

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.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Sat: 11.00am or by appointment

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Tom Brophy,
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SUNDAY 8th AUGUST 2010
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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

Weekday Masses

Tues: 7.00 p.m. St Lawrence
Wed: 9.15 a.m. St Clare
Thurs: 9.30 a.m. St Francis de Chantal
Fri: 5.40 p.m. St Bernard
Sat: 1 0.00 a.m. St Piux X



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom. 18: 6-9.

Psalm. 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22.

Response: Happy the people the Lord have chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Hebrews. 11: 1-2, 8-12.

Gospel. Luke. 12: 35-40.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Chronicles. 15: 3-4, 15-16, 16: 1-2.

Psalm: 131: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14.

Response: Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.

Second Reading: Corinthians. 15: 54-57.

Gospel. Luke: 11: 27-28.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ray Hill (Robinvale), Phillip Brophy (Black Rock).

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Sun 5.00 p.m. - Toody McGlashan (1st Anniv.) Mollie Murton, Martin Irwin, Mona Baldock, Nikola Stefan, Irene Hunter, Leo Ryan, Ross Pickup, Jack Quaine, Fr. Leo McCormick, Mono Fox, Gerry Gaffney.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Fr. Don Gunn, Sr. Joyce White rsj, Rob Smith, Mary Menzies, Stan Leahy, Sr Margaret Carmody (Hamilton), Dianne Nowak (Pinkie), Angelo Resta, Michael Hall, Melva Scott, Uschi Russell, Tony O'Hurley, Jack McCarthy, Michael Carey, Antonio Tassone, Jill Brophy, Monica Gregson, Kevin Daily (Lismore NSW - Dot Brown's brother) & Antonio Chiavone.

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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2010

Many thanks to all parishioners who supported the Stewardship Program last weekend.

Our special thanks to **Fr Peter Hudson** who celebrated our Masses. Our hard working team of home visitors are currently out and about completing their home visits and we will be able to announce the final result next weekend. Please keep these parishioners in your prayers over the coming week and welcome them if they visit you!

Pledge cards are available at the church entrance for those who would like to pledge and have not yet done so. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the collection plate, left at the Parish Office or handed in after Mass. "Time & Talent" sheets are also available for those who would like to join a group or ministry. Your new series of Stewardship Envelopes will be available for you to collect next weekend. Thank you for your generous response.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us by enabling our Stewardship Program to be as successful as possible by volunteering some of your time to make some follow-up phone calls to parishioners. For more information please come to the **Hillman Room on Monday 9 August at 7.00pm** or to the Parish Office during the week or e-mail Lorella on lorella@tpg.com.au. The time you give to this exercise will benefit the parish in a great way.

PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT

All parishioners who have been involved in the Stewardship Program over the past few weeks (including contributors!) are invited to our **Final Social Night at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 August in the Hillman Room** Come along to hear the results of the Program and to have a cuppa.



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WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Prayer Group: 2.00-4.00pm.

Rosary: Monday 5.00pm.

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.

Thanks: I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere gratitude for all the wonderful words of consolation, bereavement cards and especially the prayers offered on behalf of the death of my mother. It was a difficult time for all of us, and yet it was a graced time also as a family we all had the chance of being with her and saying our personal 'goodbyes.' Above all, it was the gift of our faith in God's merciful love and compassion that helped us all cope with her passing, and the sure hope that she is in heaven. Again, many thanks and may God bless you all! Father Jim.

UP & COMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mon 9th - Knights of the Southern Cross meeting
7.30p.m.in Club rooms.

Tues 10th - Catholic Women's Social Group Meeting

Sun 29th - Passionist Family Group are having a Spud lunch at the home of Colin and Lyn Welsh, Sun 29th
At 12 noon. Please bring a sweet. A small cost with lunch will apply. Contact no 50231356, venue 16 Westside Boulevard Mildura.

Be More Weekend

About the Caritas Australia Be More Weekend
Three Days, Three Actions

The Be More Weekend is designed to be a grassroots, community-based event, this year the theme is water. By taking three simple actions over three days together we can work towards conserving water in Australia and raising awareness on the global issue of access to clean water.

