

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

**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

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

## Sacred Heart Parish

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St Francis Xavier's Church  
Elms Street, Irymple

SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### 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 50234567

Catholic Secondary College

St Josephs – Principal Darren Atkinson 50188000



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. Samuel. 16: 1. 6-7. 10-13.

Psalm. 22.

Response. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading. Ephesians. 5: 8-14.

Gospel. John. 9: 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS.**

First Reading. Ezekiel. 37: 12-14.

Psalm. 129.

Response. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading. Romans. 8: 8-11.

Gospel. John. 11: 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Phyllis Hardes

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Sat. 6.00 p.m. George Matulick (Anniversary, Birthday remembrance)

**Friday. 5.40 p.m:** Joseph Andrasek

*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

Antonio Chiavone, Wayne Smith (brother of Phil & Helen)

*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 MASSES**

Holy Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April – 7.00 p.m

Good Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 10.30 am – Way Of The Cross  
3.00 p.m – Ceremonies

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7.00 p.m

Easter Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> – 8.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m

**NOTER: NO 5.00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY.**

### REFLECTION

'There are none so blind as those who will not see.' Last week, we journeyed with a woman of Samaria from a superficial level of faith understanding to deeper insight into Jesus' identity and mission and to stronger faith commitment. This week, we are invited on a faith journey with a man born blind and with the different groups of participants in the drama. All have the opportunity of coming to faith. Not all accept the invitation. Ironically, the blind come to see, both physically and spiritually, while those who are gifted with physical sight remain in spiritual darkness. In healing the man born blind, Jesus performs the sixth of eight powerful actions or 'signs' in John's gospel that reveal God's power at work in Jesus and in the lives of those who seek life. The 'signs' invite the reader/hearer/viewer to accept Jesus and his revelation of God and God's purposes. Time features significantly in the story. Jesus heals the blind beggar on the sabbath. The Jerusalem authorities have already raised objections about Jesus' sabbath healing activity (John 5). Once again they object that he is failing to observe the Sabbath. They label him a sinner. Ironically, in the final authoritative analysis, it is they who 'remain in their sins'.

This story reminds us of the need to check out our assumptions. It also reminds us to accept the fact that we can be wrong about things we have always believed. It invites us to be open to see differently or from a new perspective. Jesus' disciples, the parents of a man born blind, his neighbours, the religious authorities all operate out of unchecked assumptions. They mostly come to the wrong conclusions. Only those willing to admit that they have it wrong have any chance of coming to faith. In the common estimation, the man was blind, so he or his parents must have sinned. Not so, according to Jesus. From the perspective of the authorities, Jesus heals on the Sabbath and is therefore a sinner. Not so, from Jesus' point of view. The man was born blind, so needs others to speak for him. Not so, say his parents, he can speak for himself. He does speak for himself and quite eloquently, to the chagrin of the religious authorities. He presents them with the truth about Jesus but they refuse to accept the word of an outcast. Their reaction is violent: they drive him out. But Jesus goes in search of him and leads him to yet deeper levels of faith and understanding. You may like to read the story once more and put yourself in the place of the different characters. There is a little bit of each in all of us.

- Veronica Lawson RSM



### SLOVENIAN PARISHIONERS

Pre-Easter home mass for Slovenian parishioners and friends will be held on Sunday 3 April, at 1 Charles court, Mildura at 5.30PM by Slovenian priest Fr. Janez Tretjak from Adelaide. All welcome!

- **CONFESSION, MASS AND BLESSING OF FAMILIES**
- For people of **Croatian** origin the above will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Mass at 6.30 p.m** Preceded by **Confession at 6.00 p.m.**
- **Home Visitation:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 5 p.m followed by Rosary.

### GODSTART

*There will be a Godstart meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m in the Hillman Room.*

### FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WORLDWIDE

The Knights of the Southern Cross invite Parishioners to attend a DVD presentation by John Rick Miller who made a series of presentations in the Diocese of Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale last year. The presentation in the Sacred Heart Hall will be preceded by a sausage sizzle for those who are attending. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April after 5.00 p.m Mass.

### SONGS OF PRAISE AFTERNOON

This will be held at Wesleyan Church on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Glen Miller will give a topical talk and also accompany on the pipe organ. Soloist Simone Liuzzi will be the guest along with the Hornsby Family singers.



