

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.

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MASS WEEKDAYS:

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

Sunday March 29th 2009

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.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

THIS WEEK: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year B

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](#)

RECENT DEATHS:

Peter Adair, Mary (May) O'Callaghan
(Essendon sister of Kath Tierney), Mary
Gregory (Pascoe Vale), June Harper.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Anniversaries: Agnes Sutton, Fr. Meredith Delahenty.

Pope John Paul 11.

Sat 6.00 p.m. Margaretta & Melina Palamara (7 days).

Sun 9.00 a.m.: Domenica Gattuso, Frank Gattuso, Alfredo Scarfo, Rocca Papalia, Joe Mandica.

Fri 5.40 p. m. Vincenzo Piscioneri.

Sun 5th 5.00 p.m.: George Matulic (1st Anniv)

Note to Families requesting Special Masses:

Please let celebrant know you are present before Mass.

Fifth Sunday Lent

Celebrating the grace to strip away the pretension that we can do without nature
While the duty to protect the environment should not be considered in opposition to development, it must not be sacrificed on the altar of economic development ... at its core, the environmental crisis is a moral challenge ... It is not hard to see how issues of environmental protection, models of development, social equity and each one's share of the responsibility to care for the environment are inextricably intertwined.

Archbishop Migliore, to the UN on Sustainable Development 10 May 2007

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

We pray for the sick

June Harper, Phil Smith, Joshua Herrick, Brooklyn Thornton (child) & Marco Retamoza (Irymple), Val Rosenhart & Fr Bill O'Halloran, Fr John Fitzgerald.

WEDDINGS

This weekend we congratulate

Mark Kersley & Sarah Stizza,
Matthew Baynes & Holly Giddings on their marriages.

WELCOME:

We welcome Fr. Michael O'Toole (P.P. Colac) to our parish this weekend.

Fr. Michael is here to officiate at the wedding of his friends.

Fr. Matthew has exchanged pulpits with him enabling this to happen.

Earth Hour 2009

This initiative aims to reach more than one billion people in 1000 cities around the world, inviting communities, business and governments to switch off their lights as part of a global vote on Saturday, March 28th from 8.30 pm – 9.30pm.

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Will be held Wednesday 1st April at 7.30 with individual confession afterwards in the Church.

OUR PARISH VISION – (PURPOSE IN LIFE) :

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.

HOLY WEEK ROSTER SACRED HEART PARISH

Wednesday April 1st. LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE 7.30 p.m. This liturgy will enable us to prepare for Holy Week and Easter by giving us the opportunity to reflect on our lives, seek forgiveness for our sins and make peace with God and our neighbour. Individual reconciliation will be available after the liturgy for those who desire it.

Saturday/ Sunday April 4th/5th PASSION (PALM SUNDAY) Masses will commence with a procession outside the church as we remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem. At the 9.00 a.m. Mass the children from our parish schools will lead us in procession from the grounds of Saint Joseph's College. Please bring along your own palms and/or olive branches.

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.

Thursday April 9th HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7.00 p.m. the liturgy tonight recalls the Institution of the Eucharist, and of the Priesthood. 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.

HELP WANTED

If you are available to help at the ceremonies during Holy Week as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Collector and/or have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, could you enter your name on the rosters on the table at the main entrance. With so many being away on holidays, we need your assistance if our liturgies are to be celebrated with solemnity and joy. This will save us telephone calls and time. Thank you.

Retreat In Daily Life

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sant' Antonio Mission will be conducted by Fr Victor Basso from Monday June 8th to Sunday June 14th further details available at a later date.

THANK YOU

We thank those parishioners who took the time to make comments on the bulletin last week re the Parish Vision Statement and the Bulletin itself. We do need more if we are to meet the needs of parishioners. Your comments can be placed in the suggestion box or handed in to the Parish Office.

WHATS ON THIS WEEK

Tues: SOCIAL JUSTICE Meeting – 6.30pm
in the Fleming Rm.

Wed: Communal Celebration of Reconciliation
with individual confession afterwards will
be held at 7.30p.m. in the Church

Thurs: RCIA Preparation and practice for
Easter ceremonies. Fr Tom 7.00 pm Hillman
Rm.

Fri: EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT 12 noon-5pm in the Church



Caritas Project Compassion

PRAYER

For our Church, we pray.

May Catholic Social Teaching enlighten
us as to the rich tradition of our Church.
We pray to the Lord.

For those who look to us, we pray.

May the Indigenous and non-
Indigenous youth of the Balgo-
Kutjunga Project in Australia work
together to bring understanding and
peace to their local community.
We pray to the Lord.

For our community, we pray.

May we notice when one amongst us is
in need of healing.

We pray to the Lord.

