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Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan,
Gladys Abriani, Jen Ditchfield, Rebecca Hogan
Fr. Frank Monaghan P.E.

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT 9TH, 2007 YEAR C

THIS WEEK: TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

First Reading: Wis 9:13-18

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Lk 14:25-33



NEXT WEEK: TWENTY FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

Gospel Lk 15:1-32 or Lk 15:1-10

Anniversaries

Fr. Gerald Joyce	Sun 10.00a.m.
Elisabetta Pollifrone (30 days)	Tues 7.00p.m.
Nicola & Gino Squillace	Tues 7.00p.m.
Luigi Resta	Tues 7.00p.m.
Luigi De Angelis	Tues 7.00p.m.
Stephano Batissta	Tues 7.00p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	Fri 5.40p.m.
Frs. Jack Russell & Edward O'Bryan, Ella Franklin, Kevin Altman.	

Note to Families requesting special Masses:

Please let 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 12th Street 10.30 a.m.

Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Times

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

Tue:	7.00p.m.
Wed:	9.10 a.m.
Thu:	9.30 a.m.
Fri:	5.40 p.m.
Sat:	10.00 a.m.

(Hillman Room)

We pray for the sick

Brian Taggart, Stephen Rosenhart (Henrietta's Br.)
Nghiem Nguyen (Bin & Cat's Grandma) Pat Donnellan,
Leonie Prentice and Emily Wells.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to all those who are celebrating their final step in their Christian initiation through the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend. We share your joy on this occasion and ask God to richly bless you today and for the rest of your lives. The children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend are:

Taylor Adams, Jacob Aiello, Dave Antony, Vinu Antony, Klaudia Audino, Nick Binney, Samantha Binney, Angus Bock, Tain Byrne, Daniel Byrnes, Bethany Carfora, Liam Carfora, Cassandra Circosta, Nando Cirillo, Emma Clohesy, Rebecca Clohesy, Tavis Collins, Tyler Costa, Isabella Dal Farra, Kaitlin De Iesi, Marcus De Rosa, Louise Dichiera, Nicholas Dichiera, Madeleine Ditchfield, Montana Fox, Jackson Fumberger, Ben Galbraith, Brodie Harding, Molly Healy, Timothy Hill, Madeline Hogan, Darcy Hogarth, Declan Hurle, Laura Johnston, Meagan Johnston, Tayla Kane, Chloe Leamon, Antonetta Mammone, Ashlee Marlais, Chelsea Marlais, Jonathon Murphy, Courtney Nesci, Niccola Nigro, Georgia Niutta, James Nugent, Jack O'Donnell, Holly Palazzo, Molly Power, Codi Ryan, Alex Sevdalis, Joseph Spagnolo, Kieran Walker and Thomas Ziska.



Congratulations

To Siobhan Kelleher who celebrated her First Eucharist last weekend.



First Eucharist

First Eucharist celebrations take place this weekend at the 6 pm Mass on Saturday, and at the 8 am, 10 am and 5 pm Masses on Sunday. The Sacrament will be celebrated at Irymple at the 8.30 am Mass.

Next weekend First Eucharist celebrations will take place at the 6pm Mass on September 15 and at the 10 am Mass on September 16.

Thank You

The Parish Team would like to thank all those who have assisted with or contributed to the First Eucharist celebrations and have helped make it a grace filled event in our parish.

Our gratitude to: the parents, caregivers and sponsors of the First Communicants who have helped the children prepare, the staff from St Paul's and Sacred Heart schools, the Children's Liturgy leaders, the Sisters of Mercy who checked all the worksheets, the musicians, those who care for the Church and its grounds is extended to our sacristan, and you, the parishioners who have supported the children in prayer.

Thank you to you all.

What's on this Week

Central Walnuts BCC

Members, family & friends are invited to **Maisey & Fonse Taggart's house 4 Kookaburra Crt Sun 9th Sept 12.30p.m.** BYO Finger Food & Drink.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL LADIES GROUP

Meeting Tues 11th 2p.m. in the Hillman Room. Could all ladies *please bring along a gift* for the Oaks Day Raffle.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Meeting Thurs 13th Sept. 7.30p.m. with Stacey Atkins attending in the Fleming Room.



RCIA

Meeting Thurs 13th Sept in the Hillman Room
Topic: The Bible and the Church.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy *will not* take place this weekend or next weekend as we are celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist in the parish. Children's Liturgy will resume in Term 4 on Saturday October 13th at the 6 pm Mass.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP.

Please note that the next gathering of the **Passionist Family Group will be held on Sat 15th Sept. at 7 o'clock at the Vines Retirement Village.** Hosts will be Jenny & Ric Lynch who are organising a games night. Please bring a baby photo of yourself and a plate for supper. For more information please call Jenny or Ric Ph: 50210384 or Jean on 50237561. New members welcome to join us.

What's on next Week

Finance Meeting Tues 18th Sept at 12.30p.m. in the Hillman Room.

Parish Council Tues 18th 7.30p.m. Hillman Room
Any matters you would like raised please contact the Office or a member of the Parish Council..

Coming Together

Wed 19th Sept at 2.00p.m. or 7.00p.m. in the Hillman Room. Join together and share our journey with God.

God start

Meeting Thurs. Sept 20th 4.15p.m. in the Hillman Room. All Welcome.

WANTED: People to help send Birthday Cards to children who have been Baptised in our Parish. For more information please contact the Office.

OTHER NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE -----PLEASE NOTE:
The Parish Office will be closed Friday 14th Sept due to staff training in Ballarat.

