

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD': ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Friday 4 March, 6am–11pm, Saturday 5 March 6–11am St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne This Lent, Pope Francis invites dioceses, parishes and communities around the world to join him in participating in a time of prayer and reconciliation with the Lord. This time of prayer and conversion is especially poignant in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. With this in mind, we invite you to a Year of Mercy '24 hours for the Lord' event at St Patrick's Cathedral. It will begin on Friday 4 March from 6am to 11pm and continue on Saturday 5 March from 6am to 11am. This event is one of many that are happening around the diocese and serves as a model that parishes might adopt for their own use. The two-day program includes Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Prayers of the Church, Lectio Divina, the Rosary, and other forms of prayer led by various groups in the archdiocese. The program will include prayer intentions for refugees, the sick and elderly, and for peace in the Middle East. Priests will also be available throughout the 24 hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mercy Door at St Patrick's Cathedral will also be open throughout this prayer time. Come for thirty minutes, an hour, or four! Bring a friend. All are welcome! Details: Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or www.cam.org.au/evangelisation

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT, ST JOHN'S CLIFTON HILL

Sunday 6 March, 3pm St John the Baptist Catholic Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill 'A sorrowful mother was standing'. Progetto Corelli: Lacrimosa presents Vivaldi's *Stabat Mater*, marking the Lenten journey and theme of penitence during this Easter season. A bleak but beautiful rendition of the 13th-century hymn, one of Vivaldi's earliest commissioned works from Brescia, Italy. Additional music by Corelli, Boismortier and Telemann. Cost: Voluntary donation. No booking required. Details: progetto.corelli@gmail.com or 0449 870 528

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

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass starting again for the year on Friday 5th February.

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.



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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 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.*

These Lenten Days

The challenges of life are always before us. Perhaps in this reflection we realise that we are never alone, even though we may feel so.

Footprints in the sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But, I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

Please note the new Parish Phone number 9412 8460.

You may also like to visit our Parish Webpage cam.org.au/strathmore

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent says the Lord: the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Recent Deaths: Marie Hassed

Anniversaries: Arthur Randall, Lorna Randall, Ian Randall, Alfred Tormey

Thanksgiving: \$2566.00 **Presbytery:** \$1446.40

Rosters for next weekend 5th & 6th March

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
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Lectors

J Harris	G Delaney	J Pattison
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Special Ministers:

J Mammone	M Gauci	L Anderson, C Johnson
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Offertory:

A Timmins	L Sands	S La Vita
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Counters:

M Schembri, G Delaney	<u>Transport:</u> M Green, D Meller, P Waddington
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Flowers:

L Harrington & L Shannon	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> N McCartney
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<u>Next week's Readings:</u>	Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm

Wednesday: Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 10.30am

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm

Thursday: Finance Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Scarlett Attard, Liana, Sofia & Maximilian Haynes, Ivy Makarucha and Jamison, Montana & Saige Morrell** who were Baptised last weekend. May we remember them and their families in our prayers.

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

During the renovations in the Church our weekend Masses are being celebrated in the Hall and our weekday Masses in the Parish Centre.

FRIDAY REFLECTIONS

On the Fridays during Lent join us for reflections on the Passions of Christ in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP

Due to lack of numbers the visit to Blue Water, Lotus Garden, Yarra Junction has been cancelled. In its place there will be a lunch at Moonee Valley Tabaret on Monday 7th March. Please contact Alma Henshall 9379 1047, Therese Dargan 9379 5661, Eileen Sheppard 9379 7898 or Keith Foletti 97379 4920 to confirm your attendance.

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PARISH STRATHMORE

Sunday 20th March 2016

Parish Picnic

Brimbank Park - Picnic Area B

Keilor Park Drive, Keilor

12.00 to 4.00 pm

Entrance from Keilor Park Drive (Melway B10)

Come along no need to book

A variety of old fashioned games with fun for all ages

Bring your own lunch and drinks - BBQs available

On arrival at the Park follow the signs to our reserved area

COMING EVENTS FOR OUR 75TH CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 17th April Mass 10.30 am Mass Celebrating & Remember the start in 1941 with Bishop Terry Curtain, celebrating our 75 years

Sunday 17th April Fun Run Boeing Reserve 12.00 noon Sponsorship. Run for fun and support our School

Tuesday 21st June at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre & Wednesday 22nd June at 10.40 am in the Hall Guest Speaker Life of St Vincent de Paul, our Patron

Friday 22nd July Film Monsieur Vincent & Morning Tea/Supper 10.45 am & 7.30 pm
1947 film on the life of St Vincent in the Parish Centre

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Weekly Church Update

The painting of the ceiling continues with well over half painted now. The pews are currently being restored in Heidelberg. The modifications to the Sanctuary have commenced and the new lintel in the Narthex will be in place in the coming days. We discussed proposed designs for the new altar this week

Following requests for a copy of the photo of the face of Christ on our Crucifix, a form is available in the Hall to place your order. Five samples are on view. Please indicate if you want colour, back & white, laminated or not. Size are either A4 for \$5 or A5 for \$4.

HIGH TEA

‘North Park Mansion’ with the Columbans las Sunday was a wonderful day. The weather was perfect and over 200 enjoyed the afternoon while visiting the home. The ‘High Tea’ offered a variety of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and fruit all very elegantly presented. The guests were able to sit under the shade of the trees and enjoy the atmosphere and catching up chats. A big thank you to the 75th anniversary Committee who prepared this first event for us all to enjoy. We also thank the helpers on the day and especially the parishioners and friends who came along. A wonderful beginning to our 75th anniversary celebrations.

Vision

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Mission

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