

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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Bless and keep you forever.

Sunday APRIL 5th 2009 PASSION SUNDAY

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

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HOLY WEEK MASSES:

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

Tues: 2.00 p.m. Anointing Mass
Wed: 9.10 a.m.
Holy Thurs 7.00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.00 am, 5.00 pm.
Irymple 8.30 am.

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11.00 am
or by appointment.

Palm Sunday Year B

First Reading Is 50:4-7

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

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

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9 Gospel

Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

RECENT DEATHS: Irena Belej,

Fr. Colin Ogilvie (Wilcania Forbes) &

Kevin Leonard (Canberra).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Anniversaries: Fr. Tom Linane, Thomas Brophy, Molly Callahan, Mary McClure.

Sun 5.00pm: George Matulic (1st Anniv).

Note to Families requesting Special Masses:

Please let celebrant know you are present before Mass.

We pray for the sick

Phil Smith, Joshua Herrick, Brooklyn

Thornton (child) & Marco Retamoza

(Irymple), Val Rosenhart, Fr Bill O'Halloran,

Fr John Fitzgerald & Domenico Pascale.

Special Intentions

Sr. Bernardine Daly (Perth).

Tues 7.00 p.m. -Vincenzo Panetta.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Monday Prayer Group: 2-4 p.m.

Stations of the Cross & 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 – 20 Beasy Crt - 10.30a.m

Devotional Prayer & Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

Christian Meditation: Sat –11.30Aa.m.

Fleming room

WEDDINGS

This weekend we congratulate

Anthony Caristo & Rebecca Giofre,

Martine Carter & Patrick Silcox

on their marriages.

HOLY WEEK

This weekend we begin the most solemn week in the Church's liturgical year as we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Saviour. Unlike the apostles and disciples at the time, we do understand all that Christ was going through and why he did it. It was not until Christ died on the Cross that his glory was fully revealed according to Mark's Gospel. Up till then the eyes and minds of his followers were closed, for most of his disciples deserted him on his journey to Calvary. It was only after he rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples and followers that they came to realise Christ was the Messiah, the Son of God.

This week we parishioners have the opportunity to celebrate and retrace together all the steps of Christ from his entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) to the Institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist (Holy Thursday), the Way of the

Cross, the Reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross (Good Friday) and to the Easter Vigil when we light the Paschal Candle, sing its praises, listen again to the story of Creation (Genesis), the Crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus), the deep love the Lord has for us (Ezekiel) and his Resurrection (Mark), the Reception of our candidates into the Church, the Renewal of our Baptismal Promises and the Reception of the Eucharist.

The Church, through symbols, signs, prayer, music, colour, light and darkness helps us to appreciate our Salvation History as we make his journey together. To have congregations throughout the Holy Week Ceremonies strengthen and enliven our faith and gives great witness to those who are searching or struggling with life. Please encourage and invite your friends and family members to join you in worship this week.

CHANGE IN PARISH PASTORAL TEAM PERSONNEL

It is with regret and sadness that this week we accepted the resignation from the Parish Pastoral Team of Mrs. Rebecca Hogan. We sincerely thank her for her presence and work in the parish for over two years and ask God's blessing upon her for the future.

HOLY WEEK ROSTER SACRED HEART PARISH

Monday April 6th MASS OF THE HOLY OILS (St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat) Priests religious and lay people gather to celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God in the diocese.



Tuesday April 7th – 2.00 p.m. Anointing Mass 7.00 p.m. Reconciliation.

Wednesday 8th 10.00 a.m. Reconciliation following 9.10 a.m. Mass.

Thursday April 9th HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7.00 p.m. The liturgy tonight recalls the Institution of the Eucharist. The striking image of the washing of the feet is an act of lowly service which mirrors the attitude which God has towards his people. The liturgy concludes with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday April 10th GOOD FRIDAY – CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

10.30 a.m. **WAY OF THE CROSS.** This will commence in Lime Avenue opposite Sacred Heart Church and process around the streets till finishing at the Ornamental Lakes at approx. 12.00 noon. Due to street closures the route is slightly changed so please follow the leaders.

3.00 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy has four parts – the reading of the Passion story according to John, the Universal Prayers, the Reception of Communion and the Veneration of the Cross.

