

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.

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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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MASS WEEKDAYS:

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

Tues: 2.00 p.m. Mass of the sick.
Wed: 9.10 a.m.
Thurs: 9.30 a.m.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat: 10.00 a.m Hillman Room

Sunday May 3rd 2009

FOURTH Sunday of Easter Year B

THIS WEEK: Readings

First Reading **Acts 4:8-12** Peter heals by the power of Jesus.
Psalm **Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading **1 Jn 3:1-2** We are children of God.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 10:14**

Gospel **Jn 10:11-18** The Good Shepherd.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

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.



RECENT DEATHS: Marie Therese Jens (Ballarat), Andrew Duke (Ballarat) Robert Cook (Manangatang –brother-in-law of Sr. Helen

Murphy), Baby Jack George Wilkes, Jack Hare (Echuca)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Anniversaries: Frs. Tom Brophy, Michael Philburn & Vincent Sproules, Joan Kennedy ,Walter Hudson, Tony Meade.

Sun 9.00 am: Joseph Andrasek (77th B'day remembrance).

Sun 5.00 pm: Bruno Piscioneri.

Tues 2.00 pm: Helen Grivec (B'day remembrance).

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

- **Mass for the sick** will be celebrated at 2.00 pm. On Tues 5th May.

We pray for the sick.

Fr Bill O'Halloran, Fr John Fitzgerald, Kevin Bartlett (Dorrie Vidovich's son in-law Melb), Pat Penfold (Donald -sr of Mary Langdon, Sr. Grace & Tess Kerr), & Phil Smith.

If you want a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission, and notify us when to take their name off the list, also.

WEDDING

This weekend we congratulate

David Fogha & Theresa Cavallo,

Scott Carter & Sallee Crouch

on their marriages.



WELCOME

This weekend we welcome to our parish Fr. David McCallum SJ and Sr. Jennifer Collins IBVM who are here to conduct the Retreat In Daily Life over the next three weeks. Please make them welcome and keep them and the retreatants in your prayers.

We also welcome Fr. Aleki Piula SDB - a Tongan Salesian priest who is now working in the Australian Province. He is visiting relatives and will celebrate Mass in Tongan this Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations are in order for two of our parishioners -- **Doug and Merle Watson** – who last week celebrated sixty years of marriage. We welcome them and their family -- five children, thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren to 9.00 a.m. Mass this weekend. Doug and Merle have been heavily involved in parish life and activities over the years, especially with Sacred Heart Tennis Club. May the Lord continue to bless and keep them in the palm of his hand.

FEAST OF ST. PETER CHANEL:

We thank our Tongan parishioners for letting us non-Tongan parishioners experience some of their traditions, music, singing and rituals in the Mass last Saturday night with Fr. Silito as the main celebrant. It was a very uplifting and beautiful liturgy. The evening was capped off with Tongan cuisine, music and dance in the Parish Hall. All those who attended probably had to diet the next day as the food just kept coming and it was too difficult to refuse! We also thank our Tongan parishioners for their generous donation of \$810.00 and this will be put towards the cost of the new audio-visual system in the church.

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 24TH DURING THE 9.00 A.M. MASS. THE CELEBRATION WILL BE LED BY FR. JOVEN LUSTRE, THE PARISH PRIEST OF EAGLEHAWK. FR. JOVEN COMES FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND WILL EXCHANGE WITH FR. MATTHEW FOR THE WEEKEND. 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.



PARISH FUNCTIONS ON THIS WEEK

- **Sunday- Irymple Market.**
- **Tues- 9.30 am Catechists Meeting.**
- **Wed- 6.30 pm. Social Justice Meeting- Fleming Rm.**
- **Thurs- 7.00 pm. RCIA- Topic Mystagogy- Fr Frank/Fr Tom /Fr Pat.**

RCIA Thurs 7th May

All Catechists, Sponsors, God Parents & members of the RCIA team are invited to attend the RCIA meeting in the Hillman Room on Thurs 7th May 7.00pm.

NOTICES

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

FOUND

*1 Pair of young ladies white leather dress shoes size 10 was found in the Church after the Good Friday Celebration.
1. Black Rosary Beads vicinity Lime Ave & Eighth St.
Contact the Office to collect.*

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.

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.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT:

Amongst the issues discussed were the income of the parish is declining, massive increase in insurance premiums, \$19,333.81 (2009) compared to \$16,528.37 (2008).

Diocesan levies met \$7,350.00, to help cover these increased expenses we have had to increase the costs of weddings and funerals and to take out a loan of \$25,000 to meet the cost of the new audio-visual system.

