

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,
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St Francis Xavier's Church
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SUNDAY 4th APRIL 2010 EASTER SUNDAY

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

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.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat: 10.00 a.m.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts: 10.34. 36-43 Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

Psalm: 117. 1-2. 16-17.22-23. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians: 3. 1-4.

Gospel: John: 20. 1-9. Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

NEXT 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

RECENT DEATHS: Don Harris (Koondrook).

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Byrnes, Mary McClure, Molly Callaghan, Andrew Quaine, Frs. Brian Brophy & Tom Linane.

SUN 5.00 P.M. George Matulic, Vincenzo Piscioneri.

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).

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 Crt.*

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 **Max Connick, Emma Dickson, and Giorgio Ribarits** into God's family, and into our Parish family.

90th Birthday

We congratulate **Mary O'Bryan** who celebrated her 90th Birthday on Good Friday. Born on Good Friday 2/04/1920 Happy birthday.



Christ is Risen!

Easter Greetings

The members of the Parish Team wish each and every parishioner and our visitors a very happy and Holy Easter as we celebrate the great mystery of Christ being raised from the dead.

This mystery, which lies at the centre of our faith, gives us tremendous hope as we seek to follow in Christ's footsteps and enables us to proclaim: "Isn't God great?" Gladys Abriani, Lys Crowe, Frs. Frank, Jim, Neville & Tom.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Congratulations to **Katrina Jewell, Katie Aarons, Leiloo Paseka, Narelle Castro and Corinna Evans** who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday night. This is an exciting time for them, and for our whole Parish, as we welcome these new members.

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.

AN EASTER MESSAGE

My own faith in the Easter mystery is strongly based on the conviction of Saint Paul of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul never met Jesus prior the death of Jesus on Calvary as a common criminal. But after Paul's encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Damascus, he was totally convinced of the resurrection and spent his whole life proclaiming this essential truth of our Christian faith.

There are many times on our journey that we experience loneliness, separation and suffering. The message of Easter tells us that this is only part of our life together as God's people, that there is new life to be found for all of us, no matter how hard the journey at times. When we gather for the Easter Vigil, we renew the promises made for us at our Baptism and this, along with our reception of the Easter Water when it is sprinkled over us, invites



us to reflect upon what it means to share in the risen life of Jesus. Let us take heart from the words of Paul read at the Easter Vigil: "As Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too live a new life". Let us rejoice and be glad that Christ is risen, for his victory will also one day be ours. May you all experience a peace filled, blessed and safe Easter, renewed in mind and spirit.
+ Peter J Connors Bishop of Ballarat



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity has offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling against injustice and poverty. Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2010 appeal.

VINNIES WEEKLY SPECIALS

Tue 30th March to Fri 9th April

- Harvest Meals 452g \$2.40 ea
Assorted Varieties
- Kleenex Toilet Rolls 6 pack \$4.10 pack
- Eversweet Sweets \$2.00 bag
Assorted Varieties
- Green's Cake Mixes \$2.00 pkt
Assorted Varieties
- Safcol Tuna 185g 3 Varieties \$1.35 tin
- Peaches Goulburn Valley 1kg \$3.20
- Apples \$2.95 kg



(Jonathan, Granny Smith, Royal Gala, Golden Delicious)

----Phone: 50234458

❖ **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.**

COMMUNION TO SICK & ELDERLY

We require someone to take communion to 2 ladies once a fortnight in the Centro area. Also we have someone in the Princes Crt village requiring a ride to Mass of a Sunday. If you can assist in any way please contact Gladys in the Parish office 50212872.

Private Life of an Easter Masterpiece: The Taking of Christ- 10:10pm, ABC TV Sunday 4 April - Compass

presents the extraordinary story of one of world's great, lost masterpieces: Caravaggio's "The Taking of Christ".

This film traces the painting's journey from its birth in Rome in 1602 to its amazing re-discovery in 1990. "The Taking of Christ"

IN CHRIST WE HAVE

- A love that can never be fathomed;
- A life that can never die;
- A righteousness that can never be tarnished;
- A peace that can never be understood;
- A rest that can never be disturbed;
- A joy that can never be diminished;
- A hope that can never be disappointed;
- A glory that can never be clouded;
- A light that can never be darkened;
- A happiness that can never be interrupted;
- A strength that can never be enfeebled;
- A purity that can never be defiled;
- A beauty that can never be marred;
- A wisdom that can never be baffled;
- A resource that can never be exhausted. (Unknown)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

- 1st Collection (Support of Priests & Presbytery) \$ 1657.00
- 2nd collection (Support of Parish & Diocese) \$ 2355.00
- Loose Plate \$ 717.60
- Project Compassion to date: \$ 2080.05

REFLECTION

It doesn't pay to discount someone's story just because it sounds a bit fantastic. In Luke's resurrection account, that's what the 'eleven and all the rest' do with the women's stories of a rolled-back stone, no body, and heavenly interpreters. The notion of resurrection was not in itself extraordinary in a first century Jewish context. The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection, but the idea that God would raise one person from the dead before the general resurrection was quite unthinkable. From the men's perspective, therefore, the women are talking nonsense. Peter has to go and confirm their testimony for himself. Their account checks out and he goes away in amazement (no apology, just amazement). This gospel and the whole Easter celebration is about 'the one who lives'. Luke's account leaves no doubt about the death of Jesus: there are witnesses, there is evidence. The same goes for the burial. Now, in the story of the empty tomb, he wants to assert that Jesus is alive. The women (Mary of Magdala, Joanna the wife of Chuza, Mary the mother of James and unidentified others) are confronted with the question: 'Why are you seeking among the dead the one who lives?' They are entrusted with the message of resurrection: 'He is not here, but has been raised.' They are invited to remember the prophetic words of Jesus. They do remember, and they return to proclaim the good news. In line with countless prophetic figures before and since, their testimony is rejected, but is nonetheless effective through the telling and retelling of the story.



We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact, and re-tell these originating stories of our tradition, to dramatise and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In this faith inspired re-telling, all the power and grace of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a commitment to life. For some, it may involve paying more serious attention to the findings of reputable climate change scientists who no doubt feel a bit like the women of the gospel when their work is discounted. For others, it may mean finding ways to redirect some of the \$2 billion that we Australians manage to spend on confectionary every year. There is no end to the challenge. -Veronica Lawson RSM

MINISTERS' ROSTERS NEXT 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
Chris Ellis	Sr. Rosemary	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.