

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. Michael McKinnon, Fr. James McKay
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St Francis Xavier's Church
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SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2011
EIGHTH 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

If there is a Funeral Mass on Wed, Thurs, the advertised Mass will be cancelled.

Tues: 2.00 p.m. Anointing Mass
Wed: 9.10 a.m.
Thurs: 9.30 a.m.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat 10.00 a.m.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. Isaiah. 49: 14-15.
Psalm. 61: 2-3. 6-9.
Response. Rest in God alone, my soul.
Second Reading. First Corin. 4: 1-5.

Gospel. Matthew. 6: 24-34.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS.

First Reading. Deut. 11: 18. 26-28. 32.

Psalm. 30: 2-4. 17. 25.

Response. Lord, be my rock of safety.

Second Reading. Romans. 3: 21-25. 28.

Gospel. Matthew. 7: 21-27.

RECENT DEATH: Agnes Lee (Tragic Accident in Malaysia-
Sister of Veronica Chong). Joan Guggenheimer (Ouyen)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sat 6 p.m: Doug Curran (1 yr). John Percival Richardson.

Sun. 9.00 a.m.

Sun 5 p.m: Antonia & Mario Modica

Tues 2.00 p.m. Joseph Grivec (B'day remembrance)
Valentina Mali (Croatia).

Sat. 10.00 a.m. Helen Grivec. Elvie McGlynn. Una Khan.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Antonio Chiavone, Arthur Hose(Cobden)

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- 4.00 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 pm

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.

PLEASE NOTE: An Anointing Mass will be held for the sick & elderly at 2.00pm on Tuesday 1st March.

BAPTISM



This weekend we welcome Aine Maeve Doody into God's family, and into our Parish family.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Although Easter is very late this year, lent will soon be upon us. Beginning Monday 7th of March, the Parish will be co-ordinating small Lenten prayer and discussion groups. Over this week you are invited to consider joining a group for the duration of Lent. If you are interested in leading or being a participant please contact the office.



FOR INDIVIDUALS.

"Sacred Space for Lent" provides busy Christians a thoughtful way to enter into the season of Lent, and offers weekly themes, daily readings, and relevant prayers. These booklets are ideal for anyone looking to take time out of a busy day to meditate during the Lenten season. Lenten Books for groups are \$10 (Heart to Heart), those who would like Sacred Space for personal use These are available for the Parish Office or the St Vinnies Piety Store after Mass for \$4.00. **These cannot be used in the groups!**



THE SPIRIT OF LENT



The forty day period is symbolic of the forty days spent by Moses and Elijah in the wilderness; during the days of Noah God made it rain for forty days and forty nights (they were in the ark for much longer); the Jews wandered forty years traveling to the Promised Land. Jonah in his prophecy of judgement gave the city of Nineveh forty days' grace in which to repent. Jesus retreated into the wilderness and fasted for forty days of temptation to prepare for his ministry. The Lenten period of forty days owes its origin to the Latin word quadragesima, originally signifying forty hours. This referred to forty hours of complete fasting which preceded the Easter celebration in the early Church. The main ceremony was the baptizing of the initiates on Easter Eve, and the fast was a preparation to receive this sacrament. Later, the period from Good Friday until Easter Day was extended to six days, to correspond with the six weeks of training, necessary to instruct the converts who were to be baptized. English word lent came from ancient Anglosaxon name of March - lenct (since the main part of lent before Easter usually was in March).

ALTAR SERVER CO-ORDINATOR

We currently have a vacancy for an Altar Server Co-ordinator, if you like information or interested please contact the Parish office on 50212872.

COUNTING TEAM MEMBERS

We have 2 vacancies on our current counting teams, if anyone is interested please contact the office.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LENT PREPARATION

For sometime our Children's Liturgy has not been in operation. We are keen to commence once again. For this reason we are inviting any parents or grandparents of preschool and primary school children who would like to assist us as catechists to attend a planned meeting on Tuesday, March 1st at 2.30 pm in the Hillman Room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP will meet on Wednesday March 2nd at 6.30 pm in the Fleming Room.

LITURGY MEETING will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Hillman Room. Father Michael extends an invitation to all musicians, readers etc to come along and discuss and plan the Season of Lent and Holy Week Ceremonies.

RCIA

Commences Thursday 3rd of March 7.00 p.m. in the Hillman Room.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will begin Sunday March 13th during the 9.00 a.m. Mass.

GATHERING OF BAPTISM FAMILIES

It is proposed to celebrate a Special Mass every six months where the Parish welcomes back the families and reaffirms their support for those children who have been Baptised in the previous months. The first of these Masses will be on SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 9 A.M, with morning tea to follow. All recent Baptismal families are invited to attend and present for a special blessing. Parishioners are encouraged to provide a warm welcome and encouragement to these families as they continue the faith journey with our newest parish members, a plate of food to share would be most appreciated. The Baptism Team looks forward to your support.

