

# SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA



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## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan, Mary Gobbo,

Helen Findlay, Jen Ditchfield, Rebecca Hogan

Fr. Frank Monaghan P.E.

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.00pm and Irymple 8.30am.  
Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11.00am or by appointment.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 25, 2007 YEAR C

### THIS WEEK:

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10

Ps 90 **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13

Gospel: Lk. 4:1-13



NEXT WEEK: March 4, Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12,17-18

Ps 26 **The Lord is my light and my salvation**

Second Reading: Phil. 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

### Recent Deaths

Ivan Vrban (Croatia) 6.00 p.m. Sat

Rod Lacey (Ballarat), Mons. Patrick Collins (Tatura)

### Anniversaries

Domenico Chiavone 10.00 a.m. Sun

Lee Morello “

Josip Grivec 9.10 a.m. Wed

Antonio Marciano (30 days) 5.40 p.m. Fri

Harry Cornelisson 10.00 a.m. Sat

Elena Callipari, Jim Linehan, Des Byrne,

Mons. Jim Brophy and Mons. Tom O'Brien,

Mary Altmann

**Note to Families requesting special Masses:**

Please let the celebrant know you are present before Mass.

### Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Monday Prayer Group: 2-4 p.m.

Rosary: Monday 6.00 p.m.\*

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Fri. 8.40 a.m.

Meditation: Thursday 7 a.m. Church prayer room

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues. 7.30 p.m.

Scripture Readings: Thur 2/177 12<sup>th</sup> Street 10.30 a.m

Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

\*N.B. Stations of the Cross every Monday night at 6.00 p.m. before Rosary.

### We pray for the sick

Stephen Rosenhart, Maria Florio, Pat & Dennis

Donnellan, John Burton (Bundaberg),

Clinton Salt, Fr. Max Jongebloed,

Robyn Moore (Betty Moore's daughter-in-law),

Shaun O'Toole (grand-nephew of Fay Turner),

Margaret Murphy

### This week we thank:

The Finance Committee

### Weekday Mass Times

*If there is a Funeral Mass the advertised Mass will be cancelled*

Tues: 7.00 p.m.

Wed: 9.10 a.m.

Thu: 9.30 a.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

### Baptisms

Amelia Rose Kalms

### What's on this Week

TODAY (Sun) – CENTRAL WALNUTS BCC

Members, family and friends are invited to a Pool Party & BBQ from 12.30 p.m. onwards, at the home of Pam & Craig, 39 Kiata Drive, Mildura. BYO meat, drinks, salad, chair & togs.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Preparazione dela Pasqua Via Crucis in chiesa. Tutti benvenuti.

Wed. February 28 – 7.30 p.m.

Wed. March 7 – 7.30 p.m.

Wed. March 14, Wed. 21 & Wed. 28 – 7.00 p.m.

TUE. FEB. 27 – SANT'ANTONIO COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Hillman Room at 7.30 p.m. We would love to have more people come and participate. Anyone interested in joining us will be very welcome.

TUE. FEB 27 – CATECHISTS' MEETING in the Hillman Room at the Presbytery at 9.30 a.m. The team urgently need new members in order to continue their great work. If you are able to help please contact Rebecca Hogan at the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

**TUE. FEB 27 - WORLD YOUTH DAY MEETING**  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Fleming Room (Car Park).



This meeting will be setting up a regional committee and to look at registration.

The WYD cross and icon will be arriving here on Saturday, October 20 and will stay overnight.

Stacey Atkins, the WYD Co-ordinator for the Diocese is coming to visit us, arriving on Wednesday, March 14. A BBQ will be held on **Saturday, March 17 after 6.00 p.m. Mass** and all interested parents and students are invited.

**WED. Feb 28 – BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** will be held in the Hillman Room at 7.30 p.m.

**WED. Feb 28 – “MEET AND GREET”**  
**AT ST. PAUL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Do you have a young family and are looking to develop a greater bond with the parish and school communities?**

St. Paul’s Primary School will be running a Meet and Greet morning at the school beginning on February 28 which will run every second Wednesday throughout the school term. The programme is open to any parents or carers with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, providing the children with stimulating age appropriate activities and music. Parents without toddlers are also encouraged to attend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. At each session the parents will be given a short talk on Education, Parenting or Faith issues such as Lent, literacy development, numeracy, VELS, the Sacraments, speech development, etc. Meet and Greet will be held in Room 9 at the school from 9 – 10.30 a.m. and is free of charge and open to all parents and carers in the school and parish community. For further information please contact Naomi Kennedy on (home) 5021 2877 or at St. Paul’s on 5023 4567.

