

### 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 TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matthew Thomas, Gladys Abriani, Lys Crowe, Fr. Frank Monaghan P.E.

#### 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.

## SACRED HEART PARISH,



### MILDURA / IRYMPLE

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### 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.

#### 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 May 10<sup>th</sup> 2009  
FIFTH Sunday of Easter Year B

#### THIS WEEK:

First Reading **Acts 9:26-31** Saul joins the apostles.

Psalm **Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26**

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading **1 Jn 3:18-24** We are in God and God in us.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 15:4-5**

Gospel **Jn 15:1-8** Jesus the vine, the Father, the vine grower.



#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading **Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

The Holy Spirit descends on Jews and Gentiles alike.

Psalm **Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading **1 Jn 4:7-10**

One without love does not know God.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 14:23**

Gospel **Jn 15:9-17** Live on in Christ.



#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

#### Anniversaries:

 Mary Monaghan, Annie Fitzgerald,

Teresa Heagney, Wayne Rohde & Dorothy Wright.

**Sat 6.00pm:** Rosa Arico, Ralph Mammone (6mth).

**Sun 9.00 am:** Henry Berton, Joe, Michael & Maria Surace

**Sun 5.00 pm:** Giuseppe & Francesco Tassone

**Tues 7.00 pm:** Domenico Pascale

**Sat 10.00am:** Emil Kondratow (34yrs).

#### 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.

Christian Meditation: Sat – 11.30 Fleming room

#### HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

 we wish

all mothers a Happy Mother's Day and may they be blessed as they are surrounded by their loving family.

#### WEDDING

This weekend we congratulate

*Lisa Pollifrone & Cameron Stewart,*

on their marriage.



**We pray for the sick.** Fr Bill O'Halloran, Fr John Fitzgerald, Kevin Bartlett (Dorrie Vidovich's son in-law Melb).

#### ST VINCENT De PAUL -GROCERY STORE.

St. Vinnie's Budget Grocery is in need of our continuing support and that includes everyone.

It was established to

assist those in need in this difficult economic situation.

The more customers that shop there increase its turnover and buying power. The support of all parishioners would be appreciated even if we buy just a few items.

Not only do we help the store but also enable the volunteer staff to develop skills so that they can get employment.

- Remember every little helps.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

VG Tomlinson becomes new auxiliary (Cath News Wed)

Pope Benedict has appointed Melbourne Vicar-General Monsignor Les Tomlinson as an auxiliary bishop for Australia's largest archdiocese.

The appointment was announced in Rome at 12pm on Tuesday May 5 2009 (8pm AEST), a Melbourne archdiocesan statement says. Monsignor Tomlinson, 65, has been Vicar General of the Archdiocese since 2003, and previously was parish priest of Ormond, Rowville and Carlton.

He has ministered in parishes in Victoria and Tasmania since his priestly ordination on August 18 1972.



He has been involved in a number of diocesan bodies, and is currently the Spiritual Advisor to the State Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Victoria.  
 Archbishop Denis Hart said, "I am most grateful to Pope Benedict for the appointment, which shows his care for the people of Melbourne. Monsignor Tomlinson is a highly esteemed collaborator who is exceptionally generous in the service of priests and people alike."

Monsignor Tomlinson stated: "I humbly accept the appointment of the Holy Father, and will devote myself energetically to the work of the Church and to the service of Melbourne's people with Archbishop Hart."

The ordination of the new Bishop will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday June 17 2009 at 7.30pm.

### LOCAL CONNECTION

Bishop-elect Les Tomlinson is the son of the late Edward and Alice (Rogers) Tomlinson and was born and raised in Mildura. He attended Sacred Heart Primary School and Saint Joseph's Secondary College before moving to Melbourne for employment. His studies for the priesthood began at Corpus Christi College Werribee and concluded at St. Paul's Seminary in Sydney. He was ordained a priest in St. Joseph's Red Cliffs on August 18<sup>th</sup> 1972. He has an older brother Bruce and a sister Jan. Les joined us for the Centenary Celebrations of our parish and Saint Joseph's College in 2006. An invitation has been extended to him to visit the parish in the future. His address is James Gould House P.O. Box 146 East Melbourne 8002. Please remember him in your prayers as he prepares to take up this very challenging and demanding appointment as bishop.