CRYSTAL BALL

Sacred Heart Primary School will be holding its Crystal Ball on Saturday, April 2nd at Mildura Club Da Vinci commencing at 6.30pm. For more information contact Sacred Heart Primary School on 50231204.



PARISH GATHERING

Father Mick extends a warm invitation to all Parishioners, especially those actively involved in the various pastoral ministries of the Parish; to a "gathering of communities" so he can meet with and listen to parishioners.

The gathering will commence on Sunday April 3rd with a cuppa after 9.00 a.m mass, and conclude with lunch at 12.15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A Meeting for parents will be held on May 4th at 7.00pm, more details to follow.

Confirmation will be celebrated on the 4th & 5th June and 11th & 12th June.

NATIONAL E-CONFERENCES

The Broken Bay Institute in conjunction with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will again be holding two eConferences this year.

The first is: **THE HOLY SPIRIT – Giver of Life.** To be run live on **Thursday 19 May.**

The second eConference is scheduled for **Tuesday 6th September: FOLLOWING JESUS – The Gospel of Matthew.**

VINNIE'S WEEKLY SPECIALS

Sandwich Tuna	5 for \$5.00
Safcol premium Salmon	5 for \$5.00
Kraft Dressings 300 ml..	\$ \$2.35
Kraft Mayonnaise 410 g.	\$2.35
Corale Pasta Macaroni With Sun-dried Tomato	.65c for 420g.
Glen View Eggs 480g.	\$1.50
Jelly Fruit Pears in Watermelon 4-pack	\$1.20.

REQUEST FOR HELP

Have you any free time?

Would you like to help Vinnies Budget Grocery?

Volunteers are needed as Day Supervisors.

If you are interested and would like to help please

Contact VBG on 50234458

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.

SACRED HEART SOCIAL LADIES GROUP

Would like to advise all parishioners they are still available to cater for funerals. Cost is the price of food used (dockets supplied) plus a donation. Money raised is used to assist the parish and once a year donations are given to local charities.
Ph: 50231229 Maisie Taggart (President)
Ph: 50230919 Kath Girke (Vice President)

GLADYS ON HOLIDAYS

Gladys will be taking a well deserved break over the next five weeks, so we wish her all the best on her travels.

CHRISTCHURCH QUAKE

Catholic Mission Australia has asked "every Catholic in Australia join us in showing our overwhelming prayer for the people of Christchurch, where at least 65 people are confirmed dead after yesterday's earthquake. The two well known Anglican and Catholic cathedrals have seen large sections fall to the ground and they may be beyond repair. The spire of the landmark Anglican Christchurch Cathedral, sheared off and strewn about as rubble, offers a dire symbol of the impact of yesterday's earthquake.



Pope Benedict has offered his condolences to the victims of New Zealand's earthquake and is praying for the rescue workers and survivors. According to the Vatican, a telegram sent on Wednesday to Christchurch's bishop says the pontiff was saddened to learn of the sudden devastation and loss of life in Christchurch, where scores of people were killed and hundreds left missing by Tuesday's quake.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF EARTHQUAKE

O God, who hast established the earth upon firm foundations, graciously receive the prayers of Thy people: and, having utterly removed the dangers of the shaken earth, turn the terrors of Thy divine wrath into the means of the salvation of mankind; that they who are of the earth, and unto earth shall return, may rejoice to find themselves citizens of heaven by means of a holy life.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Catholic Church in Christchurch

PLANNED GIVING

Could the parishioner who has envelope number 252 please contact the Presbytery Office to confirm details.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) \$1182.00
2nd Collection (Support of Parish & Diocese) \$3361.75
Loose Plate: \$ 374.25

(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).

