



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matthew Thomas,
 Gladys Abriani, Rebecca Hogan, Lys Crowe,
 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.

SUNDAY 22nd February 2009: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Project Compassion Sunday - ----- National Day of Mourning

<p>THIS WEEK: 7th Sunday in Day in Ordinary Time First Reading Is 43:18-19. 21-22. 24-25 Psalm Ps 40:2-5. 13-14. R. v.5 Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. Second Reading 2 Cor 1:18-22 Gospel Mk 2:1-12</p>		<p>NEXT WEEK First Sunday of Lent- Year B First Reading Gn 9:8-15 Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10 Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22 Gospel Mk 1:12-15</p>
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Frank Lonergan (Swan Hill).

Anniversaries: John Maguire, Lee Morello, Des Byrne

Sat 6.00 pm: Drago Peter.

Sun 8.30am- Irymple: Rosa & Grace Lamattina.

Sun 10.00am: Fernando Esteves, Maria Federenko, Lee Morello, Maria & Domenico Caia, Natalie Caia & Antonio Scullino.

Sun 5.00pm: Iolanda Piscioneri.

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 -20 Beasy Crt-10.30a.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

Tues: 7.00 p.m.

Wed: 9.10a.m.

Thurs: 9.30 a.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

ASH WEDNSDAY DAY MASS TIMES

Merbein 9.15am

Mildura 7pm (Vigil, Tues) 9.30a.m. & 5.30 p.m.

St Michael's Church Buronga- every Wed during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, Rosary with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6.30 pm, Holy Mass at 7.00 pm & Way of the Cross after the Holy Mass.

We pray for the sick

Peter Adair, June Harper, Phil Smith, Susan Gaylard (Melb, sister of Pam), Joshua Herrick & Brooklyn Thornton (child). & Marco Retamoza (Irymple).

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome *Sophie Barnett & Maxwell Prasad* into God's family, and into our Parish Community to be baptised at 6.00 pm Saturday. Also *Abbey Aldridge & Angus Rowe* who will be baptised at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday.

NOTE: Next Sunday March 1st only one Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church in the morning -- 9.00 a.m. in place of the 8.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. Masses.

FAREWELL AND THANKS

This week we say farewell and say thanks to Fr. Michael Madigan SVD who has been with us for the last six weeks.

During that period Fr. Michael has assisted us with Masses of a weekend and during the week, thus enabling the priests to have a little break. One could not say he became acclimatised; the unexpected heat was too much. However he did make time to play a few rounds of golf. We just hope his handicap (13) hasn't gone out.

He thanks you for your hospitality and friendship and assures you of remembrance in his prayers.

We wish Fr. Michael well and hope he returns one day. We also thank Saint Joseph's College for the use of one of their cars to enable Fr. Michael to get around the parish and to the golf course!

We will miss his company, singing and Irish wit.

National Day of Mourning

All Australians will can come together and mourn those who died in the fires, and give people the chance to recognise the courage and efforts of emergency services workers. A nationally televised memorial service, called Together for Victoria, will be shown at 11am Sun22nd from Rod Laver Arena, Melb.

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.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

Grace to You is the title of 2009's Lenten Discussion Program, based on the Sunday gospels from Lent to Pentecost.

'This Lent we Listen to the scriptures and we listen deeply to life. Lent calls us to *metanoia*, to turn around our lives, to let go and let God with an attitude of openness, vulnerability and trust.' There will be one 90 minute meeting per week for 6 weeks, commencing Ash Wednesday week in February. There is your choice of days/times - at home or in the Hillman Room, or elsewhere. (The cost is \$10 for your 80-page booklet - money will be collected at meetings). *This program is something to 'take on' for Lent and provides each participant with the opportunity to pray, meditate and deepen their personal relationship with God.*

Name.....

Phone.....

Preferred day(s)

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Time(s).....

Place (home/Hillman Rm elsewhere).....
 (optional) I am willing to: (a) be a leader and/or (b) have the meetings at my home.

NEW ROSTERS.

As there is only one Mass Sunday morning as of 1st March we need to review our rosters for **Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, & Musicians.** Could those involved *except* Readers please contact the parish office in person or by telephone 5021 2872 so we can draw up new rosters. **READERS** please contact Trish Swincer Ph: 50231317 (wk) or 0417 231 318 and notify her of your preferences.

We thank those who have already notified us of their preferences. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

WHAT'S ON

- **Baptism Preparation Meeting:**
Wed 25th in the Hillman Rm Time 7.30 p.m.
- **RCIA-** Hillman Rm 7.00 pm
Topic: Lenten Reflection program.
- **Parish Pastoral Council & Leadership Teams-** Reflection evening with Fr Elio Capra SDB Frid 27th at 6.15 pm. A light meal is provided.
Venue: VCE Common Rm St Josephs College.
- **All Parishioners & RCIA members** are invited to join Fr Elio Capra Sat 28th Feb. *See flyer insert for details.*
Venue: VCE Common Rm St Josephs College.
- **A Reflection Day for Women**
You are God's Great Work of Art- facilitated by Lys Crowe. Wed March 4th 9.45 am - 3pm. *See flyer insert for details.*

- **Sunraysia Community Health Services Community Palliative Care Program presents -**
Four Funerals In One Day: a Comedy Play on Frid 6th March at the Mildura Arts Centre.
Tickets available from the Arts Centre Ph: 50188330.
- **World Day of Prayer**
Will be held on Friday March 6th from 9.00am- 12 noon in the Church.
Guest speaker will be Luke Guthrie speaking about their experiences in Lima Peru. *Morning tea will be served after the morning service in the Church.*

Diocesan Youth Council: Diocese of Ballarat

The Ballarat Youth Council is a new initiative of the Diocese. Bishop Peter Connors invites expressions of interest from individuals who believe they have the necessary commitment, skills and experience to be a member of the Council. In his Council Members, the Bishop is seeking a group of people who can assist him in planning for the present and future needs of young people in the Diocese. The majority of members will be between the ages of 16-35. The Council meet 4 times a year with each member asked to commit to 2 years. Further information, can be collected from the Parish Office.