### MOTHERS DAY

#### Prayers for Mothers

"O Loving Lord,  
 You have created mothers in love  
 and blessed them with children.  
 As they work tirelessly to support  
 their families may they be  
 showered with your blessings.  
 Give mothers strength to exercise compassion as they live  
 each day under your care.  
 May those who are joined in your love, support mothers by  
 their fervour of spirit and devotion to prayer.  
 Amen

We thank you, O Lord, for the gift of Motherhood.  
 May those blessed with children be granted the gifts of  
 courage, perseverance and good health.  
 May they face each new day with faith and hope in your  
 abiding love.  
 May all families find in the strength of your love  
 The priceless gift of peace  
 And so bear witness to your glory. Amen



### PARISH FUNCTIONS ON THIS WEEK

- **Mon 11th** The monthly meeting of the KSC will be held 7.30pm Mon 11th, in the KSC clubrooms. A **BBQ tea** will be held at 6.30pm prior to the meeting.
- **Tues 12<sup>th</sup>** - **Catholic Womens Social Group** Meeting 2.00pm. Hillman Rm.

### PARISH NOTICES

**Sr Kathy Solano - RSM** will be speaking to parishioners after 6.00pm Mass Saturday 16th in the Hillman Room.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May**- Passionist Family group will breakfast at the Mildura Workers Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. Please confirm intentions with Lyn Morgan 50211422.

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Over the course of the next two Mondays, Fr. David McCallum, S.J., a Jesuit visiting from the United States, will offer programs of applied spirituality.

#### Monday May 11 (7:30-9 pm)

*Applied Spirituality in Daily Life: Discernment and Decision Making*

In this workshop, Fr. David will facilitate an exploration of how we make decisions and offer methods for how we can include God in the way we make life choices. We will consider how we can use our heads, hearts, and gut intuition, as well as we can invite the Holy Spirit to help guide us.

#### Monday May 18 (7:30-9 pm)

*Applied Spirituality in Daily Life: Working with our Shadows*

In this workshop, Fr. David will help us consider ways of working through challenges in our relationships, especially with people who "get under our skins." We will explore how each of us has a "shadow"- parts of our personality that we tend to deny at the expense of our relationships with others and our own capacity to live whole lives. Fr. David will share a method for helping us heal and integrate this aspect of our self.

Please register your name with the parish office on Monday morning if you intend to be present for Fr. David's talks on Monday nights as material needs to be printed for all in attendance. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

### MASS IN NURSING HOMES

**MON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

OASIS NURSING HOME IRYMPLE 10.30AM.

MILDURA NURSING HOME ONTARIO AVE 1.30 PM.

**TUES 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

PRINCES COURT HOME 10.00 AM.

Mass will be celebrated for the residents. An open invitation is extended to family members, friends & parishioners to attend these Masses.

**FEAST OF FLORES DE MAYO:**

Our Filipino parishioners will share some of their faith traditions, rituals and music when we celebrate the Flores de Mayo on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> during the 9.00 a.m. Mass. More details will be given as we come closer to the celebration. The number of new parishioners from the Philippines continues to increase. Please introduce yourselves to them and help them feel at home.

**ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN.**

- ❖ Parishioners are to be asked if they would be happy to sponsor the bulletin by paying \$25 and advertising their business on the weekly Bulletin (average 500 copies, one advertisement per week).

The advertisement would be Business card size.

If interested, please contact the parish office.

**PARISH GROUPS**

To assist our Parish meet the needs of Parishioners, we are advertising for people to assist with the *Baptism Preparation Group*. If you wish to become a member of this important role or any of our Groups please fill in your name and phone number and the name of the Group you wish to belong to.

There will be training for these.

- BAPTISM PREPARATION – preparing families for Baptism, this involves one Wed night every second month.

Name .....

Phone .....

Name of Group you are interested in:

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*Cut out this square and return to Mass or Parish Office*

**AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM:**

As you are aware we are installing a new audio-visual system in the church. At the moment we are drawing up guidelines for its use during liturgies and becoming familiar with the equipment and its potential. People will need to be trained as operators of the equipment. If you are interested in assisting please contact the office.

**Somebody said.....**

- o Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct - somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.
- o Somebody said being a mother is boring - somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a learner's permit.
- o Somebody said you can't love the second child as much as you love the first .... somebody doesn't have two children.
- o Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home.... somebody never had grandchildren.