**R.C.I.A.**

We congratulate Elizabeth Powell on taking the next step on her faith journey to being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. Last weekend Elizabeth, in a ceremony at the 8.00 a.m. Mass, signed her name in the book of Baptised Candidates. This weekend her name will be presented to Bishop Connors at the Rite of Election at St. Patrick’s Cathedral when candidates from all over the Diocese are recognised and welcomed in their journey of faith. Please continue to remember her, her family, supporters and the RCIA Team as she takes further significant steps during Lent. The next RCIA meeting will be Thursday, March 1, at 7.30pm in the Hillman Room.

**FRI. MARCH 2 – World Day of Prayer** will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel at 10.00 a.m. All are welcome.

**What’s coming up**

**FARMERS’ MARKET** – at Irymple next Sunday after 8.30 a.m. Mass.

**TUE. Mar 6 – 2.00pm ANOINTING MASS.**

**Other Notices**

**THANK YOU – from Mary Florio**

I would like to thank you all for your prayers, support and phone calls during my recent serious illness. I appreciate your continual support whilst I undergo further treatment. Thank you and God bless you.

**COELIAC HOSTS**

Being able to provide coeliac hosts enables us to meet the needs of parishioners who have this dietary condition. Please let the celebrant know of your presence before Mass so the host can be consecrated.



**HELP WANTED** – Someone to pick up food from a bakery on Thursdays between 4.15 to 5.30 p.m. If you can help please call Tony on 5018 8044. Thank you.  
*St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

**GRADE SIX RECONCILIATION**

This weekend the Grade Six students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take part in a Commitment Ceremony at each of the Masses. We pray for them as they prepare for this Sacrament during the time of Lent.

**COMMITMENT CEREMONY Yr 6 RECONCILIATION**

**Celebrant:**

Children, do you promise to take part with your family and the people of the Parish in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

**Children:**

We promise to take part as best we can.

**Celebrant:**

Parents, Guardians, and Godparents of these children, will you co-operate to the best of your ability in this preparation?

**Parents, Guardians/Godparents:**

We will, and we will encourage the children as much as we can.

**Celebrant:**

Members of Sacred Heart Parish community, will you support these children and their families during this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

**Parishioners:** We will.

## BAPTISMAL TEAM

We need more people to join our Baptismal Team. The team assists with baptisms in two ways. Firstly we help parents prepare for their child's baptism and this involves a monthly meeting at the presbytery. Secondly, we introduce the child, their parents and sponsors to the congregation during Mass and then support the priest at the baptisms after Mass. We are looking for people to help on both these teams. Please contact Rebecca Hogan at the Parish Office if you can help us.

## READERS' ROSTER

Trish Swincer would like to hear from anyone who is happy to take on the reading ministry. Specifically needed is someone to take over a spot for the 5.00 p.m. Sunday Mass. Please contact Trish on (w) 5023 1317 or (h) 5023 6231 as soon as possible.

## ITALIAN AT 8.00 A.M. MASS

Our Parish Team is considering whether to continue having the Gospel and Prayers of Intercession read in both English and Italian at Sunday 8.00 a.m. Masses. Please let us know your thoughts, preferably in writing, either given to the priests or dropped into the Parish Office before Wednesday, Feb. 28, so the matter can be discussed at the parish meeting.

## CATECHISTS

We have a team of catechists at Sacred Heart Parish who provide religious education to Catholic children in a number of ministry schools in and around Mildura. The team urgently need new members in order to continue their great work. If you are able to help, please contact Rebecca Hogan at the Parish Office on 5021 2872. The time commitment is minimal and the work is both rewarding and very much appreciated. The next meeting is in the Hillman Room at the Presbytery at 9:30 am on Tuesday, February 27. All are welcome to attend.

## LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

It is not too late to join a group! If you would like to participate in a Lenten Discussion Group this Lent, **please check the available groups and times at the rear of the Church and contact the Group Leader.**

**Please note:** Sr. Rosemary's group on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. will be meeting in the Prayer Room in the church, **this week only.**

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. On all other Fridays the law of the common practice of

penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

(a) **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.

(b) **Self-denial** - for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, embargo on the T.V. for a night or two during the week, limiting food and drink and giving the cash equivalent to, say, Project Compassion.

