

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 5th SEPTEMBER 2010
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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,
Bless and keep you forever

Weekday Masses

Mon 2.00 Funeral Mass
Tues: 2.00 p.m. Mass for the Sick.
Wed: 9.15 a.m.
Thurs: 9.30 a.m.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat: 1 0.00 a.m.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. Wisdom. 9: 13-18.
Psalm. 89: 3-6. 12-14. 17.
Response. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.
Second Reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17.
Gospel. Luke. 14: 25-33.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. Exodus. 32: 7-11. 13-14.
Psalm. 50: 3-4. 12-13. 17. 19.
Response. I will rise and go to my Father.
Second Reading. Timothy. 1: 12-17.
Gospel. Luke. 15: 1-10.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Mary Broadstock, Barry Trainor (Brighton), Bishop Patrick Dougherty (Bathurst).

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Nell Lechte, Jessie De Marco, Elsie Saunders, Nell McKinnon, Michael Gorman.

Sat 6.00 p.m.- John & Helen Hrascenec, Esmea Upton

Irymple 8.30 a.m. -Suffering Souls in Purgatory

Sun 5.00 p.m. Virginia Varacalli, Mario Loncar.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Fr. Don Gunn, Sr. Joyce White rsj, Rob Smith, Sr Margaret Carmody (Hamilton), Dianne Nowak (Pinkie), Angelo Resta, Michael Hall, Melva Scott, Uschi Russell, Tony O'Hurley, Michael Carey, Antonio Tassone, Jill Brophy, Kevin Daily (Lismore NSW - Dot Brown's brother), Antonio Chiavone, Stella Muir (Brisbane - Margaret McDonald's sister in law).

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.

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.

WEDDING -

This weekend we congratulate Josef Lazzar & Elena Piscioneri on the marriage.

HAPPY Father's Day

God our Father, bless all the fathers in the world.

Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.

Help them to be a father like you are.

Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting.

Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce or who are parenting their children alone.

Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund

is currently supporting and caring for fourteen retired priests.

Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.4 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$75,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$45,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

❖ **Loose change from the 2nd collection will go to this appeal. CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US - THE CHURCH**

COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

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Bon Voyage

This weekend Fr Tom leaves on his annual leave, for a well earned rest. We wish him well and pray he has a safe journey.

UP & COMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tues 7th Sept- The popular US speaker Ms Melissa Ohden a miracle abortion survivor will be speaking about her survival, triumph and hope to be held at the **Latrobe University 12 – 1.00p.m.in the Brian Grogan theatre & Red Cliffs Digger land at 7.30 p.m.** Admission free.

Mon 13th 7.30 p.m. Knights of the Southern Cross meeting.

Tues 14th 2.00p.m. Catholic Womens Social Group - meeting Hillman Rm.

Tues 14th 6pm -9pm St Paul's Community Arts Show –to be held at St Paul's School 716 14th St .Art works from all students will be showcased. BBQ & finger food & wine will be available. All welcome.

Wed 15th -Eucharist Ministers Training & Information evening will be held in the Church at 7.00 p.m. All ministers to attend.

RCIA – Thursday 16th 7.30p.m. in the Hillman Room.

Wed 22nd 7.00 p.m Lectors (Readers) information & training evening in the church. All to attend.

WELCOME BACK!

This weekend we welcome Fr. John McKinnon back to Sunraysia for the next few weeks as he supplies for Fr. Pat Flanagan who is on his annual leave. Besides celebrating the weekend Masses in the Red Cliffs and Ouyen Parishes over the next three weekends Fr. Jon will conduct some Scripture Sessions in the Hillman room on St. John's Gospel. Details below. We are most grateful that Fr. John is offering us the benefits of his biblical scholarship.

The lectures are entitled

“To see me is to see the Father.” There will be two parts over two weeks.

Part One: Mon. 13th Sept. 7.30 p.m. or on Tues 14th Sept. 10.30 a.m. in the Hillman Room

Part Two: Mon. 20th Sept. 7.30 p.m. or on Tues 21st Sept 10.30 a.m. in the Hillman Room.

ROSTERS

The rosters for the Eucharist Ministers can be collected from the back of the church please note they are in alphabetical order. Information and training for ALL Eucharist Ministers will take place on Wed 15th at 7.00p.m.

Lectors (readers) you should have all received your copy of the roster by now if not please contact the office.

E-Conference 16 days to go! Thursday 16th Sept.

