



# 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 4, 2007 YEAR C

### THIS WEEK:

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



### NEXT WEEK: March 11, Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8,13-15

Ps 102 The Lord is kind and merciful

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

### Recent Deaths

Bert Newman (U.K.)

Fr. Gary Russell (Brisbane)

Trudi Vomacka (Doveton)

### Anniversaries

Helen Grivec 10.00 a.m. Sun

Una Khan “

Elvie McGlynn “

Mons. Jim McInerney, Fr. Frank Bellett, John

Magee, Vin Mugavin

### Commemoration

Elia Chiera (30 days) -Next Sat, Mar 10, 6.00 p.m.

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),

### This week we thank:

**Jen and Rebecca, our  
Parish Workers**

### 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

Olivia Lauren Hickey

Zachary Matthew Hickey

Harry Leonard Knight

Olivia Maria Strubelj

### What's on this Week

**TUE. Mar 6 – 2.00pm ANOINTING MASS in the Church.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Preparazione dela Pasqua Via Crucis in chiesa.

Tutti benvenuti.

Wed. March 7 – 7.30 p.m.

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

**WED. Mar 7 – SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

will meet in the Fleming Room at 6.30 p.m.

**WED. Mar 7 – LITURGY MEETING for Holy Week and Easter** in the Fleming Room at 8.00 p.m.

**THU. Mar 8 – R.C.I.A.** will meet in the Hillman Room at 7.30 p.m.

## Other Notices

### PARISH TEAM NEWS

After much reflection and discussion with those concerned, Mrs. Mary Gobbo, our parish finance officer, has offered her resignation as she wishes to retire from June 30 this year. Reluctantly we respect her decision. Naturally we thank her for all she has been and done as a member of the parish Team during the many years she has served the parish. Mary shall be recognised at a later date, so we as a parish can thank her appropriately. Mary's position will be advertised in the near future.

Faith Education Resources are now available for parishioners to borrow and read. They are kept in the Hillman Room and will be changed every three months or so as material is brought from The Religious Education Centre in Ballarat. Please contact the Parish Office for further information and access to the library.

There will be no Bingo on Holy Thursday night as we shall be conducting Ceremonies in the church that night.

Planning of funerals was discussed and it is hoped to conduct a few sessions on the preparation of funeral liturgies, grief, death and bereavement. Further details will be given as materials come to hand.

### ST. ANTHONY'S MISSION AND FESTA

This year the mission will commence on Monday evening, June 11 and conclude on Sunday, June 17 with 10.00 a.m. Mass, followed by the Procession, lunch and entertainment for all in Sacred Heart Hall.

Fr. John Pagnin, a Scalabrinian Father, will conduct the Mission.

Following a successful meeting this week, a new committee has been formed and the executive elected:

**President:** Bruno Callipari,

**Secretary:** Sam Iamarino

**Treasurer:** Luigi Iesi.

**Entertainment Office:** Clem Carlucci

**Catering Director:** Vittorio Carlucci

**Chaplain:** Fr. Tom

Further enquiries can be made by contacting one of the committee.

More details will be published as they come to hand.

### MISSING!!

The Baptismal Team is concerned about the disappearance of five white hand towels used during Baptismal ceremonies. If you have inadvertently taken one home to clean, would you please return it. Thank you.

### SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Just a reminder for the leader of the Special Ministers of the Eucharist to remain after Mass and clean the vessels in preparation for the next Mass. Assistance from others rostered would be appreciated. Thank you.

### RCIA

Parishioners are asked to pray for Elizabeth Powell, our RCIA candidate, as she prepares for reception into the Church at Easter. She will be participating in special rituals in the lead up to Easter. The first of these will be held next weekend. The ritual is called the First Scrutiny and Elizabeth will be presented with the Creed.

### RCIA 2007/2008

The next RCIA program will commence in June 2008. Public notices will be appearing in The Sunraysia Daily from April. We are looking for new team members to journey with those who choose to learn more about the Catholic faith. It is a wonderfully rewarding experience and provides opportunities for the growth and development of one's own faith. A degree in theology is not necessary! If you are a committed Catholic who would like share your faith with those who are contemplating becoming Catholic you are well suited to the role. If you are interested in joining this team please contact Rebecca Hogan at the Parish Office.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 – WYD08



The official launch of WYD 2008 within the Sunraysia region will be on Saturday, March 17, 2007. The World Youth Day Coordinator for the Diocese, Stacey Atkins, will be in Mildura for several days prior to the launch to talk to students at a number of schools. She will promote WYD08 and talk to people about how they can get involved. It will be an exciting weekend for our parish. The official launch will take place at the 6pm Mass and will be followed by a BBQ dinner. It will be a great opportunity to meet other young people interested in participating in this momentous event.

Stacey and the WYD committee are also currently coordinating opportunities to create awareness to involve youth within our region to participate in events leading up to WYD 2008 including *Journey of the Cross* in October 2007 where Mildura/Merbein is the first Victorian town for the Cross to visit.

We look forward to seeing you at the launch on Saturday, March 17.

