



**The Second Sunday of Advent, Year A**  
**6th/7th December, 2025. *You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.***

## Parishes of St Monica & St Vincent de Paul Moonee Ponds & Strathmore

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<b>Sunday Worship Timetable</b>		<b>Weekday Worship Timetable</b>	
SVdP: Reconciliation	@ 5.30 pm & followed by	SVdP: Tuesday - Thursday	@ 9.15 am
Saturday Vigil	@ 6.00 pm	Friday:	@ 10.00 am
Sunday	@ 9.30 am	SM: Tuesday—Friday	@ 9.15 am
SM: Saturday Vigil	@ 6.00 pm	Saturday:	@ 8.00 am
Sunday	@ 8.30 am (Italian & English)	followed by Reconciliation:	@ 8.30 am
Sunday	@ 10.30 am		
Sunday	@ 5.30 pm		

Confession by appointments possible

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### **ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 13th/14th December 2025, Year A**

Mass Times	Readers		Extraordinary Ministers	
6.00 pm SM	J Fernando		L Smolenaars	
6.00 pm SVdP	L Capparelli		B Duggan	
8.30 am	S Letcher	L Mathews	M Ballato	B Healey
9.30 am	J Hurren		L O'Brien	
10.30 am	L Besterwitch	J Trethowan	C Shiu	A De Fazio
5.30 pm	C Taylor		E McMahon	R McMahon

**CHURCH LINEN**  
SM December - M Ballato  
SVdP 6/7 December - Anne Sullivan

**CHURCH VACUUMING**  
SM : TEAM 2 - Thursday 11th December @ 9.45am  
SVdP: GROUP A - Friday 12th December @ 9:00 am

*Please remember in your prayers.....*

**Recently Deceased:** Giuse Le Van Su

**Anniversaries:** Percy & Alec Nicol, Harold Archbold, Daniel Brancatisano, George Szirom, Neville Forster

**The Sick & Seriously Ill:** Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

**Names for the Parish Weekly Update:** If you would like your loved one who has died recently or whose anniversary is occurring to be remembered at Mass and in the Parish Weekly Update, please make sure you have their names into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 3.00pm.

**Baptisms this weekend:** This weekend for the Rite of Baptism we welcome *Rome Pace Vaccaro*, Son of Alexander & Daniela. They are the newest member of our Parish family. Kindly keep the family in your prayers.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

With the introduction of our new Vigil Mass at St Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds, on Saturday at 6.00pm, we are seeking volunteers to serve as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in assisting in either of these ministries, please contact the Parish

**First Sunday of the Month Cuppa this weekend @ SVdP & SM**

All are warmly invited to spend some time with fellow Parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee. After the Vigil Mass Saturday, 6th December, and 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 7th September, join us in our SVdP Church foyer. After 8.30am & 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 7th December, please join us in the Symons Centre at SM.

The Grade 5 students at St Vincent de Paul Primary School, Strathmore, have lovingly made Christmas cards for our parishioners. You are warmly invited to take a card home from the foyer of the St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Strathmore.

**Thank You!**

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parishioners across both parishes who generously gave their time and talents to decorate our churches for Christmas. Your dedication and care have truly helped create a beautiful and prayerful space for our community to celebrate the season.

**Christmas Offerings** • Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the church and in your regular set of envelopes. Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the stipend of the priests of the Parish and in meeting normal household expenses. They also contribute to the support of sick and retired priests, to support priests in needy parishes, and also to support the Archbishop.



**"Working Bee At St Vincent de Paul Parish, Strathmore"** - On Saturday, 13th December, starting at 9.00am and finishing at approximately at 12.00pm. Works to be undertaken- Garden maintenance, repairs to buildings as required, church cleaning/maintenance. This is a great way to get the Church and surrounds looking their best for the upcoming Christmas celebrations. All parishioners are invited to attend. If you can spare some time on the day, your help would be greatly appreciated. For further information contact Gavin on 0490 022 209 or simply come along on the day.

**St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree at St Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds**

Advent is the liturgical season that precedes and prepares for Christmas. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation. During our Advent preparation, we remember those for whom Christmas can be a time of sadness and a struggle. So to bring some joy and love at Christmas to our brothers and sisters in need, we ask you to take a tag from the giving tree. Please purchase the item marked on the tag. Your contribution can then be left at the base of the tree. The Moonee Ponds Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will then make up hampers from your generous contributions and distribute them to those in need. **Donations can be left no later than 30th December 2025.**



**You are warmly invited** to join our **Advent Reflections** each Wednesday morning beginning Wednesday, 3rd December from 10:00am to 10:45am at St Monica's Parish Church, Moonee Ponds and St Vincent de Paul Parish Church, Strathmore. **The Promise-Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Book 2025** is available for purchase for \$7 from the Piety Stall at St Monica's Parish Church or from the Sacristy at St Vincent de Paul Parish Church.

## *Liturgical Readings for Second Sunday of Advent, Year A*

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

**The word of the Lord, R/ Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed forever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R.**

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**The word of the Lord, R/ Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

## **A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**The Gospel of the Lord, R/Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**St Vincent de Paul Primary School 2025 Christmas Carols & St Vincent de Paul Parish - Friday Morning Tea.**

