

Fr. Michael McKinnon PP
Fr. Neville Stanislaus, Fr. James McKay
Fr. Frank Monaghan PE
Secretarial Staff:
Gladys Abriani, Cathy Pickup

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

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

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St Francis Xavier's Church

Elms Street, Irymple

SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2011

EASTER SUNDAY

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."

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Primary School

Principal: Greg Lane 50231204

St Paul's Primary School

Principal: Corrie Conway-Weel 5023 4567

St Josephs Catholic Secondary College

Principal: Darren Atkinson 5018 8000

THIS WEEK'S READINGS



First Reading. Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm. 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Response. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

Second Reading. 1 Cor 5:6-8

Gospel. Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

Response. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading. 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel. Jn 20:19-31

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sat Vigil Mass 7.00 p.m.; Fr Phillip Crosby (4 yrs- A Missionary of St Columbans for 60 yrs), Michele Callipari, Angelo Lanza

Sun 10.00 a.m: Joshua Herrick, Jim Jilbert

Tues 7.00 p.m: Saverio Primarano, Ilario Cirillo

Thurs 9.30 a.m: Carmela Cirillo, Vincenza Antonio (Prayers)
Francesca Cirillo (Prayers)

Only members of the deceased's immediate family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.

WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Prayer Group: 2.00- 4.00 p.m.

Rosary: Monday 5.00 p.m.

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

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues 7.30 p.m.

Scripture Reading: Thurs 10.30 a.m 20 Beasy Court

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

Christian Meditation: Sat – 11.30 a.m. Hillman Rm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – held the 1st Friday of each month in the Church from 12 noon – 5.00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 11. 00 a.m to 12.00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Wayne Smith (brother of Phil & Helen), Peter Sullivan (Melb)

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.

Easter Sunday April 24th – 8.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m

NOTE: NO 5.00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY.

ANZAC DAY MASS will be held on Monday 25th at 9.00 a.m

HAPPY EASTER



On behalf of Frs. Neville, Jim and Frank, as well as our secretarial staff, I wish all of our families a very happy Easter. Over this week we have celebrated our origins and identity as Christians, and as we do

so, we remember especially all those who sustain us and give us life. I would especially like to thank all those who have assisted us with our Holy Week celebrations, and those who continuously work so selflessly in our Parish throughout the year to make Sacred Heart such a special community. We especially welcome visitors to our community this weekend. May God continue to bless our families with the grace to recognise the presence of the risen Christ in our daily lives, and to be instruments of His peace and love wherever we may be.

Happy Easter Fr. Mick McKinnon

MESSAGE FROM POPE BENEDICT

'He is risen! Truly, he is risen!'

'He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.' St Augustine

Easter Sunday is the turning point, the morning of our discovery: 'The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in.' Peter Marshall

Easter – and Our Resurrection

'Death represents for us a wall we are unable to see over; even though our hearts reach out beyond, and even though we cannot know what it hides. We imagine it, expressing our desire for eternity through symbols. Christ breaks down the wall of death, and in Him there resides the fullness of God, which is life, eternal life. Therefore death had no power over Him; the resurrection of Lazarus is a sign of his full dominion over mortal death, which is like sleep before God.'

ANZAC DAY

Each country has its special days set aside for the commemoration of its fallen soldiers. Not only do we gather to remember and pray for those who have died in conflicts, but we reflect on the horror of war and the courage of those who served or continue to serve their country and allies.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war. However, "as long as the danger of war persists and there is no international authority with the necessary competence and power, governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defence, once all peace efforts have failed". (2266)

REFLECTION

After death, Jesus is cared for by a compassionate man in the presence of two compassionate women. These three people are fearless in the face of possible reprisals. Joseph, who comes from Arimathea, a little village just north of Jerusalem, cares for Jesus out of his personal wealth, providing a clean linen cloth and his own newly rock-carved tomb. With his own hands, he performs the burial ritual, lays Jesus' body in the tomb, and rolls the stone into place. The women disciples who witness the closing of the tomb are both named Mary. One is from Magdala, centre of a fish-salting industry by the Sea of Galilee, and the other is the mother of two male disciples. These women have contributed their goods and services to Jesus over the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

The two women set out at dawn 'to see the tomb'. This seems a little strange until we realise that they are once again functioning as witnesses, this time to the dramatic opening of the tomb and the appearance of God's interpretive messenger. 'Seeing' becomes a metaphor for insight. In the earthquake phenomenon and the allusion to lightning, there are echoes of other great moments of God's appearing to Israel, such as the encounter with Moses and the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai.

The two Mary's are the first to learn the news of Jesus' resurrection. They are also the first to be commissioned to proclaim it. The women 'see' the place where he was laid. They obey the angel's command not to be afraid but to go quickly to the scattered disciples and inform them that the risen Jesus has gone before them to Galilee, the place of mission, where they too will 'see' him. Resurrection life energizes these faith-filled women disciples/apostles and negates the death-dealing power of the Roman Empire. Ironically, the Roman tomb guards become 'as though dead'.