(c) **Helping others** - for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Lent lasts from **Ash Wednesday (21st February)** to the **Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive (5th April)**. On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 21st February 2007 and Trinity Sunday, 3rd June 2007 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

## Lent for conversion not self-fulfilment, Benedict says

In an Ash Wednesday homily to mark the beginning of Lent, Pope Benedict described it as an invitation to inner change and said fasting and other Lenten practices are spiritual "weapons" in the



fight against evil, wicked passions and vices. *AsiaNews* reports that in his homily at Rome's Santa Sabina Basilica - first traditional "Lent Station" in which the bishop of Rome also participates - Pope Benedict described Lent as "a journey towards true conversion so as to victoriously confront with the weapons of penance the fight against the spirit of evil". The Pope said that "a heartfelt conversion to God is the fundamental trait aspect of the time of Lent".

He says that the ritual of imposing the ashes has a double meaning.

"The first refers to an inner change, to

conversion and penance," he said, "whilst the second refers to the precariousness of human existence easily seen in the two expressions that accompany the gesture."

Now "we have 40 days to deepen this extraordinary ascetic and spiritual experience", the Pope added, with Jesus himself telling us what are "the useful instruments to achieve a true inner and communal renewal: charity (alms), prayer and penance (fasting)."

Denying that fasting is not motivated physical or aesthetic reasons but stems from "man's need to purify himself from within and detoxify himself from sin and evil."

"It teaches him to accept the beneficial renunciatory practices that free the believer from the slavery of his own self," he added.

"It makes him listen more attentively to God and more available to Him and to serve his brothers. For this reason fasting and other Lenten practices are seen in the Christian tradition as spiritual 'weapons' in the fight against evil, wicked passions and vices," the Pope concluded.

**Lent also time of solidarity with poor**

In another Lenten message addressed to the Brazilian bishops, Pope Benedict said that in focusing the 2007 Lenten campaign on the poor in Brazil's Amazon region, the country's Catholics are called to provide material assistance, spiritual aid and support for efforts to protect the environment, *Catholic News Service* reports.

The Pope's message to Brazilian Catholics, encouraging their participation in the church's annual Lenten solidarity campaign, was released on 21 February.

The Brazilian bishops chose to focus the 2007 campaign on the needs of the poor in the Amazon region.

Pope Benedict said defending the life and livelihood of the region's people includes "the defence of the environment, because this vast territory constitutes a common patrimony that - because of its human, socio-political, economic and ecological reality - requires special attention on the part of the church and Brazilian society."

While material assistance to the poor is a special focus of the Lenten campaign, the Pope also called for new efforts and energies aimed at proclaiming the Gospel in the Amazon region and helping Catholics there grow in their faith.

**Last Week's Collection**

**Weekend February 18**

**Priests' Support** **\$1,352.00**

**Parish Support**

Direct Debit and Credit Cards: 577.53

Envelopes 2,354.40

Loose Plate 326.90

**Total:** **\$3,258.83**

**Our Parish Blessing**

May the Lord, Mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace,  
Courage in every endeavour.

Lift up your eyes and see Gods face  
And Gods grace forever.

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Bless and keep you forever.

**Reflection**

Lent is the springtime of the Church's year. The word itself probably comes from the Old English *lencten*, which refers to the lengthening of the daytime hours (in the northern hemisphere). Spring is a good image for what this season means: new life, hope, joy in the gifts of God that surround us.

'To repent' means basically to change one's mind or attitude. For those who have not done so this could mean to take on board the God-dimension to life, while for those who already have, it might mean to do so at a deeper level. To accept God into one's plan for life will certainly mean a change of some sort.

<b>W/end Feb 24/25</b>	<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>5.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Readers</b>	T. Lloyd	H. Curran	P. Maloney	R. Zalec
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	M. Meredith V. Kidd J. Hall M. Crimmins M. Joseph P. Kelleher M. Roper	E. Frauenfelder L. Belej T. Panuccio D. Brown P. O'Donnell F. Carbone B. Weightman	A. Chalkley P. Kerr B. Bunting C. Maugeri P. Reddy C. McErvale L. Rowe N. Leonardis	W. Finn T. Finn P. Cox M. Ransome F. Virgona
<b>W/end Mar 3/4 Music</b>	N. Armsden Filipino Choir		Italian Choir	M. Guthrie
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 8 – Captain Trevor Aust – 5023 6597			

