our recent mail out requesting parishioners to indicate their interest in supporting one or more of the programs in our Pastoral Plan. A sincere thank you to all those who indicated their interest in participating in one or more of the programs. We have good coverage of most of the planned programs, and we are confident that we will be able to launch all eight programs early in 2014. We plan to conduct a briefing session on the Pastoral Plan and related programs for all those who have expressed an interest in participating on Wednesday 11 December at 7:30 in the Parish Centre to plan the way forward. A separate invitation will be sent to all participants with details of this initial event. Any additional participants will also be welcome at any time! Pastoral Planning Team

THIS SUNDAY MORNING TEA FOR ASYLUM M SEEKERS

Morning tea will be held this Sunday after the 10.30am Mass in the Parish Centre. It is an opportunity to meet the Asylum Seeker families living in Strathmore. Please come along as we welcome these new families into our community, as well as catch up with friends and family after Mass.

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

As we draw close to the celebration of Christmas I invite you to come and share an evening together in prayer for Peace and Reconciliation, in our lives, acknowledging God's gifts and seeking his strength and then after our prayer, in the Parish Centre for light refreshments. I invite you to gather with me on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 pm in the Church and then in the Parish Centre or Adventure Playground, weather permitting, at around 7.30 pm. Come and share this evening together as a family and as parishioners together. Fr Peter

STRATHMORE INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL CAROL EVENING

This year the Carol evening was scheduled for St Vincent de Paul. As the Strathmore Uniting Church will close soon we will now hold the Carols at the Strathmore Uniting Church, Cnr Upland and the Crossway, on Sunday 15th December at 5.00 pm. You are invited to share this evening with the members of the local Uniting and Anglican Church communities as we gather in song and reflection on the impending birthday of Christ. Your assistance will be asked next weekend to help deliver a Carol and Christmas service times leaflet for our three local Inter-Church Council Churches.

MINISTER'S ROSTERS

Rosters for all involved in Ministries are available in the east Transcept of the Church .

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*

YEAR 7 2015 ST COLUMBA'S APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT

Applications for Year 7 2015 at St Columba's can be lodged by contacting the College Registrar, Peter Bray, on 9331 9128 or brayp@columba.vic.edu.au to request that an application form be sent. Applications can also be downloaded from the College website at www.columba.vic.edu.au Please note that applications for Year 7 2015 close on Friday 28 February. *School Tours* Bookings for School Tours can be made by ringing Peter Bray or again via the website.

LOURDES DAY MASS 2013

Saturday 7 December, 10:30am The Order of Malta Australia invite you to the Lourdes Day Mass, a Mass for the sick and fragile in our community. To be celebrated by Most Reverend Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Gift bags for all attendees including a bottle of Lourdes water, Rosary beads and more. Wheelchair access by the side door of Albert St - vehicles can approach this entrance. St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Contact: 9926 5730

TYPHOON HAIYAN AID RESPONSE

Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall, has caused widespread devastation in the Philippines and caused significant damage in Vietnam and China. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief in the Philippines. Caritas Australia is responding to the disaster with our partners prioritising emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items (blankets, kitchen items), potable water and toilets. Give generously to the Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. To donate: Call the Melbourne Office (03) 9926 5706 or 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002 or GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.

2014 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The Calendars are available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. Sales of the Calendars support the activities of Columbans working to bring the Good News to poor communities and to make our local Church more missionary.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

The Champion Team at Corpus Christi, Greenvale offer opportunities for spiritual direction, ministry supervision and live-in retreats. The Corpus Christi Community in Greenvale was founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. www.championcorpuschristi.com
Contact: Jacinta Bright 0425 710 797

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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A THANK YOU PRAYER

O God, my Father, thank you for the world in which I live.
Thank you for all the beautiful things in it;
for all the interesting things in it.

Thank you for the life which you have given me.

Thank you for:

My body to act

My mind to think

My memory to remember

My heart to love.

Thank you for giving me:

So many things to enjoy

So many things to learn

So many things to do

So many things to love.

Help me never to do anything which would make the world uglier or people sadder.
Help me always to add something to the world's beauty and to the world's joy.