



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan,
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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.

16th March 2008 Passion Sunday Year A

THIS WEEK: Year A Passion Sunday

First Reading **Is 50:4-7**
Psalm **Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**
**My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?**
Second Reading **Phil 2:6-11**
Gospel **Matthew 26:14-27:66**

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 23rd March Easter Sunday

First Reading **Acts 10:34, 37-43**
Psalm **Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**
**This is the day the Lord has made; let us
rejoice and be glad.**
Second Reading **Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8**
Gospel **Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35**

Recent Deaths: Gino Ghidinelli, Anne Kelly
(Warrnambool), Betty Castle (Ballarat/Mildura) Edna
Richards (Toorak).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sat 6.00pm. Fr. Phil Crosbie, Joyce family members,
Murnane family members.

Anniversaries:

Ron Window, Peter Andriske, Sylv Healy, Mona Nihill,
Nance O'Connor.

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: Thurs 2/177 12st -10.30a.m.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS OUR SICK:

Theo Van Kooten, Joy Englefield, Rosalind Devassy Parakkal
(India) & Brian Blessner.

This Sunday, 16th March we welcome into God's family, *Dante
Domenico Frasca & Giuseppe Niutta* and also into our Parish
Community as they receive the sacrament of Baptism.

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

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Terry Murphy 50233056 Fr. Tom Brophy 50212872, Fr. John Monaghan
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REFLECTION

Palm Sunday 16 March

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66
Images of suffering, rejection, death and glory are woven
into today's scripture readings. Engaging these images
leads to the reality of the Lord's imminent passion, death
and resurrection as we commence the final phase of our
Lenten journey. Psalm 21 is both comforting and
challenging as the Psalmist exhorts us to place our trust in
the Lord. In this trusting relationship we experience God as
our friend and Saviour!

Our encounter with Antansio in our story from Fiji fills us
with hope! Antansio and other young farmers from the
island of Taveuni have greatly benefited from the Tutu
project launched in 2004 by the Marist Training Centre.
Caritas Australia proudly supports this project which aims
to
assist young farmers to move beyond social
disempowerment to professional productivity, self
employment, enhanced self-respect, confidence and the
development of human strategies in
terms of future planning.

With thanks to Theresa Taylor for writing these Reflections

LENTEN BANNERS

*The final and 6th Sunday of Lent is Passion Sunday. This
panel recalls the time when Jesus had eaten for the last
time with his disciples and shows his journey to the cross.
The cup at the bottom of the panel represents the last
supper. The roadway represents the pathway from the last
supper to the crucifixion. The roadway is red to show the
blood from the pain and suffering Jesus must have felt
during his arrest, trial and crucifixion. The spike symbolise
the crown of thorns placed on his head. The gray
background is a somber colour and has been used for this
reason to represent death and mourning.*

Brian Grogan 50211209, Cornelia Conway-Weel 50234567, Sr. Rosemary
Graham 50231841, Peter O'Donnell 0429104225,
Veronica Chong 5023 1362.



give them an opportunity to reclaim their lives from the depths of poverty. This week's story comes from Fiji where Caritas Australia is supporting Antanasio and other young farmers from the island of Taveuni with basic skills training to move beyond subsistence farming. Your donation to Project Compassion will support vital agricultural programs in communities such as Antanasio's.

Sacred Heart Parish of Mildura in conjunction with

St Joseph's Parish Redcliffs

Would like to invite

[ALL PARISHIONERS](#)

to a

[TWILIGHT RETREAT](#)

Facilitated by Sr Veronica Quinn sgs from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

WHEN: Monday 17th March, 2008

WHERE: St Joseph's Catholic Church REDCLIFFS

TIME: 6.30 pm till 8.30 pm

Transport is available please phone the Parish Office.

