

Our Parish Vision

"Our Parish is a Eucharistic Community united by our faith in Jesus Christ. We work together in the power of the Holy Spirit to spread the good news of God's Kingdom."

Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 6.00 p.m.
Sun: 9.00 a.m., 5.00 p.m.
Irymple: 8.30 am.

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Tom Brophy,
Fr. James Mc Kay, Fr. Neville Stanislaus,
Gladys Abriani, Lys Crowe,
Fr. Frank Monaghan P.E.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts: 5: 12-16. The Apostles perform many signs.
Psalm: 117: 2-4, 22-27. Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Apocalypse: 1: 9-13, 17-19.

Gospel: John. 20: 19-31. Doubting Thomas.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts: 5: 27-32, 40-41.

Psalm: 29. 2, 4-6, 11-13.

Second Reading: Apocalypse. 5. 11-14.

Gospel: John. 21. 1-19.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

RECENT DEATHS: Mark O'Brien (Horsham), Brian Corcoran (Stanhope), Christian & Cameron Iogha (twins), Damiano (Don Brizzi).

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Brophy, Jim Murphy, Wally Broderick, Dominic O'Brien, Peter Randles, Mons. Leo Fiscalini, Trevor Waller, Fr. Bernie Mackin, Kathleen Ryan.

SAT 6.00 P.M. Francesca & Bruno Pelle.

Tues 7.00 p.m. Domenico Pascale, Giuseppe Roccisano (Nichols Point).

Fri 5.40 p.m. Paul Matulin.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joshua Herrick, Fr. Don Gunn, Sr. Joyce White rsj, Rob Smith, Anne-Marie Hine, Tracey Stokes, Rosslyn Wells, Mary Menzies, Stan Leahy, Michael McGlynn, Sr Margaret Carmody (Hamilton), Dianne Nowak (Pinkie) & Kathleen Rivarich (Bendigo-former teacher at St Joseph's).

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

WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Prayer Group: 2.00-4.00pm.

Rosary: Monday 6.00pm.

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8.40am.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues. 7.30pm.

Scripture Readings: Thurs 10.30am. *20 Beasy Cr.*

Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00pm.

Christian Meditation: Sat – 11.30am. *Hillman Rm.*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - held the 1st Friday of every month 12.00 – 5.00p.m. in the Church.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome **Matthew Scarr, Gabrielle Circosta, Alessandra Scherger, Alessio Mammone, Eli Ficarra and Jett Alderton** into God's family, and into our Parish family.

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SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2010

2nd Sunday of Easter

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,

Weekday Masses

If there is a Funeral Mass on Wed, Thurs, the advertised Mass will be cancelled.

Tues: 7.00 p.m.

Wed: 9.10 a.m.

Thurs: 9.30 a.m. Tongan Mass 7.00 p.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m. St Bernadette

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

Thanks

The members of the Parish Team wish thank all those who helped to prepare the grounds and church prior to Easter.

Also to those who volunteered to assist in our Holy Week liturgies: Readers, Offertory Gifts bearers, Collectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar servers, Musicians, Singers, Counters, donors of Flowers, Gardeners, Cleaners and anyone else who contributed in any way, without your continued interest and help things could not have run as smoothly as they did.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Visit of Tongan Chaplain -

Fr Silito will be visiting the Parish this week from Tues till Friday. He will celebrate the Parish Masses on Tuesday 7.00p.m. and Wednesday 9.10p.m. in the absence of Parish clergy. (*See below*). On Thursday the 15th he will celebrate a special mass for the Tongan Community at 7.00 p.m.

The Feast of Peter Chanel

Our Tongan Parishioners invite everyone to join with them in celebrating the Feast of their patron St Peter Chanel on Sunday April 25th 9.00 a.m.

Following the Mass the Tongan community invite parishioners to join them in sampling Tongan cuisine in the church grounds.



Diocesan Council of Priests

The priests of the area will be in Ballarat from Monday to Wednesday evening for a meeting of the Diocesan Council of Priests, celebrate the Ordination of anniversaries of Fr. Pat Flanagan (50 years), and Fr. Barry Strickland (25 years), and to attend an in-service on the new English translation of the Mass. Fr Paul from Wentworth and / or Fr Silito will be able to attend to your spiritual needs during this time.



*Dear Friends of Sacred Heart Parish
Thank you for your good wishes to me in my move
to Deniliquin.*

*My last three years of return to the Parish
have been so happy and blessed and I thank
you all for that joy.*

*I pray that God will bless you & keep you all
in his care.*

Sincerely Isabel Russell.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Confirmation Programme for children in Grade 3 and over (who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation) will begin with the Parent Information Meeting on Monday 19th April at 7.30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Letters and Enrolment Forms will be sent out to all families who have children in Grade 3 at Sacred Heart P.S. and St Paul's P.S. and to all those in other grades and at other schools who have already registered their interest, as soon as Term 2 begins. Anyone else who would like the information letter and Enrolment Form sent to you, please ring the Parish Office this week.