To be held in the Hillman Room 10.30a.m.

Come, Join Us

Gather with the Australian Catholic Church to explore Jesus Christ, as Son of God, Son of Man- fully human, truly divine.

Speakers: Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ will engage you as he shares his insights into the life and ministry of Christ. Fr O'Collins is an Australian Jesuit priest who is professor emeritus of theology at the Gregorian University, in Rome, where he has lectured since 1974,

and the 2006-2007 Wade Chair Holder at Marquette University. Fr O'Collins is the author or co-author of over fifty five titles.

The Benefits to You

- Free live webcast
- Archived for further viewing
- Enjoyable for all- parishioners, teachers, students, chaplains, mission teams, spiritual directors
- Great faith formation day
- Structured group activity- viewing & discussion
- Opportunity to discuss the webcast.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

There will be an information evening after the 5.00p.m. Mass on Sunday 26th in the Church for anyone who may be interested, thinking or requiring any information regarding the WYD in Madrid Spain in 2011.

TIME AND TALENT RESPONSES

We are in the process of compiling all this information and gradually forming rosters and organising meetings in the next month for all who kindly filled out the Time & Talent sheet.

Visit of Members Diocesan Pastoral Council

Last Friday evening members of the Parish Council spent some valuable time with the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Bishop Peter Connors. The role of the Ballarat Diocesan Pastoral Council is:

- To work in collaboration with the Bishop to provide leadership and vision to the Diocese;
- To develop a sound knowledge of the pastoral needs of the Diocese and to initiate and promote appropriate responses to those needs;
- to be responsible for the calling of a Diocesan Assembly at regular intervals and then to monitor and implement the outcomes;
- To be accountable to the Bishop, and to the Diocese as a whole, for the work of the Council.

Frank and open discussions took place about what makes a Parish Pastoral Council successful and the factors which mitigate against success.

The representatives of Sacred Heart Parish were joined by council members from Merbein. It was pleasant to see John Cortese again as one of the members of the Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council spent Saturday with Dr Elizabeth McKinlay Director of Ageing and Pastoral Studies in Canberra, discussing the “Spirituality of Ageing”. They worked again on Sunday morning in making plans for the future. The Council meets twice a year in different areas of the Diocese so as to be in touch with as much of the Diocese as possible.

Reports from both the Mildura and the Merbein Councils were given describing activities in which we have been involved. Members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council are: Bishop Peter Connors, Stacey Atkins, Louise Burke, Winsome De Jong, Rev Justin Driscoll, Loretta Kaval (Chairperson), Frank Sheehan, Ann Estlake, Sr Jacinta Rice csb, Barry Flynn, John Cortese, Fiona Tonkin (minute Secretary) and Vin Dillon (Executive Officer).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still some of the old envelopes being placed on the offering tray. Please note that all Envelope numbers have been changed so please destroy your old Envelopes, and collect your new box of envelopes from the back of the church or call into the office Tues-Friday 8.30-4.30p.m.

(As the counters are getting grey hair in confusion).

If you would like to contribute by Credit Card or Direct Debit please contact the office.

Thank you all again for your kind generosity.

DIRECT DEBITS

Those who are contributing using Direct Debit and have not yet received the authority form please check for your envelope in the box at the back of the Church and return as soon as possible.

VINNIES BUDGET WEEKLY SPECIALS

Sun Rice 90-second microwave Rice.	\$ 2.20 pkt.
Arnott's Cream Biscuits.	\$2.00 pkt.
Heinz Soups 535 gram.	\$1.65 each.
Pineapples – Fresh.	\$2.95 each

While stocks last.

Vinnies 'Budget Groceries are a non-profit Organisation. It is able to maintain competitive prices due to dedicated Volunteers. More support means lower prices for Mildura's Community.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (Support of Priests & Presbytery) \$ 1,209.00

2nd Collection (Support of Parish & Diocese) \$3,496.85

Loose Plate \$ 429.85

What Is A Dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail... *Anonymous*

MARIAN WINDOW

'Our Lady of all Nations'

All is going smoothly with the leadlight window. We have just a little hiccup with the window frames and metal division in the two lower windows. Some metal work is being done to rectify the situation. The air-conditioner vents will soon be in place and the

adjoining walls repainted. Thanks for your patience and understanding. All should be in place by Christmas. Thanks to Peter Saunders and Max Robinson for the assistance they gave William Micallef when the windows had to be measured.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN – We have encountered a few problems emailing the weekly bulletin to all parishioners, but we ask for your patience.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

We all want to be faithful to the commitments we make and most of us realise that the choice for one pathway will preclude another. We work out our priorities and live with the consequences, leaving aside whatever might get in the way of our realising our goals. Sometimes we take on commitments and fail to meet their demands. If we rely only on ourselves, things can become too difficult and we simply give up the struggle. Today's gospel reading invites us to consider the radical demands of Christian commitment.