Choose one action that you and your community can do each day:

Personal

Water Fast: 20 litres for the day

Water Audit: home or school

Back to Tap: educate yourself on the issues of bottled water

Community

Walk for Water: Take the Caritas K's challenge

Be Green: clean up local waterways

Be Water Smart: spread the water conservation message

Advocacy

Be Creative Challenge: use your imagination to educate others

Be Local Action: improve your neighbourhood

Be a Voice: for those who don't have access to clean drinking water

Thank you

We would like to thank Emilia Panetta for kindly donating several white hand towels to the Church, they are very much appreciated.

COMPASS ABC Television -The Nuns' Story

This is the story of three women who were once nuns. Although they took their vows for life, they found they couldn't keep them. With the spotlight this year on Australia's most famous nun Mary MacKillop, this program tells a very different story about religious life. It's a story about love and devotion, commitment and compassion, but it's also a tale of loss and abandonment. For despite their enormous contribution as teachers, nurses and community carers, many nuns were forsaken by their church when they left. So how have they rebuilt their lives? And, what has happened to their faith?

Jesus the Christ eConference coming soon

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Broken Bay Institute are expecting thousands across the country and the globe to participate in an upcoming **Jesus the Christ** eConference on September 16.



This fourth eConference, presented by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Broken Bay Institute, will be presented by Rev Professor Gerald O'Collins SJ.

Those interesting in attending this eConference in the Hillman Room please notify the parish office.



NetACG -a project of catholic social justice, welfare and educational agencies.

22 July, 2010

Dear Friends,

This week's arrival of boat people seeking asylum in Australia has engendered new publicity and negative attention, which is of concern to us as Australians and as Christians.

NetACG has prepared a reflection sheet in response to the current debate about asylum seekers and refugees. We have been concerned that the Christian and human dimension has been largely ignored in the current political wrangling, and that statements made by bishops and religious leaders have received little publicity.

This reflection invites church communities to reflect on the issue from the perspective of our faith, rather than allowing political rhetoric to colour our thinking. We hope that it will engender new conversations among our communities.

If you believe that it would be helpful, would you kindly distribute the paper to your communities with an encouragement that it be distributed with parish bulletins, discussed in community and social justice groups, or shared with friends.

Yours gratefully,

Jan Barnett rsj Email: Jan.Barnett@sosj.org.au

On behalf on NetAct

National tour of Mary MacKillop cross begins

The MacKillop Cross will arrive in Goulburn on Sunday as the first stop in a national tour in honour of Australia's first saint.



Organised by the Knights of the Southern Cross, on behalf of the Sisters of St Joseph, the cross will travel through each

Australian state and territory before returning to Sydney in time for canonisation celebrations and the Festival of Faith at St Mary's Cathedral.

The cross was constructed from timber in the floor of the first Woods/MacKillop school-house in Penola. Two crosses were made from the floorboards; one was presented to Pope John Paul II in 1986 as a gift from the Archdiocese of Sydney. The second was for St Mary's Cathedral and was used during the 1995 beatification ceremonies.

MACKILLOP MUSICAL Tickets are now on sale for MacKillop, the new Australian musical starring a cast of 80 including renowned opera singer Joanna Cole as Mary MacKillop. Performances will be held in October in Sydney (1-9 Oct) and Melbourne (23-24 Oct). There is an exclusive Parish Pre-Sale from August 1-17. We strongly advise you to purchase tickets before August 17 as all tickets will then go on sale to the general public. Tickets are available from \$35 (for groups of 7+)

Pope Benedict's Prayer Intentions for August

'That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.'

Mission intention: 'That the Church may be a "home" for all people, ready to open her doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.'

