



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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 Fr. Frank Monaghan P.E.

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.00 am, 5.00 pm and Irymple 8.30 am

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

SUNDAY 15th March 2009: Third Sunday of Lent Year B

THIS WEEK:

First Reading Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68 Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

NEXT WEEK: Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6 Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Claire O'Callaghan (Melb. - mother of Michael), Noreen O'Brien (wife of Brian).

Anniversaries: Ron Window, Sylvia Healey, Nancy Morrison

Sun 5.00 p.m. Daniele Ghidinelli(1yr), Joe Mandica, Alfredo Scarfo.

Special Intentions. Rosa Maria Mandica, Giuseppe Mandica, Franchesco Gattuso, Domenica Gattuso.

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.

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 and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

Christian Meditation: Sat – 11.30 Fleming room

Weekday Mass Times

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

Mon: (Funeral Mass Noreen O'Brien) 10.00a.m.

Tues: Feast of St Patrick 7.00 p.m.

Wed: 9.10 a.m.

Thurs: Feast of St Joseph 9.30 a.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m.

Sat: Hillman room 10.00 a.m

We pray for the sick

Peter Adair, June Harper, Phil Smith, Joshua Herrick & Brooklyn Thornton (child). & Marco Retamoza (Irymple). Val Rosenhart.

WELCOME

We sincerely welcome to our parish this weekend five unexpected guests. They are Jesuit priests who are completing their Tertianship (a school of formation prior to their taking Final Vows). They are travelling through to St. Aloysius in Seven Hills, S.A. where they will do a Thirty Day Retreat. As part of their Tertianship they will be conducting Retreats in Daily Life (RIDL) in various

parts of Australia. One of them, Fr. David McCallum from New York, will be directing RIDL in our parish in May.

Please make them welcome and remember them in your prayers. We are just pleased to have them in our parish as they have enabled each church in the Sunraysia parishes to have the Eucharist this weekend, for Fr. Pat is in Ouyen and Fr. Matt will be going with St. Paul's School to Canberra. God bless them.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Thanks to the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) we are able to offer parishioners a Retreat in Daily Life. This form of retreat is for anyone who desires to deepen their awareness of God at work in their lives, and who can set aside up to an hour each day for prayer and reflection. It is a brief version of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. The retreat will be directed by Fr. David McCallum SJ (a Jesuit Tertian) and Sr. Jennifer Collins IBVM (Loreto Sisters) and will commence on Sunday May 4th and conclude on Saturday May 23rd. It is a great opportunity to have someone walk with you as you seek to become more aware of God's presence in your life. The director meets with each retreatant twice a week to listen to their prayer experiences and suggest methods of prayer, often using Scripture. The cost per retreatant is \$65, or whatever a person can afford. Over the past fourteen years, both retreatants and the visiting Tertians have found these retreats rewarding.

You may remember Fr Markus Anima S.J. from Austria and Sr. Patsy Bourke rsm who led the last Retreat back in 2002.

For further details please contact the Co-ordinator Lys Crowe or Fr. Tom. As the number of places is limited please make your bookings early.

RCIA Lenten Presentations

Prayer of Healing and Strengthening of Baptized Christians will be celebrated today. The hope is that the candidates will approach the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation with a receptive disposition to the grace of the Living God. This Sunday at 9.00a.m. Mass we will be celebrating the Presentation of the Creed to Althea Mitting and Julie Burns (see back page). We ask God to bless and guide them as they continue their journey of faith with us here at Sacred Heart.

THE PARISHIONER'S ROLE IN RCIA

The entire Christian community is responsible for the initiation of its newest disciples.

As mentoring community. Every baptized parishioner has a role in initiation of our new members. We are part of that mentoring community that apprentices the new disciples. By observing our prayer, words, deeds and actions in the parish and in the broader community our newest members learn what it means to live as a Catholic Christian today. We provide the examples. We are the models. RCIA depends on us because we make up the Christian community.

As members of the Sunday assembly. Every worshiping parishioner is involved in the RCIA. That's through participation in the liturgical rites of initiation that usually happen at Sunday Mass, especially in the months before Easter but also throughout the year. There are major liturgical rituals that mark the progress of the candidates who are in the initiation process. These liturgical rites are major events not only for the candidates in the process, but also for the entire parish. During the rites the parish recognizes and celebrates the candidates. As a member of the parish you are asked to pray with and for those in the initiation process. As a member of the Body of Christ, you also make manifest Christ's presence in the community. You, and we, are a sign of Christ to the candidates in the RCIA.

