



# 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 25, 2007 YEAR C

“TOWARDS HEALING SUNDAY”

### THIS WEEK:

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Ps 125 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

Second Reading: Phil. 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11



### NEXT WEEK: April 1, Passion Sunday

First Reading: Isa. 50:4-7

Ps 21 My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Phil. 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

### Recent Deaths

Sr. Teresa Packer r.s.m., Sr. Michelle O'Bryan r.s.m.,  
Sr. Catherine Tobin r.s.m., Roger Williams

### Anniversaries

Bob Hunt 6.00 p.m. Sat  
Anna-Maree Gerardis 10.00 a.m. Sun  
Deceased members of the  
Pham family (Vietnam) 5.00 p.m. Sun  
Stephen Zvonar 9.10 a.m. Wed

### Commemorations

Holy Souls in Purgatory 6.00 p.m. Sat  
Anne-Maree Greville “  
Smitha Cyril 7.00 p.m. Tue

### 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

Pat & Dennis Donnellan, John Burton (Bundaberg),  
Clinton Salt, Robyn Moore (Betty Moore's  
daughter-in-law), Loretta Hickey,  
Shaun O'Toole (grand-nephew of Fay Turner),  
Les & Michelle Kadziela,  
Kathleen Window-Delaney,  
Roy & Val Nicholls

### Weekday Mass Times

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

Mon. Feast of the Annunciation 9.30 a.m.  
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.

### This week we thank:

The Counting Teams

### Weddings

Scott Brady & Cara Williams  
Brett Nelson & Naomi Erskine

### Baptisms

Dustin James O'Shannessy  
Noah Ashton Veneri

### What's on this Week

MON. MAR 26 – Feast of the Annunciation

Mass will be held at 9.30 a.m.

TUE. MAR 27 -

**Catechists Meeting** – The next Catechist meeting will be on Tuesday March 27 at 9.30am in the Hillman Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**St. Anthony's Mission And Festa**

The next meeting will be in the Hillman Room at 8.00 p.m.

WED. MARCH 28

**Stations of the Cross**

Preparazione dela Pasqua Via Crucis in chiesa.  
Tutti benvenuti. 7.00 p.m.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

This will be held on **Wednesday, March 28**, at **7.30 p.m.** Please phone the parish office on 5021 2872 if you will be attending.

## LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Sister Rosemary's group will meet in the **Prayer Room in the Church on Wednesday March 28** rather than the Hillman Room.

## THU. MARCH 29

### R.C.I.A. 2007/8 Team Meeting

If you are interested in becoming a member of the RCIA team you are invited to a meeting on **March 29 from 5.30pm till 7.30pm in the Hillman Room**. A light dinner will be provided.

R.C.I.A. in the Hillman Room at 7.30 p.m.

## PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

We welcome members of the group to Masses this weekend where they will all share their thoughts about the Passionists Family Group in this parish. The Rocca and Whyte groups will be meeting together on **Friday, March 30 at 6.30pm** in the Hillman Room at the Presbytery.

This will be a social evening and we would especially like to meet any new (or old) parishioners who would like to come along and join us. Please bring along cold meat or fish and salads and drinks to share. For more information please call Jean on 50237561 or Denise on 50211918.

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## What's coming up

### CHOIR PRACTICE FOR VIGIL MASS

will be held in the church on **Tuesday, April 3**, from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. For more information contact Meg Sullivan on 5023 5250.

### MUSICIANS/LEADERS FOR PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 1

All leaders/choristers/musicians of the Parish are welcome to join in the leading of music for Palm Sunday.

## PARISH TEAM NEWS

In the light of the retirement of Mrs. Mary Gobbo, we are advertising the position of Parish Secretary.

## PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are invited for the position of a Full Time Parish Secretary for the Mildura/Irymple Catholic Parish.

Extensive experience with word processing, computer competence, bookkeeping, as well as general office and reception skills are required.

Ability to work in a team situation and attend meetings is important. The successful applicant will demonstrate a commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church.

A Position Description and Application form are both available from CENTACARE, 136 Lime Avenue, Mildura, Telephone: 5021 2475.

Applications close 30th March, 2007.

Please direct all enquiries to CENTACARE.

## Other Notices

### RCIA

Parishioners are asked to continue to pray for Elizabeth Powell as she prepares for reception into the Church at Easter. Elizabeth participates in the Third Scrutiny this weekend and is presented with The Lord's Prayer. Jesus teaches us through the Lord's Prayer what prayer is all about: the worship of God, the coming of the kingdom, our daily needs, forgiveness, and protection from evil.

### NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

On March 26, 1967, Pope Paul VI promulgated the Encyclical "POPULORUM PROGRESSIO" (The Development of Peoples). In it he wrote that 'Development is the new name for peace', advocating that as the root cause of world conflict is poverty, then proper development is a means to peace. He went on '*the progressive development of peoples is an object of deep interest and concern to the church. This is particularly true in the case of those people who are trying to escape the ravages of hunger, poverty, endemic disease and ignorance; of those who are seeking a larger share in the benefits of civilisation and a more active improvement of their human qualities; of those who are consciously striving for fuller growth.*'

*Watch this space – more next week!!!*

### TOWARDS HEALING

Bishop Peter Connors has asked each Parish in the Diocese to use this Fifth Sunday of Lent as an opportunity to celebrate Towards Healing Sunday. Bishop Connors, in a letter to all, apologises for the abhorrent actions of several former priests who sexually assaulted young people within the Diocese. Bishop Connors hopes that Towards Healing Sunday will provide an 'opportunity for us to acknowledge the suffering of the victims and to ask for God's grace and mercy as we commit ourselves to working for the healing of victims, their families, and the wider church community.'

**Towards Healing will be the focus at every Mass in Sacred Heart Parish this weekend. Please take a copy of the Bishop's letter with you when you leave the Church today.**

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## A LITANY FOR HEALING

### Celebrant

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
Protect all children, Lord  
Grant us the grace, Lord

### All

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
With your enduring love  
To protect and nourish the innocent



<b>W/end Apr 1 Passion Sunday</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>	Sr. Pat	J. Foster	S. Op't Hoog	J. Joslyn
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	M. Sheahan M. Meredith V. Kidd J. Hall M. Crimmins M. Joseph P. Kelleher	A. Vartuli N. Zudetich S. Foster S. Visona E. Panetta D. Pemberton L. Welsh	M. Speed E. Garreffa M. Modica L. De Iesi M. Haynes U. Williams P. Opie S. Opie	M. Zema J. Zema S. Walker J. Ribarits R. Rocca P. Rocca
<b>Music</b>	N. Armsden Filipino Choir		M. Guthrie Members of all choirs & all those interested to join in.	M. White J. Ljubic Other Leaders
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 3 – Captain Vince Fundak – 5024 5774			

Following the Parish meeting, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, a proposal for a “Sacred Heart Parish Council” has been established...

### **Sacred Heart Parish Council**

#### **Key Aims:**

- To re-establish the Parish Council Vision and Mission statement.
- To create opportunities for the spiritual development of both the Council members and the wider Parish community.
- To continue to build community within the Parish.
- To create a positive, two-way flow of information between the Council and the wider Parish community.
- To continue to promote the Parish within the Sunraysia community.
- To be a positive support to the Parish clergy.
- To produce a monthly Parish Council newsletter.

#### **Membership:**

The Council membership to be a maximum of 14 members. Some of the members to be ‘ex officio’ while the remaining members to be nominated and elected by the Parish community.

The membership to take into account the following aspects –

- The need for a wide age range, including the youth of the Parish.
- The need for committed people to serve the Parish.
- The need for a range of expertise within the Council.
- The need for a positive gender balance.
- The need for ‘inclusiveness’ regarding the Council membership.

#### **‘Ex Officio’ Members –**

Parish Priest and/or Assistant Priest/s.

One Parish Primary Principal representative.

One Parish Primary School Board member.

Parish Office personnel as required.

One Parish Finance Committee representative.

#### **Nominated and Elected Members –**

Six to eight nominations from the Parish community and voted for by the Parish community.

#### **Tenure of Membership:**

Two years with an option for a second two year term. The initial term for half of the members could be three years, this would enable the Council to initially operate for two complete years before a membership change over commences. After a period of two years then half the membership would change each year.

The change over to be conducted in June/July each year.

#### **Meetings:**

At least ten monthly meetings each year to be held on a fixed monthly date and to be decided by the Council members.

Meeting times to be 7.30 pm till 9.00 pm with an option for another 30 minute extension in exceptional circumstances.

#### **First Parish Council Meeting:**

The initial meeting for the Parish Council to be the first week of June, 2007. Watch the Parish Bulletin for information, advertising and nomination forms.