

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.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading. Exodus. 17: 3-7.
Psalm. 94: 1-2. 6-9.
Response. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading. Romans .5: 1-2. 5-8.
Gospel. John. 4: 5-15. 19-26. 39-42.

NEXT 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.

RECENT DEATHS: Ilario Dichiera, Sr Joyce White RSJ, Colin Barnes, Ken Barnes

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tues. 7.00 p.m: Stephen Zvonar.

Friday. 5.40 p.m: Gabriele & Teresa Vanni, Joseph Andrasek(1st April)

Sat. 6.00 p.m: 2nd April. George Matulick. (Birthday remembrance), Brian Kelleher

Sun 9.00 a.m: Peter Adair

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



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SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2011
THIRD 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

REFLECTION

Those privileged to act as catechists in the RCIA program over the Lenten period will be introducing the candidates to some of our most treasured gospel stories. In 1963 Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy called for the restoration of certain early Church practices. The two main features of Lent, baptism and penance, were to be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. More use was to be made of the baptismal elements proper to the Lenten liturgy. Some features that were part of an earlier tradition were to be restored. In response to this call, John's stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus were moved from the weekday to the Sunday liturgy. Thus, three weeks into Lent, the liturgy invites us to take a faith journey in the company of a courageous outsider, an unnamed woman from a despised religious group. She moves from bewilderment and misunderstanding to faith in Jesus and engagement in mission. The pursuit of water, a key baptismal symbol in the gospel tradition, provides the catalyst for a whole education in faith. A woman of Samaria comes to draw water from the well of Jacob, Israel's great ancestor in faith. Jesus asks for a drink and elicits a bewildered response from the woman. Jews do not associate with Samaritans, the narrator explains. The woman's response provides the opportunity for Jesus to move into an extended and constantly deepening exchange in which she proves herself quite a knowledgeable theologian and worthy dialogue partner. Commentators tend to focus on the woman's marital status, usually in negative terms. Because she has had five husbands, many presume that she is a sinner although there is nothing in the text to support this position. Successive husbands may have died. Financial, religious or societal constraints may have functioned in her decision to remarry. The 'husbands' may symbolise the strange gods that claimed the allegiance of the Samaritans. There is no consensus among scholars. At the outset, the woman views Jesus simply as a Jew who contravenes custom by asking her for water. She comes to accept him as the provider of living water. Jesus understands her life story and opens up the way for her to accept him as a prophet. She risks sharing her own convictions about the locus of worship and is gifted with new understanding and his further self-disclosure. She leaves her water jar behind and brings others to faith in Jesus as Messiah and saviour of the world.

- Veronica Lawson RSM

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.

BAPTISM



This weekend we welcome Lara Cochrane & Harper Caristo into God's family, and into our Parish Family



WEDDINGS: Congratulations Donna Lang & Neville Hamilton who celebrated their wedding this weekend.

Coming Events

THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Will be meeting for lunch at Woodsies Rock Shop today at 12 noon, Sunday March 27th. Please phone Jean on 50237561 to confirm numbers. Everyone welcome to join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Monday 28th March at 5 p.m followed by Rosary.

LITURGY MEETING

A liturgy meeting will be held on Tuesday March 29th at 7.30 p.m to further plan for Holy Week.

CRYSTAL BALLS



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

PARISH GATHERING

Remember: Our Community Gathering Day is being held on April 3rd after 9 a.m Mass in Sacred Heart Hall.

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

STUDENT RESILIENCE IN 2011

A workshop will be held on April 5th at the Damascus College 1412 Geelong Road Mt Clear Key speaker is Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Afternoon session 4.00 p.m. Evening session 7.00 p.m.

GODSTART

There will be a Godstart meeting on April 6th 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 Fleming room will be preceded by a sausage sizzle for those who are attending. Sunday 10th April after 5.00 p.m Mass.

SONGS OF PRAISE AFTERNOON

This will be held at Wesleyan Church on Sunday April 10th 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

MASS OF THE OILS

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30 p.m. on Monday 18th April, 2011. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2011, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

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.