Luke tells us that Jesus attracts a huge following on the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory and on to Jerusalem. On the journey, he teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he faces death in the city, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is all too hard to follow through on their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried the cross beam on which they would hang to the place of execution. Implicit, therefore, in the teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in living the way of the gospel, in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members might want. It may even involve putting one's life on the line for the sake of others. The cross image is shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint-hearted.

The term 'hate' (misein) seems harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To 'hate' in biblical terms is to 'leave aside'. Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to 'leave aside' the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice and right relationship. There is also a call to 'leave aside' unnecessary possessions. In a time of planetary pollution and of growing division between the privileged and the poor, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place for self-indulgence or exploitation of others or of the goods of the earth in a gospel way of life. - Veronica Lawson RSM

First Anniversary of Ordination

We congratulate Fr Jim on the 1st anniversary of Ordination Sept 4th 2009. We thank him for his ministry among us now and in the years ahead.



CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

Sunday 12th September 2010

The Theme for this year is **WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**. Joining with others in this awareness raising campaign we proclaim to our Parish and to society at large our determination to protect young people and to stop abuse wherever it occurs.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As I go on my annual leave this week I would like to share with you some things that have happened, are happening and will happen. Firstly I have been privileged to be involved in the life of our schools these past weeks.

I would like to congratulate Sacred Heart School community for the memorable liturgy we had during NAIDOC week when we recognised our indigenous forebears and their culture. With Fr. Neville away I was able to celebrate the Mass and join with members of the local indigenous community and then later to bless the Totem Poles placed in the grounds of the school. They can be seen from Twelfth St. as they line the fence between the two schools. Well done to all involved.

To be in the audience of a performance of "GREASE" by Saint Joseph's College was a wonderful experience as the talents of teachers and students were exercised and put to the test. We must congratulate all involved. This makes us all feel proud of SJC and the work being done there. No doubt we appreciate the foresight of the administration in purchasing, renovating and converting part of the former Bendigo Bank Stadium into a theatre. We look forward to many more such productions in the future.

On Friday, with Fr. Jim at a funeral, I was able to celebrate the "Fathers' Day" liturgy at St. Paul's School. It too was a memorable day as we thanked God for fathers and significant men in our lives. The support given by a significant number of fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, other men (and many ladies) manifested a great spirit of community. The children enjoyed the liturgy as well as lunch with families and friends.

I would like to thank all those parishioners who have come on board with our new Stewardship Programme. So many parishioners assisted in getting the Programme underway and are now making sure it is effective. Your support is essential and I would ask you finalise your involvement so we can plan for the future. Your offer of talents and time as well as financial commitment will ensure our parish goes from strength to strength.

We have a lot to be thankful for in our parish. God has blessed and is still blessing us with so many gifts. May we use them all to build up God's family by our concern and love for one another. I shall be away until the second week of October as I am joining my sister Maureen and visiting members of her family in Europe. Take care of Frs. Jim, Neville and Frank as they will of you. Be assured of my prayers for you all.

Fr. Tom

Don't try to outsmart your Dad

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.'

The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.'

You're going to love the Dad's reply:

'Did you also notice they walked everywhere they went?'
.....Anonymo

MINISTERS' ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND Sept 5th.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST.

READERS:

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6.00 P.M.	9.00	5.00 p.m.	6. 00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00	6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00
E.Frauenfelder	F.Caldarelli	C.McErvale	T. McNamara	M. Speed	M. Tobin	N.Armsden	Italian Choir	R&F Lane
M.Roper	R.Opt' Hoog	W.Finn	<u>COUNTING TEAM 2</u> Joe De Jong 5023 7802,			Filipino Group		
M.Henderson	R.Opt' Hoog	T.Finn						
S.Tisler	L.Welsh	P.Cox						
K.Girke	N.Lewis	M.Ransome						
S.Girke	P.Opie							
L.Roden	S.Opie							