



PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matthew Thomas,
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Parish Vision Statement:

**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.**

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**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.**

**Weekday Mass
Times**

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

cancelled

Tues: 7.00 p.m.

Wed: 9.10 a.m.

Thurs: 9.30 a.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m Hillman
Room

**THIS 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

Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ! God loved the
world so much, he gave us his
only Son, that all who believe
in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

Recent Deaths:

Sr Nora Hearn rsm (Geelong
/Mildura), Rosalind McDonald
(sister –in –law of Sr Marion),
Ronald Conway, Margareta &
Melina Palamara (sister & sister-
in –law of Angelina & Michele
Cappola).

Anniversaries:

Kevin Buckle, Fr Phil Crosbie,
Tony Donnellan
Sun 5.00 p.m. Domenco Lizza
Tues 7.00 p.m. Sr. Nora Hearn
Fri 5.40 p. m. Stephen Zvonar,
Bryan Kelleher.
Sat 6.00 .p.m. Margarita & Melina
Palamara.

**Note to Families requesting
Special Masses:**

Please let celebrant know you
are present before Mass

We pray for the sick

Peter Adair, June Harper, Phil
Smith, Joshua Herrick, Brooklyn
Thornton (child) & Marco
Retamoza (Irymple), Val Rosenhart,
FR Bill O'Halloran



**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

**NEXT WEEK: Fifth
Sunday of Lent**

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve
me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will
also be.

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

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.

Fourth Sunday Lent

Celebrating the voice of God in
Nature.

*The two dimensions – Creation
and Redemption, earthly life and
eternal life, responsibility for
creation and responsibility for
others and for the future – should
be juxtaposed. I also think it is our
task to intervene clearly and with
determination on public opinion.
To be heard, we must at the same
time demonstrate by our own
example, by our own way of life
... in such a way that our works
may credibly convey faith.
Pope Benedict XVI August 6,
Bressanone, 20 Aug. 2008*

Baptism

This weekend we
welcome **Zavier David
Ferry** into God's family
and into our Parish
Family at the 6.00p.m.
Mass.



**SR. NORA HEARN rsm
1922-2009**

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of Sr. Nora last Sunday morning. Sister was integral part of our parish life for many years for she was asked to come here in the late seventies and care for Srs. Ursula and Cecilia. She performed this ministry very well and upon their entry into eternal life she began a ministry to the sick and housebound. One thinks of the time she spent at the hospital with her daily visitation and of the understanding and support she gave the sick and dying, as well as their families. Her greatest gift was herself and she gave herself generously, and to this so many responded with gratitude. The love of Christ was her

inspiration and gave her a sense of purpose. That sense of determination was evident in other areas of her long life as she played a mean game of tennis and pedaled around the streets on her trusty bike on her visitations to all and sundry. We are the richer for her presence and ministry here in the parish for nearly thirty years. In recognition of all she was to us and for all she did, parishioners and friends are invited to a

Memorial Mass for Sr. Nora to be celebrated next Tuesday, March 24th at 7.00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after Mass. May she rest in peace

**MASS OF THE OILS:
MONDAY 6th April 09**

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at **6.30** p.m. on Mon, 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.

THIS WEEK

WED - Altar Server Training 4.00p.m. Church

WED - Baptism Preparation 7.30p.m. Hillman Room

WED- Liturgy Preparation for Holy Week & Easter - in the Church 7.30 p.m. All interested in assisting with the ceremonies, music and church decorations are asked to attend.

THURS- Altar Server Training 4.00p.m. Church

THURS RCIA 7.00pm Hillman Room

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND READERS

6.00 pmB Blesser
9.00 amM Haynes
5.00 pmP Hammond

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

6.00 p.m. J. DeJong, H. De Jong, M. Capogreco, L. Crouch, A-M. Greville.

9.00a.m. Volunteers

5.00p.m. R. Antony, M. Zema, J. Zema, S. Walker, J Ribarits.

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. M Hammond, L Crouch, M Schmidt.
9.00AM: M Guthrie
5.00PM: Youth Group

Retreat in Daily Life

Many thanks to all those parishioners who welcomed and extended hospitality to the five Jesuit Tertians last weekend. They enjoyed their time with us and wish to thank you sincerely. Please remember them in your prayers. Numbers are gradually coming in for the Retreat, so register your name now if you intend to participate. Retreatants are asked to make a donation where possible

Altar Server Training Any child, Grade 4 or above, who has received their Sacraments can become an Altar Server. Come along Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March for training. *Further information can be had from the Parish Office or Numbers by contacting Margaret McDonald, 50221531.*

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are required for the following over Easter:
Altar Servers, Offertory, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers & for the ceremony of Oils.
Lists have been placed on the table at the back of the Church for names of those able to assist.

Caritas Project Compassion



Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21
Paul assures us in his letter to the Ephesians that *God loves us with so much love that God was generous with mercy!* In fact we have been shaped and crafted by the loving hand of God! Such mystery is beyond our understanding and difficult to grasp in a world of extreme differences where poverty and environmental destruction exist alongside wealth and prosperity. For this reason Paul exclaims that it is by God's grace and generous mercy that salvation through the person of Jesus has come into our world. Today's reading from Indonesia builds on the theme of ecological justice. Ipau, a 29 year old woman, tells how she works to secure a safe environment and sustainable future for families. Ipau participates in a Caritas

Australia supported advocacy program jointly run by Down To Earth (DTE). This program has helped her grow in confidence and advocacy skills.