EASTER MASSES

Holy Thursday 21st April – 7.00 p.m

Good Friday 22nd April – 10.30 am – Way Of The Cross

3.00 p.m – Ceremonies

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 23rd – 7.00 p.m

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

NO 5.00 PM MASS ON Easter Sunday

NURSING HOME MASSES

Regis: Father Jim – 29th March at 2 p.m

Oasis: Father Neville – 30th March at 11 a.m

Congratulations

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Irene and Jim Douglas are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this weekend. They were married in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at Werrimull on the 24th March 1951. Congratulations on such an achievement.

VINNIE'S WEEKLY SPECIALS

Glenview Local Eggs 800g	\$3.00 doa.
La Gina Risotto 4 serves	6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each
Lucky Dog Food 500g.	\$2.20 box.
Maxi Gold Bread. Multigrain/W'meal/White	\$1.80 loaf.
Asparagus Local	\$2.50 bunch
Pumpkin New Season	\$1.00 piece
Mushrooms Local	\$4.25 kg.
Pineapples	\$2.50 each.

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.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK COMMENCES

Catholic Education Week 2011 commences on Friday March 25 The theme for Catholic Education Week 2011 is 'One Body One Spirit in Christ- called to Act Justly'. The theme for the Art Show is 'Your school - Your Journey'.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) \$1206.00
2nd Collection (Support of Parish & Diocese) \$2825.50
Loose Plate: \$ 365.10
Project Compassion: \$ 382.00

(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)

Third Sunday of Lent



Jesus teaches us to open up the possibilities of experiencing and sharing our gifts and knowledge. In this week's Project Compassion story, we met Rosa, who lives in Bolivia's isolated Yuquí-Yuracaré Indigenous Community Lands. With Caritas Australia's support, these river communities have come together. An innovative community tourism project was developed and is starting to generate profit, while asserting their culture and preserving their land. Transformation in the lives of these marginalised communities are assisted by your Project Compassion donation. Please donate today.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA 2011

FIJI 2010

The Gounder's are from Fiji. They are fourth-generation migrants from India, brought to Fiji by the British to work the sugar industry as indentured laborers. They speak the Hindi language, ministering to both the Hindi and English speaking Indians. The Gounders have started four churches in their thirteen years of ministry in Fiji and are well know and greatly respected within both the church and the community.

Although Fiji is thought of as an ideal vacation destination, outside the tourist spots many people live in poverty. There is a great need for clean water

on the islands, especially in the remote areas. Unsanitary water brings a wide variety of health problems.

MALAWI 2010

It never ceases to disturb us and shock us as we realize how the poor live in so many countries - and how extensive diseases progress before there is medical attention. The very first day Jane cared for a 28 year old lady with erosive breast cancer who had literally lost almost one side of her breast to the disease and had never seen a physician. Several patients clearly had lymphomas with enlargement of their lymph nodes in their necks, malaria was common, along with distended abdomens from worm infestation, pneumonia, children with markedly stunted growth due to poor nutrition or HIV, and, of course, the sweet elderly men and women who are still working out in the fields, gardening as subsistence farmers, who complain of back and limb pain. We tried to teach them to add longer handles to their hoes so they didn't have to bend over and cause such daily back trauma. We did see babies and toddlers with measles - not difficult to diagnose as they were miserable with watery eyes, harsh coughs, and the rash of measles (although it looks quite different on their black skins). Just as in America, it seems that the sickest patients always come in at the end of the day. The first day of clinic, a one month old with pneumonia and respiratory distress came in late, and, after giving the baby an injection of antibiotics, we took the baby and mom with us on our bus to the district hospital for admission (and provided funds for return transportation when the baby was discharged). The second day of clinic we transported a child with severe malaria and dehydration to the district hospital - but their power was out and they referred us to a larger facility, where the power was also out. We trust that the child received care in time - as we had been able to only provide the first dose of intravenous quinine, but more would be needed, along with fluids and antibiotics.