As the women hurry away from the tomb, Jesus comes to meet them. He addresses them with the familiar greeting, 'Chairete', a greeting of joy. This is the very first appearance of the risen Jesus and it draws from the women a profoundly reverential response: taking hold of him, they fall down in worship, an action foreshadowed by the courageous but doubly marginalized Canaanite woman (15:25). Jesus reiterates the commission already delivered by the angel: not to be afraid and to let the men know what has happened. These same men will later be commissioned on the mountain top (Matt 28:16-20). Often, the temptation is to stay on the mountain, instead of

SACRAMENTAL



BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome Lily Jamieson, Chloe Morello, Jasper Hamence & Ryan Sinclair into our Parish family

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parent formation for their children's reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place over two evenings in the church, both of which parents are expected to attend.

1st Evening: Wednesday 4th May at 7.30 pm.

2nd Evening: Wednesday 11th May at 7.30 pm. Confirmation dates as follows: June 4th & 5th and June 11th & 12th.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Eucharistic Ministers roster will conclude on the 14th & 15th of May. Any persons interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the office ASAP. If you no longer wish to be a Minister please contact the office.

COMING EVENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptism preparation class will be held on Wednesday April 27th at 7.30 p.m in the Hillman Room.

ST JOSEPHS REDCLIFFS

Our official new building opening is on Thursday April 28th at 2:00 p.m. and anyone with a particular interest in our school is most welcome to attend. Please ensure that you reply to the school either by phone on 50241654 (leave a message if need be) or email the principal on

principal@sjredcliffs.catholic.edu.au

Many thanks, Chris

WALNUT BCC

The next BCC meeting will take place at Rosemary Byrnes home at 8 Bingara Close, on Sunday 1st May at 1.00p.m. BYO Drinks and finger food to share.
ALL WELCOME

THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

The Passionist Family Group will be dining at the Regal Chinese Restaurant at 6.30 pm Sunday evening the 1st May. Please let Raylee know of your intentions in plenty of time for booking purpose on 50238778. All welcome, hope to see you there.

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.

of the earth. This we ask through Jesus your Son and the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

FOR THE CHILDREN

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

INTERFAITH PRESENTATION

Sister Trish Madigan will be in Mildura on Thursday May 12th at 7.00 p.m.

Sister Trish is a Dominican sister and is executive officer of the Broken Bay Diocese Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. She is experienced in interfaith dialogue in many contexts, and is a foundation member of the Women's Interfaith network. She is also a Christian representative on the Australian National Dialogue of Christians, Jews and Muslims.

NATIONAL eCONFERENCE

"The Holy Spirit Giver of Life"

Key note educators Father Denis Edwards and Sister Janette Gray rsm with Father Chris Ryan MGL and Mrs Jan Heath

Thursday 19th May 2011

10:30am to 3:15pm

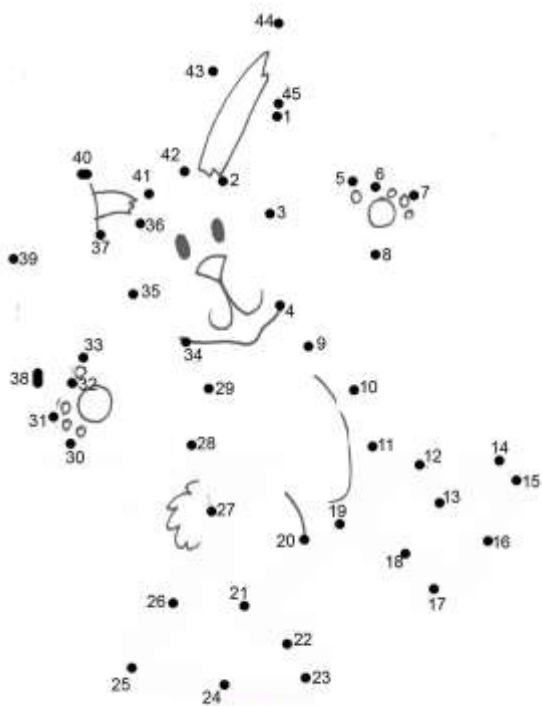
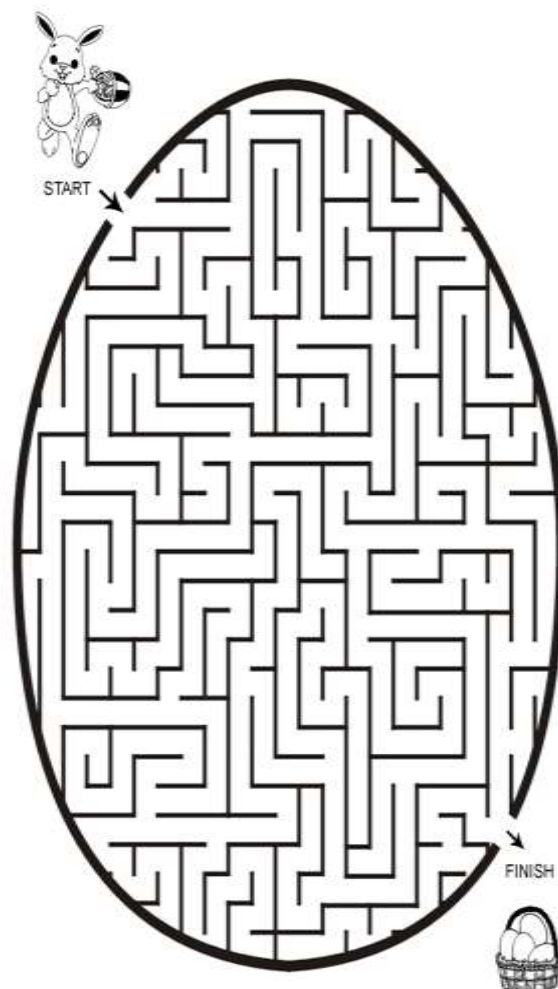
Hillman Room