One can see over the past few months where some of our income has been spent in capital and on-going maintenance:

New carpet in the Hillman Room, re-sanding and varnishing of the gathering space in the Church, new interior and exterior lighting of the church, new audio/visual system and the paving outside the Church.

The Church is well used and must be maintained. During the month of April alone there have been eight weddings, nine baptisms, eleven funerals and of course daily Masses, school Masses, prayer sessions and Holy Week Ceremonies to name some of the activities.

Your on-going support of our Planned Giving Programme enables the Church to function.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Pastoral Council met last week and among the issues discussed were the Retreat In Daily Life, the composition and format of the Sunday Bulletin, the sponsoring of the Sunday Bulletin through advertising; need for greater integration of various cultures and nationalities in our parish; need for our parish community to be more welcoming to newcomers and visitors alike; ongoing formation of Council members through reflection on and discussion about topical articles; new approach to RCIA, Baptismal Programs and Catechetics needed as personnel change.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Fr. David McCallum, one of the two directors of the retreat will conduct three sessions on an Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality. These sessions will be held in the Hillman room on the next three Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. and are open to all parishioners commencing on May 4th, then 11th and 18th.

Please keep the directors and the retreatants in your prayers during May.



If you still have a box or set of envelopes, please return them as soon as possible.

ST VINCENT De PAUL -Family Store

Are looking for volunteers to perform the following duties:

- i. Sorting
- ii. Pricing
- iii. Cleaning



If you could volunteer some of your spare time to assist the please contact Libby on 50235750.

Our Diocesan Community –

Our Diocesan Community Magazine is out now; these are available in the foyers.

Last Week's Collections

Priest's Support – (1st Collection) \$ 1,345.00
Envelopes (2nd Collection) \$ 2,602.00
Loose Plate \$ 381.00
Project Compassion to date \$ 5,387.00



Year of St Paul.

Editorial – Bananas, Chairlifts, and Saint Paul

By [Rev. Raymond Petrucci](#)

The Depression was in full swing in 1936, but for James Curran, a bridge engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad, it was going to be a very eventful year. It could have been the uncertain times or simply the fancy of the active mind of an engineer; James Curran desired to create a system to carry bunches of bananas to a conveyer belt. As it turned out, it was not bunches of bananas but bunches of skiers that would benefit from the churning of Mr. Curran's creative juices. His idea led to the invention of the chairlift. This is simply another illustration of how a determined effort to accomplish one task may lead to a very different result.

The most monumental example of one these surprising ends occurred nearly two thousand years ago. On the road to Damascus, Saul of Tarsus, a true zealot in the persecution of those who chose to spread the teachings Jesus Christ, literally was swept from his horse by a dazzling display of divine intervention. The risen Christ confronted this enemy of all Christians and turned Saul's life around. He came to Damascus to persecute the followers of Christ and left to become Saint Paul – the great missionary of Christ.

The life of Saint Paul was changed in its direction and its destiny through his encounter with Christ risen, Christ the Savior. The quest of all Christians standing before the Easter event is the continuing renewal of the pursuit of the Christ-like life. For Saul it would take nothing less than a face to face meeting with the risen Christ to become Saint Paul. In truth, all the faithful require that same assurance and encouragement to engage in the duties of Christian living. Saint Paul tells that the real presents itself opaquely. The clarity yearned for is not here but the mission to be accomplished is here and now. As in the past, hatred and persecution of the Church remains in force. The thought of committing one's life to the belief that human existence is the product of a loving God and that that God calls each person to find eternal life in making God's love operative through their daily actions is odious to many. They prefer to live in landlocked myopia. Reality lies only in what their senses can grasp and the meaning of that reality is defined by them alone. Life, in their truth, is dust to dust.

One might agree that discipleship these days call not only for an inner calm and hope in the presence of the risen Lord, but also for an inventiveness of method and an acuteness of thought to the opportunities to proclaim one's faith. In the manner of Dorothy Day, one must be never be embarrassed to talk about God. The resurrected Christ is the source of power and wisdom that allows one to feed on heavenly food and to cope with life by seeing through life. The importance of the virtue of courage should not lack for emphasis. To be a person for Christ requires the immutable leadership expressed so eloquently by Woodrow Wilson, "Leadership does not always wear the harness of compromise. Once and again one of those great influences which we call a Cause arises in the midst of a nation. Men of strenuous minds and high ideals come forward." In the presence of internal fears and external threats, being a twenty-first century Christian will require Pauline strength and perseverance. As with Saint Paul, it is the abiding presence of the Christ of Easter that guides and strengthens souls on their journey to eternal life.