REFLECTION

Today's trouble is enough for today!' These are the concluding words of the gospel for this Sunday. We are being invited to be single-minded in our commitment and to live in the present, in right relationship and connection with the whole of creation, trusting in the goodness and providence of the God of creation. That is not always easy, especially for certain personalities and under certain difficult circumstances. In a recent publication, What Makes us Tick?:The Ten Desires That Drive Us, Hugh Mackay reflects on our need to embrace our connectedness with ourselves, with each other, and with nature. If our desire to connect is frustrated or neglected, Mackay believes that the desire to control and the desire to be taken seriously 'expand unhealthily'. It is all a question of balance and of right relationship. The traumatic experiences of those caught up in floods and other disasters besetting our world remind us to examine our priorities. While everyone requires enough to live a truly human quality of life, both our experience and our gospel remind us not to be enslaved to money ('property' in the original). An inspiring spirit of love and concern and connection has been evident in the flood-ravaged communities of Eastern Australia. We have seen devastated people coming to the assistance of strangers, risking their own lives for the sake of others. We have heard reports of people who, after losing all their property, are still able to express their gratitude for life and their appreciation that their plight is minimal in comparison with that of the people of Haiti or Pakistan or Brazil. This is not to discount the situation of those affected by the floods here. Our sheer humanity, and therefore our gospel, calls us to respond in such circumstances with the love and compassion of our God. Our ongoing practical responses can help those affected to keep trusting and dealing with the troubles of the present. This weekend, five sisters of my Mercy community celebrate their Golden Jubilees of religious profession. Fifty years ago, they threw in their lot with the spiritual daughters of Catherine McAuley. They took on a way of life that set them free for the service of God's people in a particular way. They were called to 'consider the lilies of the field', to find their place within the earth community, to strive single-mindedly for God's kingdom of righteousness, and to place their total and undivided trust in God. They have doubtless had a few worries along the way, worries that did not destroy their faith or disturb their basic equilibrium. We are grateful for their loving and grace-filled witness to gospel living.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST. Feb. 27th			READERS: 6th MARCH			MUSIC 6th MARCH.		
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	B. Bunting	T. Finn	J. Ditchfield	N. Mataele	I. Sullivan	M. Hammond	Italian	G&F Lane
M. Capogreco	M. Haynes	P. Cox	<u>COUNTING TEAM 8.</u>			B. Lewis	Choir	
L. Gooch	L. Belej	M. Ransome	TREVOR AUST. 5023 6597			J.O'Bryan		
A-M. Greville	N. Leonardis	B. Dolence						
M. Sheahan	M. Speed	S. Hermans						
M. Meredith	U. Williams							
J. Hall	E. Garreffa							

- Veronica Lawson RSM

PRAYER TO END POVERTY:

From the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative

*"May God bless us with discomfort
at easy answers, half truths, and superficial
relationships,
so that we may live deep within our hearts.
May God bless us with anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that we may work for economic justice for all*

Fr. Michael McKinnon 50212872.	Terry Murphy 50233056.
Sr. Rosemary Graham 50231841.	Fr. Jim McKay 50212872.
Fr. Neville Stanislaus 50212872.	Brian Grogan 50212099.
Peter O'Donnell 0429104225.	Rini Opt'Hoog 50230941.
Lyn Welsh 50231356.	Denise Knight 50257111.
Suliana Mataele 0448658687.	Mary Gobbo 50234621.
Corrie Conway-Weel 50234567	Darren Atkinson 50188000

people.

*May God bless us with tears to shed for those who
suffer from pain, hunger, homelessness and
rejection, so that we may reach out our hand to
comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.
And may God bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in the
world so that we can do what others claim cannot
be done."*

(Source: Education for Justice.)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion began in 1966 and is now the largest humanitarian fundraising campaign in Australia. Thank you for your support and for being part of this success story! Your generosity has enabled Caritas Australia to help so many marginalised people throughout the world. With your support, Caritas Australia is working hard to support communities living in poverty to help people to help themselves. In 2011, Caritas Australia has set a target for the Project Compassion appeal to raise

\$9.7 million. Project Compassion 2011 begins on Project Compassion Sunday, 6 March and ends on Easter Sunday, 24 April 2011. As Project Compassion falls across the six weeks of Lent, Catholic schools and parishes throughout Australia will receive educational

MINISTER'S ROSTER

materials aimed at broadening the way we view the world. International speakers from our partner organisations also visit Australia to participate in a public speaking campaign for people of all ages. They speak at schools, parishes, community groups and through the media. Our international visitors tell of their personal experience with some of the hundreds of grassroots community development programs which are supported by Project Compassion.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA supports long-term development programs in impoverished communities in Africa, Asia, East Timor, Latin America and the Pacific which help oppressed people to rediscover their dignity by taking greater control over their lives. Caritas Australia also gives support to community development projects in Indigenous communities in Australia.

These development programs are designed and managed by our local partners, as local agencies are best placed to identify the needs and problems of their own communities. As an agency, Caritas Australia maintains a commitment to achieving the the [Millennium Development Goals](#) (MDGs) through its projects. These eight goals are a global blueprint for breaking the chains of poverty. Although significant progress has been made on the goals, there are still one billion people living on less than US\$1 per day, and more than 820 million people going to bed hungry every single night. The international community must act now to ensure the MDGs are met by 2015. Our development programs take many forms including: healthcare and health education, water supply and sanitation, housing, education and literacy, programs for women's rights and women's leadership, the development of community leadership, the teaching of job skills and skills for alternative income, agriculture, ecologically sustainable development and environment education, promotion of traditional cultures and skills, assistance to communities after natural disasters and conflicts and housing support for refugees and displaced people.

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK

In conjunction with the St Joseph's College, Mildura Senior College and SuniTAFE, Australian Business Week will be held 10-14 October 2011. Mentors, judges, team building supervisors and sponsors are being sought to make this year's program a success. ABW will see 120

year 11 students from local schools come together and run a business simulation with assistance from local business leaders. If you wish to participate, please contact Paula Cox on 50188000 or Lyn Edgecumbe on 50223999 or Dale Watson on 50223992