All enquiries directed to Father Neville

AN EASTER PRAYER

God of life, in your risen Son you reveal your abiding presence among us and summon those reborn in baptism to lives of worship and service. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures and fill us with joyful wonder in the presence of the risen Christ, that we may be his witnesses to the farthest reaches

Help the Easter bunny find his way to his egg basket!





My Dear People:

In the midst of so much disaster, terror, war, hunger and poverty in our world of today, let us not forget that most significant Easter event - the moment when the Risen Lord breathed on the disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit.

The disciples were locked away in a room in Jerusalem, fearful that what happened to Jesus might also be their fate. They were burdened by their guilt and their cowardice. Suddenly, they heard the reassuring words of peace and forgiveness. It was the beginning of a new world. Jesus was communicating life to a new spiritual creation.

What the Risen Lord gave to the disciples on that day was not for them alone but for all who would wish to share in this new life, the holy life of God. He commanded them to do for others what he had done for them.

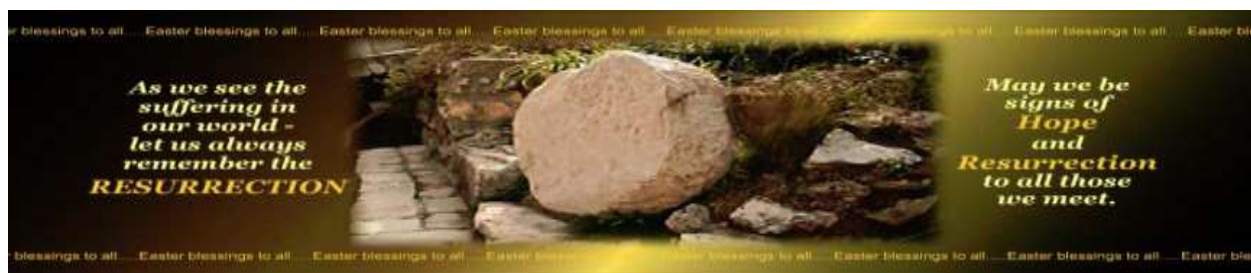
The capacity to reach out and forgive is the only power able to release the great tensions within the human family. One who does not know how to forgive does not know how to love.

Sin, violence and greed continue to afflict so many lives and so many nations. Our own personal experience and knowledge convince us that we need to take hold of the gift that Christ gave to the world on the day when he conquered death and darkness.

May the celebration of the greatest victory in the history of the human family challenge us to forgive and be reconciled with all from whom we are separated or divided. May Easter be the means to bring peace and renewal into the lives of all who suffer and are persecuted. May we be a part of this Good News for all.

+ Peter J. Connors

Bishop of Ballarat Easter 2011



MINISTERS ROSTER

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST			MUSIC			READERS		
1 st May			1 st May			1 st May		
6.00 P.M	9.00 A.M	5.00 P.M	6.00 P.M	9.00 A.M	5.00 P.M	6.00 P.M	9.00 A.M	5.00 P.M
M Cirillo	G Scopacasa	B Dolence	M Hammond	Italian Choir	M Sullivan	T Swincer	Jill Joslyn	Melanie Ransome
M Capogreco	M Scopacasa	S Hermans	B Lewis		Youth Group			
L Gooch	M Flinn	M Suppa	J O'Bryan					
A.M Greville	L De Iesi	F Virgona			COUNTING TEAM 6			
M Sheahan	T Panuccio	R Antony			JIM O'DONNELL	50214939		
M Meredith	P O'Donnell							
Judy Hall	F Carbone							