Saturday April 11th HOLY SATURDAY – THE EASTER VIGIL 7.00P.M. Tonight's gathering is one of vigil for the Lord. There are four parts to the celebration: (1) the Service of Light centring on the paschal fire and candle; (2) the Liturgy of the Word which places the event we celebrate tonight in the context of the saving purpose of God for humanity from the beginning of time; (3) the Liturgy of Baptism with its central theme of life and the reception of candidates into the Church; (4) the liturgy of the Eucharist remembrance of the death and resurrection of the Lord.

Sunday April 12th EASTER SUNDAY 9.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m. For Christians, Easter is the greatest feast of all. This is the day Jesus, our Saviour, broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. This is the chief reason why God is to be praised. We renew our Baptismal Promises and acknowledge the gift our faith is and seek the grace to live it out.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES FOR SUNRAYSIA

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 9th April-

6.00 p.m. Wentworth
7.00 p.m. Mildura
7.30 p.m. Red Cliffs
7.00 p.m. Ouyen

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 10th April-

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

EASTER VIGIL MASS: Sat 11th April

6.30p.m. Red Cliffs
7.00p.m. Mildura, Wentworth & Ouyen

EASTER SUNDAY Sun 12th April

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



GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS:

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

Please note that the route has changed –

Commencing at the top of Lime Ave (across the road from Sacred Heart Church) and then to proceed down Lime Ave, across Seventh Street on to the lawn area in front of the Railway Station and then along Seventh Street to the underpass and then to the Riverfront.

WHATS COMING UP

- **Sunday 5th April**
Farmers Market - Irymple.

Mon 6th April

MASS OF THE OILS:

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at **6.30 p.m.** on Monday, 6th April 2009. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2009, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

- **Monday 6th April** The monthly meeting of the KSC will be held in the Fleming Room. **Please note change of date.**

- **Tuesday 7th April 2.00pm**
Mass of Anointing

• **Friday 17th April**

The Passionist Family group's next gathering is for dinner at the Mildura RSL Club at 6.30pm. Please let Raylee know your intentions Ph: 50238778.

The Hidden Story of Jesus - Part 1

10:05pm, ABC1 Sunday 5 April 2009
In a two-part series beginning Sunday on Compass renowned theologian **Robert Beckford goes on a literal and historical journey to unravel a mystery: Why are there so many different interpretations of Jesus?**

Travelling across parts of the world where the story of Jesus exists and is still played out, delving into religious texts and interviewing leading scholars, Doctor Beckford reveals the remarkable similarities in the stories surrounding the life of Jesus and the lives of other religious figures including Horus, Mithras, Krishna and the Buddha.

He also examines the radical differences between the Christian Jesus and that of Judaism and Islam.

How do all these different interpretations of Jesus fit together and what do the similarities and differences between them tell us about the roots of the world's major religions?



Caritas Project Compassion

In a world of inequality we are called to hunger and thirst for what is right. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Maria Gaby from Bolivia. She is participating in a Caritas Australia-supported project addressing food insecurity and malnutrition, the loss of local identity from migration and threats to children's rights. Parents and elders join in the activities and games too. Your donation to Project Compassion enables Caritas Australia's to work in partnership with some of the world's most vulnerable communities before, during and after the headlines.

Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Powerful images of abandonment, suffering, death and future glory emerge from today's scripture readings.

Holy Week draws us into the journey of Jesus' passion and death as the Suffering Servant of Lord God.

This week culminates in the resurrection – the great mystery of our salvation woven throughout our human story!

As Christians we proclaim through the witness of our lives that Jesus was saved from death because he trusted in God who is faithful!

The effects of climate change are taking their toll on communities in Bolivia. Our story today introduces us to Maria Gaby. At 10 years of age, Maria participates in the Pujillay Project supported by Caritas Australia. This holistic development project collaborates with local partner agencies and aims to develop the resilience of local communities in the face of global climate change. Maria has learnt basic health and hygiene skills, organic gardening and caring for animals. Her family is now experiencing improved health, hygiene and diet as a result of this project.

National Youth Week provides an environment for young people to share their ideas and raise their concerns about issues that affect their future. Maria's growth in leadership skills and self confidence is a source of hope for others. Her knowledge and skills are helping other children feel safe and look forward to a future education. How can you be a gift of hope for others this Easter in supporting the work of Project

compassion? *Theresa Taylor wrote these Reflections.*

Prayer

For our Church we pray.

May each death we experience be a doorway to new life.

We pray to the Lord.

For those who look to us, we pray.