For further information please contact Doug Herde on 50 232713 or Beryl Hiscox on 50 248510

### 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Evening: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Evening: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.**

Confirmation dates as follows: June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

A meeting will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m in the Fleming Room.

### HOLY WATER BOTTLES

We are asking all Parishioners to bring along a small bottle to be filled and blessed during the Easter period masses.



### ROSTERS

The rosters for Easter will be found at the back of the church. Please fill in the task, day and time that you are available.

### VINNIE'S WEEKLY SPECIALS

Snowy River Pasties, Pies & Sausage Rolls	89c each.
Philadelphia Cream cheese 250g.	\$2.90
Arnott's Biscuits, Tim Tams Original, Dark Choc Royals, Dark, Milk	\$2.00 each
SPC Peaches in syrup 825g	\$2.00 each
Spc Pears in Juice 825g.	\$2.00 each
Cut Pumpkin. Grey Random weights.	\$1.00 piece
New Season Turnips	\$3.75 kg
New Season Swedes	\$4.50 kg.
Chat potatoes	\$1.00 kg.

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

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** (support of Priests & Presbytery) \$1372.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** (Support of Parish & Diocese) \$3482.70

**Loose Plate:** \$ 452.30

**Project Compassion:** \$ 739.10

(This collection and the offerings go toward the cost of the Priests' stipends/ food / cleaning / fuel / car expenses/other living expenses/ phone / SEC and Diocesan expenses which are paid quarterly)

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. Michael McKinnon 50212872.	Terry Murphy 50233056.
Sr. Rosemary Graham 50231841.	Fr. Jim McKay 50212872.
Fr. Neville Stanislaus 50212872.	Brian Grogan 50212099.
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Corrie Conway-Weel 50234567	Darren Atkinson 50188000

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

As we finish Catholic Education week we acknowledge the wonderful job done by our teachers throughout the year. We also wish our children continued success, and God's blessing upon our parents.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



See the dignity, hopes and dreams of people who live with disability and poverty. In this week's story, we met Bach and his daughter from Vietnam, who lived isolated from their community due to their disabilities until recently.

Caritas Australia supports the health, livelihoods and social integration of 750 people with disabilities here including Bach, encouraging them to form Support Groups to gain social and employment skills. Your Project Compassion donation mobilises awareness and solidarity so that people with a disability have opportunities in life equal to all others.



### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S COMMITMENT TO JAPAN**

The world has looked on in astonishment as Japan grapples with the most horrific natural disaster in its history. The rolling and images of destruction that have held many of us captive tell the story of immeasurable human suffering and unparalleled loss - the story of communities in crisis, writes Jack de Groot, CEO of Caritas Australia, in *Eureka Street*. The tragedy has the makings of a major motion picture. First, an earthquake of such magnitude that its 'aftershocks' are as intense as the quake that devastated Christchurch. Next, a tsunami that demolished coastal communities, claimed up to 20,000 lives, and has seen more than 450,000 people evacuated. And finally, the nuclear crisis that threatens not only nearby communities but also Japan's crops and food exports. Japan's outstanding earthquake preparedness prevented much further suffering. Short of avoiding the coastline entirely, there is little a country can do to protect against the threat of a tsunami. But earthquakes, however sudden and unexpected, need not always present the same challenge. In a nation like Japan, precariously situated on the infamous ring of fire, earthquake preparedness is paramount. And in a nation like Japan - renowned for its technological prowess - earthquake-resistant design is fundamental to its cities and its infrastructure. No matter how well prepared Japan's cities may have been, the nation now faces the grave challenge of rebuilding. In this, Japan can avail itself to its economic strength and the support of the world's economic structures. Grassroots agencies like Caritas will also have a role to play. Already Caritas Australia's partners in Japan are providing emergency relief for hundreds of thousands of people forced to flee, and the Caritas network anticipates supporting the recovery over the coming three to five years. We are yet to fully understand the extent of this crisis. Nevertheless, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion enables us to set aside funds each year in readiness for the emergencies ahead.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam.' So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'

'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**'We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day' – John 9:4**

It is important to note that Jesus uses the plural "we" in this statement and not the singular "I". By saying, "We have to do the works...." Jesus commands all of us to participate in the work of God. It is not enough for us to simply know God's will. We must also do God's will, which means helping and serving others.