THANKYOU

Sacred Heart Parish Ladies hosted the 2009 World day of Prayer on Friday March 6th. It was a most successful morning with special thanks to our guest speaker Luke Guthrie, who spoke of his and Marion's stay in South America. Thanks also to our vocalist Virginia Crouch who gave a beautiful rendition of "We are Australian" and Daphne Nolan who played the organ and to the other Churches whose members attended the Service.

THIS WEEK

- TUES **Finance meeting** 12 midday Hillman Room
- TUES **Parish Council** 7.30 Hillman Room
- THURS **RCIA** – 7.00pm Hillman Room

A **Christian Meditation group** meets for meditation each Saturday 11.30 am in the Fleming Centre (Sacred Heart Church car park). For more information see flyers at Church doors or contact Patricia 5021 5486, pfitz@mercy.org.au or Helen 5021 2433.

WHATS COMING UP

- SUN MARCH 15TH **The Passionist Family group**
Will be having a supper at Jean Rocca's home -3 Regal Court, Mildura on Sunday 15th March at 7.00pm. Please bring a plate to share
- SUNDAY 15TH 1.00PM **Sacred Heart Tennis.**
Courts are situated 11th Street Mildura - Senior Players wishing to join teams for the Winter tennis competition are invited to social tennis at the courts..Junior players wishing to play ring Merle Watson 50 232883 - New players and players of all standards are very welcome for both seniors and Juniors.

CATECHISTS WANTED

The parish team urgently need new members to assist with current RE classes at Mildura South Primary School, in order to continue the Parish 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). The work is both rewarding and very much appreciated. **Minda Wright will address congregation at 9.00am Mass.**

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Linking Past to Future project.

Sacred Heart Primary School is having an "engraved paver" drive to coincide with the next stage of their building program. If you have been part of the School community at any time, we invite you to purchase a personalised paver so that you and your family can have your name as part of a permanent reminder of your association with the School. Order forms are available in the Church foyers, the School or by contacting Allie Collyer on 50215909 (after Hours). Offer closes 23rd March.

ANOTHER WELCOMED VISITOR

The local Tongan parishioners were pleased to have the Tongan Chaplain Fr. Silito and his assistant with them on Wednesday and Thursday for catechesis and Mass. He hopes to return next month. **Thanks to all who made them welcome.**

FEASTS OF SAINTS PATRICK AND JOSEPH

This week we celebrate the feasts of two great and well-known saints – St. Patrick on Tuesday March 17th and St. Joseph on Thursday March 19th.

St. Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland from whence many of our forebears came over the last two hundred years or so. We owe a lot to the Irish as they did so much to plant and nurture the Faith in Australia. St. Joseph, besides being the foster-father of Jesus and Mary's betrothed, is the patron Saint of the Universal church, of workers, of a happy death and against doubt and hesitation. We constantly need his intercession on our journey of faith. Mass will be celebrated for these feasts on Tuesday March 17th at 7.00 p.m. for St. Patrick and on Thursday March 19th at 9.30 a.m. for St. Joseph.

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 pm V Chong
9.00 am M Speed
5.00 pm A Englefield.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

6.00 p.m. P. Kelleher, M. McDonald, K. Quinlan, M. Roper, S. Tisler, K. Girke, S. Girke.

9.00a.m. Volunteers

5.00p.m. W. Finn, T. Finn, P. Cox, M. Ransome, F. Virgona.

The 9.00a.m. Special Ministers roster is yet to be finalised. If you are willing to be a Special Minister please contact the office or fill in the roster near the front entrance.

NEXT WEEKEND

MUSIC

6.00 pm G. & F. Lane.
9.00 am M. Sullivan, W. Lewis, J. O'Bryan
Talia Fainga' Anuku
5.00 am. N. Armsden, K. Loison, J. Ljubic

Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1 st Collection)	\$ 956.00
Envelopes (2 nd Collection)	\$ 2,530.25
Loose Plate	\$ 381.25

Third Sunday of Lent

*Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25;
John 2:13-25*

In today's reading from Exodus, God speaks to the people through Moses his servant. Moses recalls the great things God has done in redeeming the people from slavery in the land of Egypt. Moses challenges the people to restore their trust in God through the rejection of false gods in the form of material attractions and earthly riches. They are reminded

that God's kindness is shown to those who obey God's commandments.

Trust and confidence is restored to a young man, once known as a 'street boy' in our story from Papua New Guinea. Junior Robinson Sorosu was familiar with a life of gangs, drinking, drugs and petty crime. Through the support of Caritas

Australia, Junior is now involved in the organic farming project. He teaches locals in other villages and speaks their language. He plans to join the army and study agriculture in contributing to the development of his country.

