

19th MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY **NOW RECRUITING**

The 19th Melbourne Passion Play is now recruiting cast and crew members for this year's performance. To be held at Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster on Sunday 29 March. Acting roles include townspeople and Roman soldiers. Backstage crew also required. Contact: Director Robert Durai on 0422 130 014 or at robertodurai@yahoo.com
More info: www.passionplay.info

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN **RADIO PROGRAM**

The Diocese of Wollongong's Catholic radio show podcasts are available to download from iTunes. (Search 'Cradio The Journey'.) This Lenten season, you will hear from Sr Hilda Scott, Dr Francine and Byron Pirola, Bruce Downes (The Catholic Guy), Trish McCarthy, Peter Gilmore, Sam Clear and Fr Dave Callaghan. You can also have the show sent to you each week—just sign up at www.radio.dow.org.au so you can listen to the Journey anytime.

GET ORGAN-ISED!

Monday 9 March, 11am–5pm Melbourne Town Hall, 90–130 Swanston St, Melbourne
The City of Melbourne and the Society of Organists present this FREE event to celebrate all things 'organ'. Backstage tours will include a visit to the Organ Museum and experienced organists can be guided through the wonders of the Grand Organ. The day will also include a narration of *Peter and the Wolf* by Red Symons and a Young Organists' Concert. Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/EDEK> Contact: 9658 9658 or grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au
More info: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2015 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 Apr, 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

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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Second 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.*

Listen

We have ears and most of us are able to hear, even though for some of us we may not be able to hear as well as we once did. Having ears means that we are able to hear the noises that are around us. Yet even though we are able to hear, let's assume we all hear, we may not always listen to what we hear. For example do we always listen to the sound of the clock ticking in the room where we are. Do we always listen to the sound of the refrigerator as it cools the food within. Do we always listen to our own breathing. Most of us would say, 'NO'. Even though we hear these sounds we do not always listen. Perhaps we may do the same when someone is talking to us. We hear them speaking, yet we may not be listening to them. It takes a conscious effort to really listen, to hear, what is being spoken.

Today our Scripture invites us to LISTEN and not just hear the Word of God. To trust in our God and know that he always listens to us. The first words of our psalm today reminds us and can be our prayer this week: "I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted'. So may we listen to him as he listens to us.

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Recent Deaths: Monsignor Brian Walsh, Sofronio Salgado, Mary Ryan

Anniversaries: Michael Powell, Jane & Bernard Comerford

Thanksgiving: **Presbytery:**

Rosters for next weekend 7th & 8th March

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
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Lectors:

L Capparelli	M Gavaghan	L Wilson
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Special Ministers:

F Ferguson, J Mammone	M Thomas, A Henshall	L Anderson, C Johnson
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Offertory:

H & R Pless	B Evans	Modica Family
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Counters:

G Cook, H Tobin	<u>Transport:</u> P Fox, J Fraser, M Sullivan
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Flowers:

L Harrington & L Shannon	<u>Church Cleaning:</u> B Group	<u>Linen:</u> T Giardina
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Next week's Readings: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Book Club** in the Parish Centre at 12.45pm

Wednesday: **Craft Group** in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church at 7.00pm

'AN ENCOUNTER WITH POPE FRANCIS'

On Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre our Parish Faith Development Team invites you and friends to 'An Encounter with Pope Francis'. Our guest speaker will introduce us to the man, his message and his mission. More details will follow. Please note this date in your calendar at home.

FR PETER'S IMAGES AROUND THE SOUTH TIROL

Fr Peter will show images, in the Parish Centre from his visit to the South Tirol, North Italy taken during his recent visit next **Thursday 5th March**, at 7.30 pm with wine and cheese. All are most welcome to attend either session, please bring a small plate to share.

PARISH SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP – LUNCH AT FLEMINGTON RACECOURSE

The Parish Seniors Social Group would like to invite senior members of the parish to join us for Lunch at Headquarters Tavern, Flemington Racecourse on Wednesday 11 March at 12:00 pm. A two course meal will be available at a cost of \$15 and transport will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Keith Foletti (9379 4920), Eileen Sheppard (9379 7898) or Alma Henshall (9379 1047). Booking close 28 February 2015.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent, has a twofold character:

- * it recalls our Baptism and the promises undertaken.
- * it stresses a penitential spirit.

Lent is a time of penance, when we are exhorted to devote ourselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny ourselves.

By these means especially, Lent readies us for celebrating the Paschal Mystery (Easter) after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and prayerful reflection.

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

All who have completed their 18th year and have not begun their 60th year are bound to fast.

All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

On all other Fridays, the we are called to perform one of the following:

Prayer: For example:- Mass attendance, family prayer, making the Stations of the Cross.

Self-denial: For example:- not eating meat, not eating sweets, giving up entertainment, limiting food and drink, supporting Project Compassion.

Helping Others: For example:- special attention to those in need, sick, poor, elderly.

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelope Packs are available, for our use during Lent, in the porches of the Church. Another way of making a sacrifice during Lent.

THE EASTER EVENT

This year the Easter Event (organised by the Strathmore Inter Church Council) will take place at the Strathmore Uniting Church from Monday 16th March to Thursday 19th March. Children from local schools arrive at the venue by bus and over the course of 60 minutes the story of Easter is explained to them. Our parish contribution is a 15 minute drama of the Passion of Christ, which is repeated five times per day. We need volunteers to play the parts of Jesus' followers in a narrated performance. All costumes are supplied. Please consider this event as a great opportunity for our parish to be involved in the community while spreading the real story of Easter. We also need volunteers for other aspects of the event, including baking and serving of drinks. If you wish to contribute to this community event, please place your name on the corresponding sheet in the East porch of the Church. Further information is available from Alma Henshall 9379 1047.

THEOLOGY AT THE PUB: 'A LIFE OF WINE AND WITNESS'

6.30pm, Monday 2 March 2015 Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy 18-35 year-olds are invited to hear Tim Kirk, 2013 Winemaker of the Year and Coordinator of the International Council of the Disciples of Jesus, give witness about his journey towards becoming one of Australia's most acclaimed winemakers. Priests, deacons and religious of all ages welcome Contact: Neil on 0409 171 459 or Collin 0438 643 070

Vision

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Mission

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