WHATS COMING UP:

- Monday 12th KSC monthly meeting will be held 7.30pm at the Clubrooms.
- Tues 13th - Catholic Women's Social Group 2.00 p.m. Hillman Rm.
- Thurs 15th -RCIA 7.30 p.m. Hillman Rm.
- Sat 17th Induction of the Parish Pastoral Council members 6.00 p.m.
- Next BCC meeting will be held at the home of Chris & Beryl Bogemann 21 Vineleaf St (off the Boulevard Ave) Sunday April 18th - 12 noon. BYO drinks & finger food.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 20th from noon & Wednesday April 21st due to a training day in Ballarat.



Thank you!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion.

If you still have a **box or set of envelopes**, please bring them back next week. If you are wondering how you could make a difference in the struggle against poverty in your daily life then visit www.bemore.org.au and take up the challenge to BE More!

NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

During July last year we were contacted by the Josephite sisters in Sydney, requesting our support for their Petition to the Federal Parliament nominating East Timor as a recipient of the award of the Order of Australia. Our Petitions were forwarded to Sydney and we have been advised that 22,717 signatures were received Australia-wide.

The combined Petitions were presented to the local member of the Electorate of Lindsay, and subsequently tabled in Parliament on 16th September. The Sisters also advise that the A.B.C. Compass program has been following this story, and it will be televised on Anzac Day this year.

So, make a mental note in your Note-books –

VINNIES WEEKLY SPECIALS

Heinz Baked Beans	95c ea
Heinz Big Red Tomato Soup	\$ 1.25 ea
Glen View Jumbo Fresh Eggs	\$ 2.45 dozen
Uncle Toby's HealthWise Cereal 360g	\$ 2.40 pkt
Wiggles Spaghetti Shapes 3x 220g tins	\$ 2.40 pk
Safcol Sandwich Tuna 3 var's	\$ 1.35 ea
Betty Cocker Cake Mix's	\$ 2.40 ea

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❖ **Vinnie's Budget groceries are a nonprofit organization. It is able to maintain competitive prices due to dedicated volunteers. More support means lower prices for Mildura's community.**

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

JUNE 2009 – JUNE 2010-04-09

Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name.

For so great a gift to the Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church.

Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness.

In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never be abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising.

In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for sinners. By the same Holy Spirit put word on their lips and your love in their hearts for the broken hearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest.

Grant that she, who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Clergy Life & Ministry).

Popes Easter message

Pope Benedict XVI called all Christians to a "renewed witness to the resurrection of Christ" and stressed the need of the world "to encounter him and to know him as true God and true man."

To those who have begun to doubt their faith because of all the evil in the world, Pope Benedict presented the example of St. Thomas the Apostle, who, when told by his fellow apostles that they had seen the Risen Christ, said that he would not believe it until he had touched our Savior's wounds. If those wounds were the source of both St. Thomas's doubt and, when he had seen Christ, his belief, then, Pope Benedict pointed out; the wounded world around us speaks to Christ's "victorious love." In fact, he proclaimed, "by his rising the Lord has not taken away suffering and evil from the world but has vanquished them at their roots by the superabundance of his grace. He has countered the arrogance of evil with the supremacy of his love."

Continuing [themes](#) about the damage caused by [war](#) that had been stressed by Pope John Paul II before him, the Holy Father recalled the struggles of Christians in Iraq, Lebanon, and throughout the Middle East, who are so often [forgotten by their fellow Christians](#):

In the Middle East, besides some signs of hope in the dialogue between Israel and the Palestinian authority, nothing positive comes from Iraq, torn apart by continual slaughter as the civil population flees. In Lebanon the paralysis of the country's political institutions threatens the role that the country is called to play in the Middle East and puts its future seriously in jeopardy. Finally, I cannot forget the difficulties faced daily by the Christian communities and the exodus of Christians from that blessed land which is the cradle of our faith. In this Easter season, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, we can follow Pope Benedict's call by praying for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East, that the ancient Christian communities there may continue to survive.



COMPASS- 11th April 22:15 ABC COMPASS – ANZAC DAY!!



Commando Chaplains

The last place you might expect to find a chaplain is dodging bullets in Afghanistan. This film follows two British Royal Marine chaplains as they travel around 'their parish' bringing faith to the frontline. Many of the marines don't attend church back home in Britain, but they do here. "It's something to believe in," says one. But the chaplains' focus here is not preaching. Instead it is what they term "incarnational ministry" - being there alongside the men, to provide a moral compass in the heat of battle, and help them deal with the aftermath.

eConference on Mary – 18th May 2010

'National eConference Mary -

First Disciple Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

It's free and will be fantastic! Connect with friends in your parish and watch this live webcast. It's perfect for parishioners, teachers, catechists, and students, as a faith formation day. To find out more go to www.bbi.catholic.edu.au and register to win a pilgrimage for two to Italy with Harvest Travel in 2010.'