## 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.*

**THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL** invite you to sample their Australian spirituality magazine *Terra Spiritus!* Available online at [www.terraspiritus.com.au](http://www.terraspiritus.com.au), *Terra Spiritus* is a new Australian Catholic web site that provides a rare space for engagement with the Spirit in our lives, inspiring its readers to a renewed and refreshed experience of Christian spirituality. It also offers a range of articles on spirituality, reflections on prayer and relationships, meditations on Scripture, and even an online chapel. A subscription to *Terra Spiritus* will make an ideal gift for family or friends.

## ITALIAN AT 8.00 a.m. SUNDAY MASS

Thank you for the many responses to the question of whether to continue having the Gospel and Intercessions read in Italian at 8.00a.m. Masses. Our Parish Team has read and discussed these and decided that, in the light of us becoming a more multi-cultural Parish and there being less Italian-only speakers at 8.00a.m. Mass, we will have the Gospel and Intercessions read only in English at this Mass from now on. The Italian Mass sheets – *La Messa Festiva* - will continue to be available at all Masses for those who wish to use these. Instead of at the 8.00a.m. Mass, the reading in Italian of the Gospel and Prayers of the Faithful will now take place at the 10.00a.m. Mass on Sundays when the Italian Choir sings (generally the first Sunday of each month).

## 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.

## CATECHISTS



We urgently need catechists to work with children at Mildura South Primary School. A group of Grade 2 children need a catechist on a Thursday afternoon from 2 till 2.30. Grade 5 and 6 children need a catechist who is able to work with the children in two sessions on a Thursday afternoon, from 2 till 2.30 and then 2.30 till 3. If you can spare the time please consider helping the Catechetic team, otherwise the Catholic Religious Education Program for these children at Mildura South will be cancelled. If you are able to help with this program please contact Rebecca Hogan at the Parish Office.

## GRADE 6 RECONCILIATION

There are approximately forty-five Grade Six children in our Parish who are preparing for the Year Six Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask parishioners to pray for these children during their time of preparation.

## PROJECT

### Compassion

God calls us to have courage during the journey of our life. This week Project Compassion focuses on Luisa, an East Timorese woman who has become a counsellor in her community. Luisa is from Dili. During the struggle for independence in 1999 her husband was killed and her home was burnt to the ground by militia.

Caritas has provided training in trauma counselling to support survivors of violence and sexual assault. In addition, Caritas Australia, in partnership with PRADET Timor Lorosae, has built a safe room at Dili National Hospital. This is a place where survivors of domestic and sexual violence can go to undertake medical and forensic examinations in privacy. Caritas also develops and distributes brochures in the local language to promote the service.

Luisa now works as a counsellor at the safe room. She conducts training for the community and provides information on how communities and individuals can assist survivors of violence. Your donation to Project Compassion will allow Caritas Australia to continue to provide support for the people of East Timor as they rebuild their lives.

### Last Week's Collection

#### Weekend February 25

<b><u>Priests' Support</u></b>	<b>\$1,339.00</b>
<b><u>Parish Support</u></b>	
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	577.53
Envelopes	2,371.70
Loose Plate	338.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,287.73</u></b>

YEAR 1 PLANNED GIVING 2006-7	
First Quarter	29.10.06 – 21.01.07
Second Quarter	28.01.07 – 22.04.07
Third Quarter	29.04.07 - 22.07.07
Fourth Quarter	29.07.07 – 21.10.07

**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

Three of the activities which have become associated with Lent are prayer, fasting and alms-giving. Prayer is simply moving towards God who is already close to us. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to do this all the time and not to lose heart. The Gospels present Jesus to us as

someone who gave prayer an important place in his life. No matter how far removed from God we may think we are that gap is bridged when we begin to pray.

There are many kinds of prayer: public and private, spoken and silent, calm and passionate, confident and demoralised. The psalms provide us with examples of all of these. There was no human situation which wouldn't allow the psalmist to call out to the Lord. Today there is no life situation which can prevent us from raising our minds and hearts to God.

### ROSTER

Please note that the Roster below covers this weekend and the following weekend. From next weekend, March 10/11, the Roster will detail those on duty for the next weekend, thereby giving everyone a week's notice that they are on duty. Apologies for the confusion which has resulted over the last few weeks.

<b>W/end Mar 3/4</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>	C. Ellis	A. Wilkinson	J. O'Bryan	T. Finn
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	S. Tisler K. Girke S. Girke L. Roden J. De Jong H. De Jong M. Capogreco	G. Scopacasa M. Scopacasa B. Dolence M. Flinn Sr. Grace Rogers M. Mazza A. Vartuli	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 J. Rocca P. Rocca
<b>Music</b>	N. Armsden Filipino Choir		Italian Choir	M. Guthrie
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 9 – Captain George Dolence – 5023 7993			
<b>W/end Mar 10/11</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>	L. Crouch	R. Collins	R. Byra	M. Tobin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	L. Gooch K. Burns A-M. Greville M. Sheahan M. Meredith V. Kidd J. Hall	S. Foster S. Visona E. Panetta D. Pemberton L. Welsh M. Gobbo N. Zudetich	N. Lewis N. Pardo S. Hermans R. Barbary I. Barbary T. McNamara R. Byra M. Grivec	W. Finn T. Finn P. Cox M. Ransome F. Virgona
<b>Music</b>	M. Liesman L. Crouch M. Schmidt		M. Sullivan B. Lewis J. O'Bryan	M. Hammond J. Ljubic All welcome
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 10 – Captain Brian Grogan – 5021 2099			