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Bishop Peter Connors formally announced the establishment of the **new website for the Diocese of Ballarat.** www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS



Warracknabeal/Hopetoun Catholic Parish Priest Fr. Peter Claridge recently celebrated a special milestone, 40 years in the priesthood.

BCSF APPEAL

The **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund** provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fourteen retired priests, at a cost of over \$150,000 per year. You may place your envelopes on either collection this weekend.

Last Week's Collection

Weekend June 9/10

Priests' Support	\$ 1618.00
Parish Support	
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	\$ 577.53
Envelopes	\$ 2113.20
Loose Plate	\$ 801.20
Total:	\$ 3491.93

A VOTE for all US
www.acbc.catholic.org.au

The second key issue extract from the Catholic Bishops Conference statement on the forthcoming federal election follows.

FAMILY

Families are the basic cell of society.

At a time when family life is subject to unprecedented pressure, families must be supported in every possible way. There must be legal recognition of the unique nature of marriage between a man and a woman, and proper protection for the rights of children.

Tax arrangements and social service support nets should be aimed at strengthening families and reducing the pressures on them.

Industrial laws must also support family life by ensuring a fair wage fixing system, an adequate minimum wage, proper protections for workers' conditions and fair compensation for the working of unsociable and un-family friendly hours. The proper balance between the rights of the employer and the rights of the employee always needs to be maintained. We call for a 'fair go' for all and an industrial relations system which supports the nation's greatest asset – its families.

❖ *Another extract will be published next week.*

A Reflection for the Week

Our day-to-day living can include any number of pressures, conflicts and difficult interactions with others, along with many good times. Each of these moments is an invitation to encounter God and seek God's will. If, as we believe, God participates in every moment of every day of our lives, then it is a simple matter of our becoming aware of God's presence in the moment. - Joanna Coleiro, FSP



CHILD PROTECTION

This weekend at the conclusion of Child Protection Week the National Committee for Professional Standards (NCPS) is launching an Awareness Raising Program which invites all people in our church to be involved in creating a safe community and preventing abuse.

OUR CHURCH

A SAFE COMMUNITY

A SHARED COMMITMENT

The aim is to ensure that all communities and organizations within the church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults. To help us appreciate our role in this program the NCPS has provided us with a card explaining its aims. Please collect from the church foyers. The card message follows.



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Each person in every Catholic Church community is asked to become involved in a new program to make our church a safe community for all by working to prevent abuse.

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WHAT CAN EACH OF US DO?

- Respect the dignity of each child, young person and adult in the community
- Be aware of the possibilities of abuse, not overly suspicious
- Trust our instincts, avoid gossip and consult with appropriate persons
- Be open to acquiring a deeper understanding of the harm caused by abuse
- Undertake willingly the checks required by State and Church agencies
- Abide by Codes of Conduct and follow conscientiously Risk Assessment procedures
- Work to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community
- Make a personal commitment to

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 God's face
 And God's grace forever.
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WELCOME

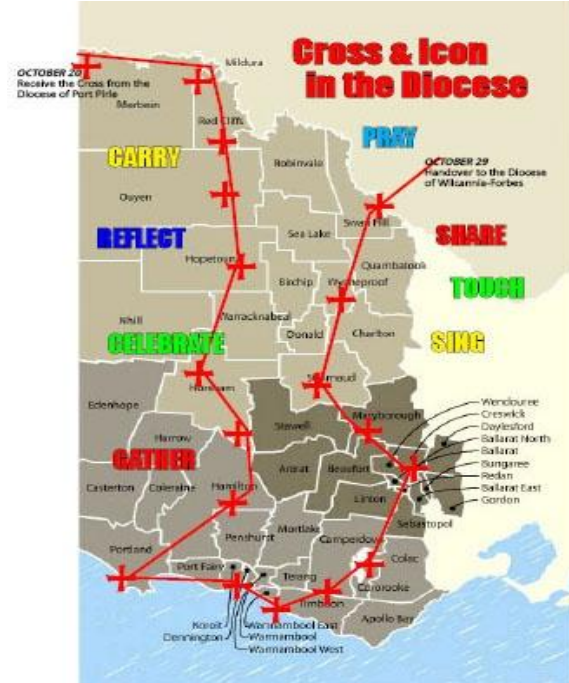
This weekend we would like to welcome all new parishioners to Sacred Heart Church.



Cross & Icon Timetable

"AWAKENING CONNECTIONS"

The Journey of the Cross and Icon in our Diocese



GOSPEL Next Weekend 24th Sunday

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained.

'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So spoke this parable to them:

What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say. "I have found my sheep that I lost."

In the same way I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say. "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.

This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	C Ellis	B Dolence	S/E Opie	R Zalec
Eucharistic Ministers	A-M Greville M Sheahan M Meredith V Kidd J Hall M Crimmins M Joseph	M Finn Sr. Grace Rogers M Mazza A Vartuli N Zudetich S Foster S Visona	A Chalkley P Kerr B Bunting C Maugeri C McErvale L Rowe N Leonardis	W Finn T Finn P Cox M Ransome F Virgona R Antony
Music	M Guthrie		M Sullivan L Lynch Talia Fainga' Anku	N Armsden J Marci A Treloar
Counting Team	Team 6 Captain Peter Adair – 50235193			

Sept 15/16th	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	L Crouch	H Curran	C Conway-Weel	T Finn
Eucharistic Ministers	P Kelleher M Roper S Tisler K Girke S Girke L Roden J DeJong	E Panetta D Pemberton L Welsh E Frauenfelder L Belej	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
Music	M Leisman L Crouch M Schmidt		M Guthrie L Lynch	M Whyte J Ljubic Other Leaders
Counting Team	Team 7 Captain Alan Chalkley – 50221746			