Pope Benedict's Prayer Intention for April,

General Intention: That every tendency to fundamentalism and extremism may be countered by respect, tolerance, and dialogue among believers.

Mission Intention: That persecuted Christians may persevere, sustained by the Holy Spirit, in witnessing to the love of God for all, even for those who persecute them.

REFLECTION - Second Sunday of Easter Year C

Some of you would remember when we spoke of the Sundays 'after' Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays 'of' Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith. The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors 'for fear' of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his 'Father'. They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves, and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in the pursuit of justice and peace.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type.

He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. They make big statement when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for some time. If we think, however, that those who hear and understand in the first place are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those who do believe and trust need to take a bit of time to take the gospel message on board. -Veronica Lawson RSM

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1 st Collection (Support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 2,932.00
2 nd collection (Support of Parish & Diocese)	\$ 2,001.20
Loose Plate	\$ 1,264.35
Project Compassion to date:	\$ 3,015.95
Holy Land Collection:	\$ 1,454.40
Easter Offerings	\$ 1,640.80

MINISTERS' ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

6.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
M. McDonald	M. Flinn	M. Conte
K. Quinlan	L. De Iese	C. Carmichael
B. Weightman	K. Mapapalangi	E. Mazza
E. Frauenfelder	T. Panuccio	M-L. Towns
M. Henderson	P. O'Donnell	K. Towns
S. Tisler	F. Carbone	
M. Roper	D. Brown.	

READERS

6.00 pm	9.00 am.	5.00 pm
C. Ellis	Sr. R. Graham	A. Englefield

MUSIC

6.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
M. Hammond		N. Armsden
M. Schmidt	G & F. Lane	G. Hacca
B. Lewis		J. Macri

COUNTING TEAM

Team. 1. G. Lavery 5021 1918.

MINISTERS' ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND:

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

6.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
K. Girke	G. Raiti	C. McErvale
S. Girke	C. Maugeri	W. Finn
L. Roden	A. Chalkley	T. Finn
M. Cirillo	P. Kerr	P. Cox
M. Capogreco	A. Vartulli	M. Ransome
L. Gooch	N. Zudetich	
A-M. Greville	S. Visona	

READERS

6.00 pm	9.00 am.	5.00 pm
V. Chong	M. Speed	P. Hammond

MUSIC

6.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
M. Guthrie	Pacific Islanders	M. Sullivan
J. O'Bryan		K. Loison
		J. Ljubic

COUNTING TEAM

Team. 2. – J De Jong. 5023 7802.

Quote

'Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" (see John 20: 24-28) and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time.' From www.americancatholic.org

Pope's Encyclical,

'Charity in Truth'

Sometimes *globalization* is viewed in fatalistic terms, as if the dynamics involved were the product of anonymous impersonal forces or structures independent of the human will. ... As a human reality, it is the product of diverse cultural tendencies, which need to be subjected to a process of discernment. The truth of globalization as a process and its fundamental ethical criterion are given by the unity of the human family and its development towards what is good. Hence a sustained commitment is needed so as to *promote a person-based and community-oriented cultural process of world-wide integration that is open to transcendence.*

Excerpt from *Caritas in Veritate* (n.42), Pope Benedict XVI-

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. Tom Brophy. 50212872. Terry Murphy 50233056. Sr. Rosemary Graham.50231841. Fr. James McKay 50212872. Fr. Neville Stanislaus 5023212872. Brian Grogan 50212099. Peter O'Donnell 0429104225. D. Atkinson 50214208. R. Opt'Hoog 50230941. Lys Crowe 50212872/50234567. Lyn Welsh 50231356. D. Knight 50257111. S. Mataele 0448658687. C. Conway-Weel 50234567. Mary Gobbo 50234621.

Mary MacKillop – An Australian Like Us Module 1

The aim of the series is to introduce parish members to the life and spirit of Bl. Mary MacKillop in 30 short paragraphs. The modules have been kindly prepared for *Bulletin Notes* by one of the Sisters of St Joseph, Sr Marie White rsj.

Born in Melbourne on January 15, 1842, of Scottish migrant parents, Mary was the eldest of eight children. Her mother, Flora (McDonald), a strong and courageous woman, had amazing trust in God's Providence. Her 'schoolmaster' father, Alexander, was unsuccessful in business. In 1873, Mary wrote: 'My life as a child was one of sorrow, my home when I had it a most unhappy one... When I was a little more than sixteen years of age, the principal care of a large family fell upon me, and ... I felt its burden yearly more and more.'

Provided by the Sisters of St Joseph -

www.sosj.org.au. For further information, see www.marymackillop.org.au and www.cathnews.com.au

Mary MacKillop Prayer

God of the pilgrim
Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance
in her journey of life
and deepened her confidence in your will.
May we renew our trust in your Providence
to lead us in hope.
May we relish the sacred in the ordinariness
of our lives.
May we grow in the fullness of your love
and the depth of your mystery.
We ask this through Jesus Christ the way,
the truth and the life.
Amen.



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