

**1941 TO 2016 ST VINCENT DE PAUL
PARISH STRATHMORE**

Next year begins the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of our Parish. A year long program has been arranged for us. The first of these will be held on Sunday 21st February 2016.

To begin 'our journey' Come and Share High Tea at 'North Park Mansion' with the Columban Fathers 69 Woodland Street, Essendon, across the road from our Church, between 2.00 to 4.00 pm

The Columban Fathers celebrated Mass and were responsible for this part of North Essendon (Strathmore) from 1923, before Fr Durkin was appointed the 1st Parish Priest in 1946. A variety of sandwiches & petit four together with Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate will be available. Gold coin donation would be appreciated to help come the costs.

As part of our history we will have our 1st Historical Display (1923-1946) & Tours of North Park Mansion.

To cover catering for this event tickets will be available in January

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During 10.30am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, primary school aged children are invited to join us in the Parish Centre for Children's Liturgy of the Word.

During each session the gospel of the day is explored in a way that assists children to understand and make meaning of the message, through stories, pictures and discussion.

All children from Year Prep to Year 6 are welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2016 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for the special price of \$8.00.

***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

MEMORIAL MASS - BISHOP JOE GRECH

A Memorial Mass will be held for Bishop Joe Grech at St Peter Chanel's Church, Deer Park on Thursday 10th December, 2015 at 7.00pm

MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Majellan Christmas Cards are now available at the Piety Stall. A packet of 10 cards is \$6.00.



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First Sunday of Advent

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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.*

Advent

Four weeks to prepare. A time for reflection and contemplation to consider our relationship with our God who came to dwell amongst us, is a special time of the year.

Sometimes I feel as though the true reality of the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, is becoming a secondary consideration in the festivities and signs, the commercialism and focus of Christ Mass. Consider how often you see Christ present in the advertising material the displays around the shops, on television and in the streets? 'Santa' seems to be the greatest presence or a festive or holiday season. How do we keep the true meaning of the word 'Christmas' alive?

We all have a responsibility to make sure that we and our families use these four weeks of Advent as a time of preparation with our focus on the Birth of Christ and the place of Christ in our lives.

May we also pray with and for each other, for peace in our world.

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Recent Deaths: Ursula McKay,
Anniversaries: Bryan A’Hearn, Margaret Tobin, Keith & Cath McCartney
Thanksgiving: \$2885.55 **Presbytery:** \$1496.55

Rosters for next weekend 5th & 6th December

6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Lectors		
S Crombie	K Hill	L Wilson
Special Ministers:		
T Dargan, F Ferguson	P McKay, R McGowan	G Johnson, C Picinich
Offertory:		
R & A Hutcheon	C Vega	C & K LoGiudice
Counters:	Transport:	
K Porter, G Cook	G Johnson, M Green, M Sullivan	
Flowers:	Church Cleaning:	Linen:
R Attard	B Group	C Comerford
Next week's Readings:	Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6	

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Andrew
Thursday: St Francis Xavier

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Card Group in the Parish Centre at 12.15pm
Wednesday: Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 9.45am

TUESDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Mass on Tuesday 1st December & 8th December will be celebrated at 7.30 am. There will be no 10.00 am Mass, as Fr Peter will be attending Diocesan Meetings on those days.

SENIORS ANOINTING MASS AND LUNCHEON

Friday 4th December will be our Annual celebration to acknowledge our Seniors with Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing at 11.00 am followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. Booking forms are available in the porches. Please let those who are housebound know.

EVENING OF PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION & PEACE

As an expression of appreciation for your support of our Parish community this year I invite you to gather with us on Tuesday 15th December at 7.00 pm firstly in the Church for prayers for Reconciliation & Peace in our lives followed by Supper in the Parish Centre. As we are about to commence the ‘Year of Mercy’ you are welcome to gather with us. Please notify the Parish Office by phone or email.

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Below is the timetable of events
You may like to make note of these now

Sunday 21st February High Tea ‘North Park Mansion’ St Columban Mission Society 69 Woodland Street 2.00 to 4.00 pm Gold coin
Sunday 6th April Fun Run Boeing Reserve 12.00 noon Sponsorship
Run for fun and support our School
Sunday 20th March Parish Picnic Brimbank Park Keilor 12.00 - 4.00 pm
BYO Lunch Location - Follow the signs Games and fun for all
Sunday 17th April Mass Celebrating & Remember the start in 1941 with
10.30 am with Bishop Terry Curtain, celebrating our 75 years
Sunday 17th April Tennis Comp St Vincent's Tennis Club Round Robin
2.00 pm Tennis Club A Round Robin event for the 75th anniversary
TBA June Guest Speaker Life of St Vincent de Paul 10.30 am & 7.30 pm
A talk on the life of St Vincent de Paul, our Patron
TBA July Social Function Celebrating together our 75th Anniversary
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
Thursday 8th September School Musical Moonee Valley 7.00 pm Ticketed
School Musical with a 75th Anniversary flavour
Tuesday 27th September Mass Feast of St Vincent de Paul 10.00 am &
7.00 pm with Archbishop Denis Hart, celebrating our Feast Day
Friday 7th October School St Vincent de Paul Day 10.00 am Mass School
Children Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our Parish
Wednesday 2nd November Masses All Souls Day Commemoration of the
Faithful Departed 10.00 am & 7.00 pm School/Parish Remembering
those who have died from our community over 75 years
TBA November Fete Day BYO & Friends In the School Grounds
Friday 2nd December Seniors Mass with Anointing & Luncheon 11.00 am
Mass with the seniors of our Parish with Yr 6 children with lunch to
follow in the Parish Centre

Vision

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Mission

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