Women's Day of Reflection Open Invitation

The Sacred Heart Parish of Mildura would like to invite you
(women of all ages in your parish and school community) to a

[WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION](#)

facilitated by Sister Veronica Quinn from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

WHEN: Tuesday 18th March, 2008

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church

TIME: 9.30 am till 3.00 pm

Please bring a plate of Lunch to share.

Women of all ages coming together for prayer, quiet time and faith sharing

A quiet place

is something one doesn't find often enough in today's world. Yet, it's vital to those seeking to deepen their awareness of God to explore Christian spirituality and to investigate their own lives. In responding to God's presence, one finds a joy and peace that only solace can bring.

Come and join us.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Will be held in the Church on Tuesday 18th 5.00p.m. for the 10.00a.m. Mass Easter Sunday. All Welcome.

FINANCE MEETING

Tues 18th 12.30p.m. Hillman Room

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tues 18th 7.30p.m. in the Hillman Room.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:

Will be picnicking at the Murray / Darling Rivers Junction, Wentworth on Sunday March 30th, 12.30 pm. BYO everything.

Tour de Murray – Sunday March 30th.

The community is invited to a Family Walk 7.5km along the Murray River from Tennis Club to Apex Park and return commencing at 10.30a.m. followed by a BBQ lunch at the Mildura Tennis Club.

Entry forms available from: *Mallee Family Care* 122 Ninth St Mildura.

[ST VINCENT DE PAUL](#)

The Vincentian Family World Youth Team want *scarves and beanies* knitted for the participants coming to Sydney from Pacific Countries. The Sacred Heart Conference here in Mildura is looking for people to *knit or to donate wool*.

Scarves, beanies, or wool may be left at the Lime Street St Vinnie's Store or the Presbytery Office or contact Sr Patricia Fitzgibbon

Ph: 5021 5486 for collection.

Patricia Fitzgibbon rsm.



Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support –	\$1579.00
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	\$ 577.53
Envelopes	\$2166.00
Loose Plate	\$ 481.05
Total Parish Support:	\$3224.58
<i>Project Compassion to date</i>	\$ 1825.05

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated just over \$1 million to this cause.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

[Envelopes will be available in the Church.](#)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Please pray for David Pemberton, Talia Fainga' Anuka, Lisa Peddie, David Post and Natalie Khans as they are preparing to be baptised &/or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Mass of the Oils

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 7.30pm on Monday 17th March 2008. This Mass has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2008, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration.

Quote

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song!"

[Pope John Paul II](#)

SISTERS OF MERCY CELEBRATE 290 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Recently, the Sisters of Mercy, Ballarat East, came together to honour the lives of five of their Sisters who celebrated Golden (50 years), Diamond (60 years) and Platinum (70 years) Jubilees of Religious Profession as Sisters of Mercy, Ballarat.

Sisters Anne Gargan, Rita Hayes, Monica Butler, Maureen Healy and Tricia Vagg have lived and worked in schools, parishes and in social work in the Ballarat Diocese and beyond for a total of 290 years.

Some of the parishes that would know of the work of these Sisters are Ballarat East, Ballarat North, Birchip, Charlton, Donald, Edenhope, Harrow, Mortlake, Robinvale, St. Arnaud, Sebastopol, Warracknabeal, Warrnambool, Wendouree, and Wycheproof. The work of Centacare has also benefited from the presence and contribution of some of these Sisters. Their lives as Sisters of Mercy have touched thousands of people from all walks of life. We congratulate them and thank them for the contribution that they have made in the places they have been.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

121 Days to Go.

The Cross and Icon reach Parramatta this Sunday and will arrive in Sydney Holy Thursday for Easter.



Gospel Reflection-Passion Sunday Year A

(Matthew 26:14-27:66)

Capital punishment is abhorrent to most of us, particularly when a just person dies for specious reasons or to political ends. That's what confronts us in today's gospel, though the gospel writers pay little attention to the details of the death and suffering of Jesus. They are much more interested in the meaning of these events.