MINISTERS ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 pm T Swincer

9.00 am B Bunting

5.00 pm M Ransome

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

<u>6.00 pm</u>	<u>9.00 am.</u>	<u>5.00 pm</u>
P Kelleher	M Speed	M Joseph
M McDonald	U Williams	M Joseph
K Quinlan	E Garreffa	J Macri
B Weightman	M Modica	AM Dimasi
M Henderson	S Hermans	M Conte
M Roper	T Fainga Anuku	
S Tisler	M Fainga Anuku	

COUNTING TEAM

Team 2 Joe DeJong 50237802

MINISTERS ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

MUSIC

6.00 pm M Hammond, B Lewis, J O'Bryan, M Schmidt.

9.00 am *Mothers Day*- M Guthrie, G & F Lane.

5.00 am N Armsden, J Macri.

COUNTING TEAM

Team 3

READERS

6.00 pm	9.00 am.	5.00 pm.
G Huxtable	C & P McErvale	T Finn

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

6.00 pm	9.00 am.	5.00 pm
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	

AUSTRALIAN ♦ CATHOLIC ♦
SOCIAL ♦ JUSTICE ♦ COUNCIL
30 April 2009

MEDIA RELEASE

Hard times demand justice for the most vulnerable workers

Australia's lowest-paid workers should not have to carry the costs of job protection, the Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC), Bishop Christopher Saunders, says in his annual Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on May 1.

The Pastoral Letter refers to the Australian Fair Pay Commission's current review of the federal minimum wage.

'This wage should provide for a decent standard of living not only for workers but for their families', said Bishop Saunders. 'Currently it is not keeping pace with rising costs of living - particularly the skyrocketing costs of rent.'

'The Federal Government and the Fair Pay Commission must bear in mind those who have struggled to survive on low wages and income support when most benefited during the years of prosperity. This financial crisis was not of their making. They should not be deprived of the wage increases they need to meet their basic costs of living.'

'Those seeking work, too, need to be assured that they will be protected from poverty when they are in work.'

'Ensuring a decent minimum wage safety net will be a most important factor in providing security for working families who rely on the minimum wage and income support.'

'The fundamental rights of families to establish a home, to welcome the sacred gift of life and raise a family require the guarantee of a decent family wage', Bishop Saunders said.

The Pastoral Letter is available at:
<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

Reflections on the Scriptures - 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B - First Reading - Acts 4:8-12

This passage offers contrasting images of leadership: courageous and Spirit-filled leadership on the one hand and fearful, threatened leadership on the other. Peter is defending John and himself before the Temple authorities who have arrested them for preaching 'that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead'. The source of their power to heal is also in question. Peter identifies the name of Jesus as the source of salvation and of healing for all. He refers to Jesus as the Christ or Messiah whom God has raised from the dead. The architectural metaphor of the cornerstone rejected by the master builders is a reference to Psalm 118:22. It identifies the threatened Temple authorities with the failed leaders of ancient Israel.

Gospel Reading - John 10:11-18

The gospel is also about leadership and has some resonance for me. When I was a child, my siblings and I used to spend part of our holidays and weekends herding the cows, just being with them as they grazed on the edge of the roads around our district. We liked our cows, even if we didn't want to spend all day with them. Each one of our small herd had a name and a personality. They were ours. They knew us and we knew them. We weren't shepherds, but we came close to being an Australian equivalent of the good shepherd of the ancient world pictured in this gospel passage.

Strangely enough, for the earliest readers of John's gospel, the term 'good shepherd' was something of a contradiction in terms. Most shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others. They thus broke the law and were considered 'unclean' according to the Jewish purity laws. A positive image of the shepherd is also present in Israel's prophetic tradition. The leaders were expected to shepherd their people wisely. Those who failed to do so were castigated: "You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them (Ezekiel 34:4)." That is no way for leaders to act. The gospel assertion, "I am the good shepherd" probably picks up all the various resonances of the image.

The notion of 'one flock and one shepherd' has its background in Jewish hopes that at the end-time the Messiah would bring together all the scattered people of Israel and gather the nations to Jerusalem. We have here a wonderful image of inclusivity and hope. 'Laying down one's life' for the sake of the other and doing it willingly is central to the process of creating a community, 'one flock'. 'Listening' is likewise affirmed as the way towards a unified community of peoples: 'they too will listen to my voice'. To my mind, that is the key to finding life in a fractured world.
-Veronica Lawson, RSM