May the people of Bolivia lead other nations as they search for ways to live justly with the earth.

We pray to the Lord.

For our community, we pray.

May our hearts and minds find a just balance as we pray and act in our world.

We pray to the Lord.

By Michael Paxton

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 pm Narie Lewis

9.00 am Peter Maloney

5.00 pm Inez Sullivan

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

6.00 pm

S. Tisler

K. Girke

S. Girke

J. DeJong

H. De Jong

M. Capogreco

5.00 pm

W. Finn

T. Finn

P. Cox

M. Ramsome

F. Virgona

The 9.00 a.m. Special Ministers roster has been finalized and will be sent out next week.

COUNTING TEAM

Team 8 Trevor Aust. Ph: 50236597

NEXT WEEKEND MUSIC

Holy Thurs: N Armsden, Filipino Choir.

Good Friday: M Hammond / L Crouch.

Easter Vigil: M Sullivan / Choir Group.

Easter Sunday: M Guthrie.

ST VINCENT De PAUL

Family Store

Are looking for volunteers to perform the following duties:

Sorting - Pricing & Cleaning. If you could volunteer to assist please contact Libby on 50235750.

FOUND

A set of Rosary Beads was handed in this week they were found in Ninth Street, if you know the owner please contact the Parish Office 50212872.



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. In 2008 the Diocese of Ballarat raised \$20,227.98, our Parish contribution \$1,013.60.

Passion Sunday

Celebrating our calling to die like the grain of seed to become a source of new life. *The 'ecological conversion' spoken of by Pope John Paul II will require courage as believers choose to make sacrifices and change lifestyles to reconnect with nature's rhythms. They will have to empty themselves as God chose to do in taking on flesh in Christ Jesus, but in doing so they will help bring the transformation that leads to the fullness of life God wishes for all peoples and the world in our Cosmic Lord. Let the Son Shine.*

NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE

GROUP

The FAIR TRADE logo on food items indicates that the food has been produced by small farmers or farmer cooperatives in third-world countries, and purchased by Oxfam and other Organizations which operate to cut out the "middle man", and so help the farmers gain access to markets in the Developed World.

Through various outlets in Australia, FAIR TRADE markets tea, coffee, chocolates, and Easter Eggs. Some super-markets sell FAIR TRADE products. One other outlet in Mildura with FAIR TRADE tea and coffee on the shelves is the Co-operative Store Organics on Eleventh at 200 Eleventh Street, currently selling coffee (beans and ground) leaf china tea and black tea in bags.

Standard Sri Lanka leaf tea has been ordered (3rd April) and should be in stock next week.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

The Australian Catholic Magazine issue is available for collection this weekend in the foyers.

Articles include: Wounded Healers, Courage in Suffering, Student activities & Reflection.

Last Week's Collections

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| Priests' Support – (1 st Collection) | \$ 1,256.00 |
| Envelopes (2 nd Collection) | \$ 2,270.90 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 367.60 |
| Project Compassion to date | |

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Did you know that World Youth Day is an annual event held every Palm Sunday in Rome? This Palm Sunday, on the 5th April 2009, representatives from Sydney will take part in the official handover of the WYD Cross and Icon, to the next international WYD host, Madrid.

This handover will mark the last WYD 2008 event for Sydney, and the first official event for Madrid, towards WYD 2011.

The following are some suggestions to celebrate WYD in the Ballarat Diocese:

- If you were a pilgrim to Sydney make contact with some of your fellow pilgrims from the diocese, particularly those you haven't had contact with for a while.
- If you were a host family, contact via e-mail or make phone contact with the pilgrims that you hosted.
- Tune in to the official celebrations from Rome. You can watch it at home from your personal computer. Go to www.Xt3.com Palm Sunday Mass is at 10.00am Rome time (6.00pm EST) and the official handover at midday (8.00pm EST)

OUR PARISH VISION –
Our Parish is a Eucharistic community united by our faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ.
We work together in the power of the Spirit to spread the Kingdom.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Fr. Tom Brophy 50212872, Terry Murphy 50233056, Sr. Rosemary Graham 50231841, Fr. Matt Thomas 50212872, Mary Gobbo 50234621, Jean Rocca 50237561, Brian Grogan 50212099, Cornelia Conway-Weel 50234567, Peter O'Donnell 0429104225, Lys Crowe 50212872/50234567, Therese Thanh-Khuong Post 0437 100 547, Marita Jensen 50237208.