This project has created 'an environment to grow in' for young people to choose a new direction in their lives. It has also enhanced public safety among communities. Project Compassion invites us to act, challenge and change unjust structures that lead to violence and crime. As Jesus drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple we too must risk standing in solidarity with the marginalised, the powerless and the oppressed in building a better world.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

To bring about the kingdom of God, we must be transformed within ourselves and our community. This week's story takes us to Papua New Guinea where Junior is learning organic farming skills, as well as leadership, community responsibility, cooking, health and hygiene. Two years ago he was in danger of becoming one of Port Moresby's infamous 'raskols', but since participating in the Caritas Australia project run by the Archdiocese of Port Moresby's Social Action Centre, Junior has taken a path of hope. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps 'street boys' in Papua New Guinea to learn practical new skills for a positive future in their communities.

Please take home a **Project Compassion box** and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world.

Inspired by Project Compassion to seek justice?

Hundreds of communities are seeking volunteers to share their skills in education, health, administration, technology, trades and other professions.

Contact **Palms Australia** to find out how you can volunteer overseas or in Australia to reduce poverty.

Phone: (02) 9518 9551

Email: palms@palms.org.au

Web: www.palms.org.au

RCIA - PRESENTATION OF THE CREED TO JULIE BURNS AND ALTHEA MITTING

*After the Homily, Rebecca Hogan, RCIA
Coordinator asks:*

**Will those candidates who are prepared, now
come forward with your sponsors to receive the
Creed from the church.**

*The sponsors, Isabel Russell, and Elvira Mazza lead
their candidates, Julie and Althea to the altar, Julie
and Althea face the assembly. Fr Tom moves to face
the candidates.*

**Fr Tom: My dear friends, listen carefully to the
words of that faith by which you will be justified.
The words are few, but the mysteries they contain
are great. Receive them with a sincere heart and
be faithful to them.**

THE CREED

**My brothers and sisters, let us now profess our
faith.**

**We believe in one God, (pause) the Father, the
Almighty, (pause) maker of heaven and earth, of
all that is seen and unseen. (pause) We believe in
one Lord, Jesus Christ, (pause) the only Son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father, (pause) God
from God, Light from Light, (pause) true God
from true God, (pause) begotten, not made,
(pause) one in being with the Father.
(pause) Through him all things were made.
(pause) For us men and for our salvation
(pause) he came down from heaven: (pause) by the
power of the Holy Spirit (pause) he was born of
the Virgin Mary, and became man. (pause) For
our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
(pause) he suffered, died, and was buried.
(pause) On the third day he rose again in
fulfillment of the Scriptures; (pause) he ascended
into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. (pause) He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, (pause) and his
kingdom will have no end. (pause) We believe in
the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,
(pause) who proceeds from the Father and the
Son. (pause) With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified. (pause) He has spoken
through the prophets. (pause) We believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic Church. (pause) We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. (pause) We look for the resurrection of the
dead, (pause) and the life of the world to come.
(pause)**

PRAYER OF HEALING AND STRENGTHENING

**Fr Tom: Let us now pray for these baptised
candidates.**

Father of mercies, through your Son, you offer
salvation to all.
Through the living water of Baptism, these
daughters Julie and Althea received new life in
Christ. Free them from any sin they have
committed since their baptism. Strengthen them
to combat temptation, that the Word of your
Son may penetrate more deeply into their
hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

*Fr Tom, Isabel, and Elvira lay hands on the
candidates. Sponsors keep their hands on the
candidates. Celebrant returns to his place and
invites the assembly to stand and with hands
outstretched over the candidates says:*

**Fr Tom: Let us extend our hands over the
candidates. Let us pray.**

Lord Jesus you are the fountain to which our
elect come in thirst. You are the Master whom
we all seek. These candidates open their hearts
to you in faith. They confess their faults and lay
bare their hidden wounds. In the power of your
name, which we call upon in faith, stand by
them now and heal them. Lift them from the
rising tide of sinfulness you overcame by rising
from the dead. Let them come to worship the
Father in spirit and in truth, for you live and
reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

**Fr Tom: Go in peace to continue to search your
hearts; for there you will find the Lord.**

Julie and Althea: Amen

DISMISSAL OF THE CANDIDATES

**Fr Tom: Dear friends, go now to reflect more
deeply on God's saving word.**

Julie and Althea: Amen.

*After the candidates have been dismissed, the
Mass continues in the usual way.*