She collaborates with local partners in advocating for the rights of Indigenous communities faced with the exploitation of their land and natural resources. Communities have also acquired local and international net -working skills in achieving these goals. World Forestry Day commemorates the importance of forests to our communities and natural environment. Caritas Australia promotes the empowerment of local communities and ecological justice. Your contribution to Project Compassion will support the advocacy roles of disadvantaged communities in protecting their land and sustaining a viable future for their children.

Care for God's creation has always been an important part of Christian tradition. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Ipau from South Kalimantan, Indonesia. Her Indigenous Meratus Dayak community has long struggled against the impacts of large scale forestry which causes damaging landslides and flooding.

She is participating in a Caritas Australia supported advocacy program that supports vulnerable Indigenous communities to secure a just and sustainable future. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps Indigenous Indonesian communities protect their rights and forests for the benefit of us all.

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

Web: www.palms.org.au

The RCIA Team would like to invite ALL PARISHIONERS to join the RCIA candidates in their TWILIGHT RETREAT as we prepare for Holy Week.

Facilitated by;

Lys Crowe - Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Associate.

WHEN: Thursday 2nd April 09

WHERE: St Paul's Chapel in 14th St.

TIME: 6.30pm till 9.00pm followed by supper.

RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 30th March.

Deepest Sympathy

The Red Cliffs Parish Support Group, on behalf of all Redcliff parishioners would like to extend sympathy, thoughts and prayers to all in Mildura on the passing Sr Nora Hearn.

We will always remember her kind words, gentle voice and wonderful support in her pastoral work. May she rest in peace and happiness in God's Kingdom.

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.

Thanks

Once again we thank Philip Chamberlain for the excellent work he has done in completing the paving around the church and to the car park. We trust the inconvenience over the ten days has been worth it. Our next project is the installation of the new audio-visual system for the church. There is some delay as the materials are coming from overseas.



MEMORY MATTERS

Alzheimer's Australia presents a free session

Thurs 26th March 10 a.m.- 12 noon - Anglican Church.

What is Dementia?

Risk Reduction

Assessment & Diagnosis

Services Available.

Guest Speaker Dr. David Murphy (CDAMS).

RCIA - SECOND BLESSING OF HEALING AND STRENGTHENING

After the Homily, Presenter asks: **Would our baptised candidates Julie and Althea please come forward with your sponsors.**

Julie and Althea come to the altar, kneel on the front step of the Altar. Sponsors stand behind them with a hand on their shoulder. Fr Matthew moves to face the candidates.

Celebrant: Let us all kneel and pray for these men and women who, in answer to the call they have received, now kneel before God.

And in the midst of our prayers, let us search our own hearts too.

Pause for silent prayer.

Presenter: May they be led to Christ, the light of this world .LORD HEAR US. All: Lord hear our prayer

May he heal them, and preserve them from the blindness of this world. LORD HEAR US. All: Lord hear our prayer

May the be enlightened by Christ, and so freed from the power of sin, LORD HEAR US. All: Lord hear our prayer

May all of us, by the example of our lives, become in Christ the Light of

the world, LORD HEAR US. All: Lord hear our prayer

PRAYER OF HEALING AND STRENGTHENING

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these baptised candidates.

Father of mercy, you sent your son to be the light of the world.

In their Christian baptism, these daughters Julie and Althea were brought out of darkness into his light. Free them from any sin they have committed since their baptism, strengthen them to combat temptation, that the light of your Son may shine more brightly in their hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

Fr Matthew, followed by Rebecca lay hands on the candidates, then Sponsors lay hands on the candidate in their care.

Fr Matthew invites All to stand and raise their hands in prayer over the candidates.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Lord Jesus, by your death and resurrection you became light to our world. Cast out darkness of hatred and lies and pour forth the light of truth and love upon the human family.

Hear our prayers for these elect whom you have called to be your

adopted children, and for these candidates who have already been enlightened by baptism.

Let your spirit be upon us so we will all live as children of the light and know you as Lord forever and ever. All: Amen

DISMISSAL OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: Go in peace to continue to pray together so that the light of faith may grow strong in you.

May the Lord remain with you always.

Julie and Althea: Amen

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



Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1 st Collection)	\$ 1,187.00
Envelopes (2 nd Collection)	\$ 2,800.45
Loose Plate	\$ 309.60
Project Compassion to date:	\$1,720.40

Parish Council Matters

Amongst matters discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this week were two that we felt need to be addressed by parishioners - our Parish Vision Statement and the Parish Bulletin.

To assist with our review could you please comment on the questions in the spaces below, tear off and place the slip in the boxes provided at the church doors or hand it in to the parish office. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

Our Vision Statement: Please print in full.

Tear off - - - - -

How does this statement resonate with your life at this time? Would you care to comment below?

The Weekly Parish Bulletin. How do you feel about its format, content, relevance, articles, etc? What needs is it meeting? How can we improve it?