**Dear Lord,**

So far today, am I doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

## UP DATING THE REPORT ON CHARLTON POST FLOODS.

The people of Charlton continue to be grateful for all who have helped them with personal or financial support or both. It is now over 9 weeks since the flood waters of the Avoca River and the Yuengoroon Creek inundated the town and the surrounding farm lands. Whilst the waters have long gone there is still plenty of evidence of the flood in the houses damaged, condemned and still vacant, along with the damaged fences still to be restored and the straw removed. Thanks to the likes of Blazeaide and the many outside volunteers generally who are still helping.

The major and continuing problem is the level of stress in the people that is still very high. Some 20 to 30 people have left the town. Still quite a number more are not yet back in their homes, after 9 weeks, and that is likely to continue for a good time into the future. Insurance cover remains a significant problem for many and that brings with it a degree of disappointment and depression. The good news is that the Medical Clinic, being sited in the grounds of St Joseph's, is about to open. That is in a very convenient position in the centre of the town. Quite a few houses have or are having restoration work completed. The pastoral care and professional support work of Centacare (the Diocesan Support Group) and others is much appreciated and very necessary. St Joseph's Primary school, also flooded, is now well in action after the weeks as "guests" of St Mary's Primary School Donald. Thanks to St Mary's. The town itself has developed a commitment to the future through its Community Recovery Committee which will advise the Buloke Shire and encourage other reconstruction, economic and personal support activities. The financial contribution given by many individuals and parishes is about to be distributed to people whose property has been flood effected. That will be shared by way of need to all who have been affected. Thanks to all who have participated in this way in the lives and troubles of these flood affected families.

### MINISTERS ROSTER

<u>SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST. APRIL 3</u>			<u>READERS: 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL</u>			<u>MUSIC 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL</u>		
6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.P.M.	6. 0 0 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M
K. Girke	A. Vartuli	S.Hermans	J. Graham	C/P. McErvale	M.. Deepu	G & F. Lane	Italian	M.Hammond
S. Girke	N. Zudetich	M. Suppa	<u>COUNTING TEAM 1.</u>				Choir	K.Loison
T.McNamara	S. Visona	F. Virgona	JOE DE JONG 50237802					J. Ljubic
M.Henderson	B. Bunting	R. Antony						
K. Jewell	M. Haynes	M. Zema						
L. Kearney	L. Belej							
L. Crowe	N. Leonardis							

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

<u>SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST.</u>			<u>READERS: 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL.</u>			<u>MUSIC . 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL.</u>		
<u>10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.</u>			6. 0 0 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M
<u>6.00 P.M.</u>	<u>9.00 A.M.</u>	<u>5.00 p.m.</u>	K. Quinlan	P.O'Donnell	H.Curran	N.Armsden	Pacific	S/H Group
M. Cirillo	M. Speed	J. Zema	<u>COUNTING TEAM 2.</u>			Filipino Grp.	Islanders	Leader:
M.Capogreco	U. Williams	S. Walker	PETER MCDONALD 50551531					M.Fainga'anuku
L. Gooch	E.Garreffa	J. Ribarits						
A-M.Greville	M. Modica	M. Joseph						
M., Sheahan	T.Fainga'anuku	J.Matthew						
J.. Hall	M. Grivec							

## NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP.

DURING LENT, LET US CONSIDER THE UNITED NATIONS' EIGHT MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

### **7. Ensure Environmental sustainability.**

Integrate principles of sustainability into country policies and programs: reverse loss of environmental resources. Reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water. Improve the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020.

### **8. Develop a global Partnership for Development.**

Develop an open trading and financial system that includes a commitment to good governance, development and poverty reduction. Address least-developed Countries' special needs.

Deal comprehensively with Developing Countries' debt problems. Develop decent and productive work for youth.

Work with Pharmaceutical Companies to make available affordable essential medicines in Developing Countries.

Work with private Sector to make available new technologies to Developing Countries.



" You have to practice being kind to get better at it just like with anything. You are made kind by being kind."