REFLECTION

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9;
John 12:20-33*

God's faithfulness is at the heart of
today's reading from Jeremiah. The
invitation is to enter into a deeper
relationship with our God, a covenant
relationship of love and fidelity: *Then I
will be their God and they shall be my
people.*

This faithful God is revealed in Psalm
50 as compassionate and forgiving.
With the Psalmist we pray for a clean
heart, joy and a steadfast spirit. Alwyn
"Bluey" Kalion, an Indigenous youth
in today's story, has grown in self-esteem,
resilience and cultural and
spiritual values. Bluey, who is from
Wirrimanu (Balgo) in the East Kimberley,
encountered Caritas Australia through
the Palyalatju Maparnpa Health
Committee (PMHC) Youth Project. Bluey
explains how his life has changed from
involvement with the juvenile justice
system to working within the community
in helping other young people at risk. His
future hopes are: *to get a good job, and
keep out of trouble. And go out hunting.*

Caritas Australia proudly supports this
project. Its activities provide Indigenous
youth with 'an environment to grow in'
through opportunities of training and
employment, volunteer work, social and
crisis support, cultural and
spiritual growth and improved family,
elder and community relationships.
Project Compassion invites you this Lent
to give generously to those who are less
fortunate in our world.

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 pm Jen Ditchfield

9.00 am Mary Jackson

5.00 pm Youth

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

6.00 pm

M Sheahan

M Meredith

J Hall

P Kelleher

M McDonald

K Quinlan

M Roper

5.00 pm

Mary Joseph

M Joseph

J Macri

A-m Dimasi

M Conte

COUNTING TEAM

Team 7 Alan Chalkley Ph 50221746

NEXT WEEKEND MUSIC

6.00 pm N Armsden, L Crouch, M Schmidt

9.00 am M Guthrie, G & F Lane

5.00 am M Sullivan, J Macri

**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.**

Gospel Reading (John12:20-33)

Among those who go up to Jerusalem to
worship at the feast of Passover are some
'Greeks'. They probably belong to a group
known in the early church as 'God-fearers'.
These people were a bit like RCIA candidates
in relation to Judaism. They were certainly
interested in Judaism and, because of their
active interest in the Jewish faith and
traditions, were possibly better informed
about many of the Jewish traditions than
those who had been members of the Jewish
community all their lives. God-fearers seem
to have been among the first Gentiles to join
the early Christian Jewish movement, i.e. the
Jews who accepted Jesus as Messiah [or
Christ]. For Jesus, the arrival of these God-
fearing Greeks signals his 'hour'. Earlier in
John's gospel, Jesus has insisted that his hour
or his time had not yet come. Now that his
message receives universal
acknowledgement, or in the words of the
Pharisees now that 'the world has gone after
him' (John 20:19), he can announce that the
hour of his glorification has come.
Characteristically, Jesus uses a potent
agricultural image to capture the
transformative nature of his imminent death:
like the grain of wheat, he must go into the
earth and die in order to bear fruit. The same
is true for his followers: to be concerned only
with self-preservation is to 'lose' one's life;
to give one's life in the service of others is to
'keep it for eternal life'. In John's gospel,
Jesus' death is also his being lifted up in
glory and the moment of his death becomes
the moment of drawing 'all' to himself. The
'all' embraces all people. It also allows an
ecological interpretation: in his death and
exaltation, Jesus gathers the whole created
world to himself and into the mystery of
God's transforming love.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Last Week's Collections

Priest's Support – (1 st Collection)	\$ 1,075.00
Envelopes (2 nd Collection)	\$ 2,178.80
Loose Plate	\$ 316.75
Project Compassion to date	\$ 1,969.60

**RCIA - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER
TO JULIE BURNS AND ALTHEA MITTING at
9.00a.m. Mass.**

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

Those who wish to renew their baptismal acceptance of the Lord's Prayer, please come forward.

The sponsors, Isabel Russell, Narie Lewis 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. They are presented with the Our Father.

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 Julie and Althea who, in answer to the call they have received, now kneel before God. And in the midst of our prayer, let us search our hearts too.

Rebecca Hogan, RCIA Coordinator reads:

That they may be given faith to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the resurrection and the life,

LORD HEAR US, All: Lord hear our prayer.

That the Eucharistic food they are soon to receive may make them one with Christ, the source of life and resurrection.

LORD HEAR US, All: Lord hear our prayer.

That they may reject sin which destroys life.

LORD HEAR US, All: Lord hear our prayer.

That we may all walk in newness of life and show forth to the world the power of the Risen Christ.
LORD HEAR US, All: Lord hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF HEALING AND STRENGTHENING

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these baptised candidates.

Father, source of all life, you see your glory in those who are fully alive. In their baptism, your daughters, Julie and Althea were brought to a new life. Free them from any sin they have committed since their baptism, strengthen them to combat temptation that the light of your Son may grow more strongly in their hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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

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

Celebrant: Let us pray for our candidates, Julie and Althea, that they will continue to be strengthened by our tradition of prayer which we share with them.

Almighty and eternal God, you continually enlarge the family of the Church. Deepen the faith and prayerfulness of these candidates who await Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. May the prayer of your Son which they received today be written in their hearts and give inspiration and direction to all their thoughts, words and actions. For you are Lord forever and ever.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: Go now, in the spirit of prayer we

have celebrated here so you may continue to respond to the Lord's teaching in prayer and reflection.

And may the peace of Christ remain in your hearts.

Julie and Althea: Amen

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

Parish Council Matters

Amongst matters discussed at the recent Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 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:

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.

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?