Catechists

We have a team of catechists at Sacred Heart Parish who provide Religious Education to Catholic children in a number of ministry schools in and around Mildura.

The team urgently need new members to assist with current classes at Mildura South Primary School, in order to continue the Parishes great work.

If you are able to help please contact:

Rebecca Hogan at the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

The time commitment is minimal (1/2hr lesson per week) and the work is both rewarding and very much appreciated.

-NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Continuing to highlight points of Catholic Social Teaching, we focus this week on

The Common Good.

The principle of the common good (to which every aspect of social life must be related if it is to attain its fullest meaning) stems from the dignity, unity and equality of all people.

According to its primary and broadly accepted sense, the common good indicates "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily".

FINANCE MEETING REPORT

The Committee approved the following:

- Hillman Meeting Room - To replace the carpet with an industrial darker coloured carpet.
- Church Wooden Floor- To have the holes filled, sanding of floor and re varnishing done.
- Audio Visual System - The installation has commenced this week. A loan will be taken out to pay for the equipment and installation. (Donations toward the cost of this project are most welcome).

- Quotes are to be obtained for the repair to the Sacred Heart Hall.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Report:

The following were mentioned:

- o Members discussed up & coming events.
- o Bishop Connors visits on 2nd of March.
- o Retreat in Daily Life.

THE KNIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CROSS – WANT NEW MEMBERS:

New members are currently needed to join the Knights of the Southern Cross. If you feel you would like to assist them in their fund raising efforts please contact: Joe De Jong Ph: 50237802.

Sick and Housebound Family members might like to devote some of their time to take communion to their relatives. Taking communion and Praying with the family member is a great ministry and we encourage family members to do so.

If you are able to assist please contact the Office Ph: 50212872.

Pope proposes Lenten fasting "therapy"

In his just released Lenten message for 2009, Pope Benedict says fasting is important "therapy" for modern Catholics because it helps make them aware of the deprived state in which many Pope Benedict this year chose to focus on the value and meaning of fasting, taking the scripture account of the Lord Jesus' 40 days' fast before his temptation in the desert.

He writes that in our own day, fasting seems to have lost something of its spiritual meaning, and has taken on, in a culture characterised by the search for material wellbeing, a therapeutic value for the care of one's body.

Pope Benedict goes on to recognise the potential benefits to physical wellbeing, and continues to clarify that for believers, fasting is in the first place, a "therapy" to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God.

Pope Benedict also says fasting can bring an increase of sensitivity to the plight of those who are forced by circumstance to go without proper nourishment.

In his message, the Holy Father says the ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make the complete gift of self to God.

Pope Benedict prays that every family and Christian community use well this time of Lent, in order to cast aside all that distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, moving it to love of God and neighbour.

Benedict says through fasting "we make a statement that our brother or sister in need is not a stranger."

Suffering

"Life is difficult", Scott Peck famously wrote in his best seller "*The Road less Travelled*".

Nobody is immune from suffering. Yet, how should we approach it? According to Scripture we should "Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you fall into different

kinds of temptations knowing that the trying of your faith produces patience". (James 1:1).

Bushfire Message Book.

The Prime Minister all Australians.

As an expression of sympathy and support, I invite you to add your name to the pages of the Bushfire Message Book. For those whose lives have been forever changed by this tragedy, this will stand as a lasting record of the nation's support and sympathy, and our resolve to help them rebuild their lives and their communities.

(The pages can be found in the entrance foyers, people can sign the pages that will be bound into this Bushfire Message Book.)

Kevin Rudd - Prime Minister

Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1 st Collection)	\$ 1,334.00
Envelopes (2 nd Collection)	\$ 2,077.55
Loose Plate	\$ 509.45

❖ All money from the 2nd Collection this weekend will be given to St Vincent De Paul for distribution amongst the Bushfire victims.

If you require a taxation receipt please contact the Office.

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 pm	T McNamara
8.00 am	T Fainga Anuku
10.00 am	R Byra
5.00 pm	J Jocelyn

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

<u>6.00 pm</u>	<u>8.00 am</u>
A-M Greville	T Panuccio
M Sheahan	D Brown
M Meredith	P O'Donnell
J Hall	F Carbone
P Kelleher	
M McDonald	
K Quinlan	B Weightman

10.00 am

E Garreffa	W Finn
M Modica	T Finn
L De lesi	P Cox
M Hynes	M Ransome
U Williams	F Virgona
P & S Opie	

5.00 pm

COUNTING TEAM

Team 2 Joe De Jong 50237802

NEXT WEEKEND - MUSIC

6.00 a.m.	M Guthrie, M Schmidt
9.00 a.m.	Italian Choir
5.00 am	N Armsden, L Crouch.