**MINISTERS ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND**

**READERS**

6.00 pm G Huxtable

9.00 am C & P McErvale

5.00 pm T Finn

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

<u>6.00 pm</u>	<u>9.00 am.</u>	<u>5.00 pm</u>
K Girke	T McNamara	C Maugeri
S Girke	M Grivec	C Carmichael
J De Jong	R Op't Hoog	ML Towns
H De Jong	R Op't Hoog	K Towns
L Roden	F Caldarelli	E Mazza
M Capogreco	L Welsh	
L Gooch N Lewis		

**COUNTING TEAM**

**Team 3**

**MINISTERS ROSTERS *NEXT* WEEKEND**

**MUSIC**

6.00 pm N Armsden / Filipino Choir

9.00 am Pacific Islanders

5.00 am M Sullivan/ J Macri/ All welcome

**COUNTING TEAM**

**Team 4 Kevin Schultz 50238778**

**READERS**

6.00 pm 9.00 am. 5.00 pm.

K Towns P O'Donnell B Kelly

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

<u>6.00 pm</u>	<u>9.00 am.</u>	<u>5.00 pm</u>
K Burns	P Opie	G Raiti
A-M Greville	S Opie	C McErvale
M Sheahan	R Byra	W Finn
M Meredith	F Chiavone	T Finn
J Hall	T Chiavone	P Cox
P Kelleher	G Scopacasa	
M McDonald	M Scopacasa	

**Last Week's Collections**

Priest's Support – (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection)	\$ 1,258.00
Envelopes (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	\$ 7,450.50
Loose Plate	\$ 334.40
Project Compassion to date	\$ 5,466.25

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE**

**ALL ROSTERS ARE DISPLAYED ON BACK WALL**

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Dear Parishioners,

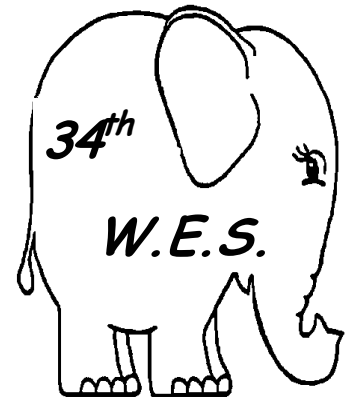
You are invited to come to the 34<sup>th</sup> White Elephant Sale at St Paul's!!

SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please join us as we have fun together.

There will be the usual activities for the children as well as delightful stalls for all to visit and see.

The gates open at 9.00am and the Auction commences at 9.30 am.

The various stalls for breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea will be serving you all day!!!!



### The Year of St Paul

Everyone wants happiness – Paul tells us how it is to be found:

"I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. ... There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:4-7)

### *Reflections on the Scriptures - 5th Sunday of Easter Year B*

#### **First Reading - Acts 9: 26-31**

Most people are sceptical when they see dramatic behavioral change in a person or a group. When Saul of Tarsus morphs from persecutor to defender of Christ and his followers, it is not at all surprising that he receives a mixed reaction. It takes a brave person, in this case Barnabas, who has proved his worth in the Jerusalem community, to welcome Saul as a co-worker in Christ and to present his credentials as one who has encountered the risen Christ. The Greek-speaking Christian Jews are suspicious, even murderous, however, when he tries to preach the gospel among them, to the point that his supporters have to get him out of the city to Caesarea and then to his home town Tarsus. Peace ensues and the movement gains in strength in the regions where Jesus had first preached the gospel. It is worth reflecting on the cultural diversity that characterised earliest Christianity and the tensions that had to be resolved between different language groups or groups of different ethnic origin if the gospel was to flourish.

#### **Gospel Reading - John 15: 1-8**

Again and again, life's experiences teach us that, as human beings, we cannot make it on our own. The gospel reading reminds us that as baptised Christians we are not just intimately linked with each other but that the source of our unity is the risen Christ. As limbs and leaves and sap of the same vine, we simply need each other.

The vine image picks up one of the most potent biblical images for God's relationship to the people of Israel. It is an image of life and growth, of colour and vibrancy. It holds the promise of a life-sustaining grape harvest that is ultimately transformed into wine, the biblical symbol for joy. God brought Israel 'the vine' out of Egypt (Psalm 80:9). For the prophet Jeremiah, Israel is the choice vine 'of fully tested stock' planted by God (Jer 2:21). For Isaiah, Israel is also a vineyard planted and nurtured by God (Isa 5:1-7; 27:3). Jesus takes the image further: he is the vine and God is the vine grower. The potency of this image resides in the fact that a vine without branches is inconceivable. It draws us into the mystery of the mutual interchange of life between us and the risen Christ, into the mystery of God. It also invites us to acknowledge our interconnection with the whole of the earth community and to nurture the wonderful biodiversity of our planet. -Veronica Lawson, RSM