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.
Peter O'Donnell 0429104225.	Rini Opt'Hoog 50230941.
Lyn Welsh 50231356.	Denise Knight 50257111.
Suliana Mataele 0448658687.	Mary Gobbo 50234621.
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NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP.

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

5. Improve Maternal Health.

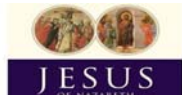
Reduce by three-quarters the ratio of women dying In childbirth.

6. Combat HIV/Aids, Malaria and other Diseases.

Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/Aids, the Incidence of malaria and other major diseases.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March. On that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid "pass laws". Proclaiming the Day in 1966, the General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination. This day is the beginning of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination.



Pope Benedict's new book on Jesus has entered the *The New York Times* bestseller list, at 10th place in the non-fiction category, said the *Ignatius Insight Scoop* website. Since its worldwide release on March 10, 1.2 million copies of the book have been published in eight languages - including German, Italian, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Polish. Jesuit Father Joseph Fessio, founder and editor of the publishing house, says that 300,000 copies were published in Italy, 200,000 in Germany, and 120,000 in France. The book has been published in English by Ignatius Press, The Catholic Truth Society (United Kingdom/Ireland), Paulines Publication (Africa), Freedom Publishing (Australia), and Asia Trading Corporation (Asia). "It's clear that what interests the Holy Father is helping people to know and love someone whom he knows and loves," says Father Fessio. "But he does this as a scholar. This book is a bright star in the constellation of books about Jesus." And many scholars have responded with praise for book, noting its unique combination of complexity, clarity, breadth of learning, and depth of theological insight. The website said a study guide for *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*

will be available from Ignatius Press on March 30th. It includes chapter summaries and outlines, a list of key terms, a glossary, and a section for readers to write down their personal reflections as they read the book.

ON BECOMING A LETTER FROM CHRIST

'Paul reminds us: "You are a letter from Christ, written not in ink but with the spirit of the living God, not on stone tablets but on the tablets of human hearts" (2 Cor 3:1-3). Perhaps this is more than just a striking image. Perhaps it is a challenge for every single morning. Each day, as we emerge from the cocoon of sleep and come out from between our sheets, we might pause to reflect that we are like a letter being taken out of an envelope and delivered into the world of this new day. 'Every letter carries its own personal message. Some make demands. Some generate anxiety or frustration, or even anger. Some give life and hope. Some are full of words but mean nothing. Others say little but mean everything: letters written out of duty, threatening letters, letters of encouragement, letters that inspire, letters that speak of love. 'When you get up tomorrow, and your "letter" comes out of its envelope, what kind of a letter will it be, and how will it affect the hearts of those who receive it? Will your presence in the world tomorrow shed light or cast shadows upon those you meet? We might do well to begin every morning by asking for the grace that we might truly be "letters from Christ," adding a little bit, each new day, to the store of love, hope and trust in the world.'

- An extract from a reflection by Margaret Silf in America

" To forgive and forget is to give light to a new day full of possibilities and responsibilities to not let your past be your future."

MINISTERS ROSTER

<u>SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST. Mar 27TH</u>			<u>READERS: 27th MARCH</u>			<u>MUSIC 27th MARCH.</u>		
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M.McDonald	T.Panuccio	T. Finn	<u>COUNTING TEAM 10.</u>			M. Schmidt	Youth Group	
K.Quinlan	P.O'Donnell	P. Cox	BRIAN GROGAN. 5021 2099.					
B.Weightman	F. Carbone	M.Ransome						
E.Frauenfelder	G. Raiti	B. Dolence						
M. Roper	C.Maugeri							
S. Tisler	A. Chalkley							

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

<u>SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST. APRIL 3</u>			<u>READERS: 3rd APRIL</u>			<u>MUSIC 3rd APRIL</u>		
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K. Girke	A. Vartuli	S.Hermans	J. Graham	C/P. McErvalle	M.. Deepu	G & F. Lane	Italian	M.Hammond
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M.Henderson	B. Bunting	R. Antony				J. Ljubic		
K. Jewell	M. Haynes	M. Zema						
L. Kearney	L. Belej							
L. Crowe	N. Leonardis							