The Romans execute Jesus outside Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who have travelled there for the Passover festival. For Jesus' friends and followers, every

subsequent Passover will be celebrated in the light of his public execution. They share their

memories and reflect on the meaning of his shameful death in the light of their sacred traditions. It is not surprising that the final events of Jesus' life are probably the first part of his story to be committed to writing and that the gospel accounts resonate with the symbolism of Passover.

Though Matthew draws much of his material from Mark, he fashions the tradition into a new narrative and adds several distinctive features. 'To fulfil all righteousness' is Jesus' stated mission (3:15). He has declared 'blessed' those who suffer for the sake of righteousness (or justice)' (5:10-12). He now embodies his own teaching as the just or righteous one, the one truly in right relationship with God. The prayer on his lips as he faces death (Psalm 22) is that of the suffering just Israelite who is faithful to his mission and whose trust in God never fails. There are hints that Jesus' death is not the end, but rather the beginning of the new age of God's empire, a compassionate alternative to the brutality of Rome. In response to the high priest Caiaphas, Jesus points beyond death to his post-resurrection life 'at the right hand of power....' Extraordinary signs follow his death: the tearing of the temple curtain; the trembling of the earth; the recognition by the Roman centurion and his companions that this man is of God; and finally, the opening of the graves and appearance of the dead in anticipation of the final resurrection.

Matthew's story offers the hope of reversal to all who witness the events surrounding Jesus' death. It offers hope to the women who have followed him all the way from Galilee, to the male disciples who have deserted or denied him, to his Roman executioners, and to faithful disciples like Joseph of Arimathea. It has the potential to bring hope to their counterparts through the ages such as those who keep watch for the innocent on death row, or for the women first raped and then condemned to death in order to uphold privilege within unjust social and political systems. We are invited to position ourselves within the circle of faithful disciples in need of the hope that the gospel can offer. -Veronica Lawson RSM

Australian CATHOLICS magazine

The special issue of the Australian Catholics is available now in the foyers.

The special issue is called *Our journey to God*.

2008

Holy Week / Easter Ceremonies in Sunraysia Catholic Churches

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 20th March

7.00p.m. Mildura, Wentworth
7.30p.m. Red Cliffs

Good Friday Liturgy:

21st March-

10.30a.m. Way of the Cross – Mildura
3.00p.m. Ceremonies – Dareton, Merbein, Mildura & Red Cliffs.

Easter Vigil Mass: Sat 22nd March

6.30p.m. Red Cliffs
7.00p.m. Mildura & Wentworth (N.B. change of time)

Easter Sunday:

23rd March

8.00a.m. Dareton & Mildura
8.30a.m. Irymple & Werrimul
10.00a.m. Buronga & Mildura
10.30a.m. Merbein & Red Cliffs
5.00p.m. Mildura



GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS:

This will commence at 10.30am and process around the streets till finishing at the Ornamental Lakes at approx 12 noon.

Please note that the starting point and route has changed -

now to commence at the top of Lime Ave (across the road from Sacred Heart Church) and then to proceed down Lime Ave, turn right into Tenth St and across Deakin Ave then down Madden Ave to the River.

HELP WANTED

If you are available to help at Easter as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, foot washing, & Alter Servering please enter your name on the roster placed at the back of the Church.

This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	L Crouch	P. O'Donnell	C Conway Weel	L Ward
Eucharistic Ministers	P Kelleher M McDonald J McDonald M Roper S Tisler K Girke S Girke	N Zudetich D Pemberton L Welsh E Frauenfelder L Belej	M Haynes U Williams P Opie S Opie N Lewis N Pardo S Hermans	M Ransome F Virgona R Antony M Zema J Zema
NEXT WEEK: Music Holy Thursday- Good Friday- Easter Vigil Saturday Easter Sunday-	N Armsden - Filipino Choir M Hammond – L Crouch M Sullivan – Choir Group TBA All Leaders welcome			
Counting Team Next Week	Team 3: Vince Fundak 50245774 Team 4: Kevin Schultz 50238778			