R.C.I.A

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The RCIA is the process by which individuals who wish to become members of the Catholic Church, embrace a journey of spiritual and personal formation. In our Parish, this process belongs to us, the parishioners of Sacred Heart. The Parish RCIA Team picks up this responsibility on our behalf. With our interest and support, it initiates the process, and walks the journey with the candidates. This process is about to begin again. The following information is what will be appearing in the local papers. Please invite anyone you know-family members, friends, spouses, colleagues, neighbours- who you think may be interested- you might even like to bring them along. The evening lasts about an hour, and at the end, people are invited to consider participating in the next stage of the journey.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH WELCOMES YOU.
Are you interested in learning, more about what it means to be Catholic?-A new program for Adults is beginning soon.

We invite you to come to an Inquiry session to find out more on either...

Thursday 19th August OR Thursday 26th August
7.30 a.m in the Hillman Room behind the Parish Office
Next to Sacred Heart Church, 261 Eleventh Street, Mildura
For further information Phone 5021 287

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL -

The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a 'little flock'. There is no need for fear: God, their 'father', has given them 'the kingdom' and they are to give in their turn.

They are to sell their material possessions and give 'alms' or, in another interpretation, use their resources to engage in 'works of mercy' (ele?mosun?). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: 'Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also.' The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery towards the end of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces is in no sense a gospel image of God. The Lukan Jesus is simply engaging his hearers' experience of slavery, from whatever perspective, to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant are 'blessed'.

The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have brought smiles all round, if not outright laughter, from its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is simply not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night long as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.

The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. They are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning. - Veronica Lawson RSM

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION of Mary, Sunday August 15th

The Indian Parishioners of Sacred Heart will be Celebrating this feast day at 9 a.m Mass. There will be a celebration after mass in the church grounds. All parishioners welcome.

**FRIDAY 13th August is
NATIONAL MARRIAGE DAY.**

Our nation's future depends on restoring a strong culture of marriage. It is important therefore that as a nation we encourage couples to embrace the commitment of marriage and to support them throughout their married life. National Marriage Day was inaugurated to throw the spotlight on marriage and spread the news...

***Marriage is good for you,
good for children and good for society.***

August 13 recalls the passing of the Marriage Amendment Act 2004, which defined marriage as;

"a union between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life."

The passing of this act was primarily made possible through the efforts of many thousands of Australians being prepared to defend the foundation upon which our nation stands - **the family based on marriage.**

Mary-Louise Fowler
National Marriage Day Coordinator



Registered Driving instructor for Vic & NSW
Contact John ter Bogt
Ph (03)5023 2425

Stewardship Corner -

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." - Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

MINISTERS' ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND Aug 15th

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST.

6.00 P.M.	9.00	5.00 p.m.
M. McDonald	F. Carbone	F. Virgona
K. Quinlan	G. Raiti	R. Antony
B. Weightman	C. Maugeri	M. Zema
E. Frauenfelder	A. Chalkley	J. Zema
M. Roper	P. Kerr	S. Walker
M. Henderson	A. Vartulli	
S. Tisler	N. Zudetich	

READERS:

6. 00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
C. Sheahan	P. Opie	H. Curran
<u>COUNTING TEAM 9.</u>		
George Dolence 5023 7993		

MUSIC

6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00
N. Armsden	Sacred	M Hammond
M. Schmidt	Heart	K. Loison
	Choir	J. Ljubic

MARIAN LEADLIGHT WINDOW

Many thanks are extended to those parishioners who have contributed to the appeal for this window. All is going well thus far. The glass has been selected and looks fantastic. As you can see and feel new outlets have been made in the wall for the air conditioner vents so the window can be made. Thanks for your understanding as you accept his inconvenience. If you still wish to donate please contact the parish office or Fr. Tom.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL The August meeting of the PPC will occur on Tuesday August 17th. If you want to raise any matters please contact the parish office or one of the Councillors this coming week so the items(s) could be placed on the agenda.

We wish Fr. Neville all the best as he takes a break from parish life this next fortnight.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1 st Collection (Support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1,053.00
2 nd Collection (Support of Parish & Diocese)	\$2,555.00
Loose Plate	\$ 382.85

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. Darren Atkinson 50188000. Rini Opt'Hoog 50230941. Lyn Welsh 50231356. Denise Knight 50257111. Suliana Mataele 0448658687. Mary Gobbo 50234621. Corrie Conway-Weel 50234567.