

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

### Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 10.00 a.m. 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 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### 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** Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

**Psalm.** Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

**Response:** Lord, make us turn to you: let us see your face and we shall be saved

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 1:3-9

**Gospel.** Mk 13:33-37

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading** Is 40:1-5. 9-11

**Psalm.** Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**Response.** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

**Second Reading** 2 Pt 3:8-14

**Gospel.** Mk 1:1-8

**RECENT DEATHS:** Ted Robinson, Tom Cullinan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sat 26th 6.00pm: Giovanni Bachetti (1yr), Frank Cirillo (8yrs), deceased members of the Cirillo family, Nikola Cetinich

**Sun 27th 9.00am:** Cosimo & Pasqualina Dichiera, Oscar Dalpethado (Sonali Perera's father, (30days), Patrick Delaney, Pasquale Di Giammichele, Liliana Vanni, Annunziata Demaria, Giuseppe Ficarra

**Sun 27th 5.00pm:** Frailan Edwardo Garcia, George Ribarits

*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:

*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.*

Jenny Jones, Margaret Tynan, Nadia Wolczek, Dorothy Norris



## REFLECTION

'Eyes wide open' is the proper stance for gospel people. The little parable that is the gospel reading for this first Sunday of the new liturgical year forms the conclusion to Mark's so-called apocalyptic discourse. Apocalyptic literature emerged within Judaism in the context of crisis or persecution. It was intended to provide hope in the midst of disaster: God's coming can reverse the sufferings of the present. The Markan discourse is delivered as a farewell teaching to the inner circle of Jesus' disciples. The concluding verse indicates that it is intended for a wider audience, however: 'what I say to you, I say to all....' Like Peter, James, and John, Christian disciples through the ages are invited to stay awake, to be on the lookout, to be alert. This cycle of the liturgical year begins and ends with Mark 13 and a focus on the end of the present order of things. It may seem strange to begin the year with such a reflection. Is Advent not a time of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Christ child into the world? Mark has no account of the birth of Jesus. His gospel begins with the immediate preparation for the adult ministry of Jesus. From the very outset, his interest is in the coming of God's reign of justice and compassion. And that is, in fact, what Advent is about: living in hopeful expectation that God's dream for a transformed world will be realised. The disciples are told to be alert and watchful through the four watches of the Roman night: in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, and at dawn. The parable thus foreshadows aspects of Jesus' suffering that was to be compounded by the abandonment and denial of his closest friends. Peter, James, and John will fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane. The disciples will all disperse, and Peter will deny him. We find our own experience mirrored in that of the disciples. It is easy to lose hope in the face of suffering and to lose focus. Advent is about recognising our own capacity to be less than vigilant and even to turn away when our presence is most needed. It is about allowing the grace of God to take hold in our hearts, keeping us watchful for the sake of those on the edge.

– Veronica Lawson RSM

Gift tags from the giving Tree in the gathering space are now available. Gifts by 4th December to the value of \$10. With thanks from the St Vincent de Paul Society.

## COMING EVENTS

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP** end of year get together will be held at the Tenth Street Time Share Resort on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am. Please bring own lunch and drinks BBQ available. K K to exchange value \$5.00 to \$10.00. Contact Helen & Gary Huxtable 50235035

## CATECHETICS & ADULT FORMATION

### ADVENT

Invitation: to participate in a small gospel reflection group during the four weeks of advent – one meeting per week focusing on each Sunday's gospel. Contact parish office on 50 212872

### RCIA

Let us continue to pray for our RCIA candidates: Noel, Tamara, Jacinta & Leisha who are continuing their journey of formation in preparation for their initiation into the Catholic Parish Community. We pray too for their sponsors and God parents and all those responsible for their formation. We welcome Leisha officially into the Catechumenate this Sunday at 9.00am.

### COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

During the season of Advent as part of our preparation for the celebration of Christmas we will gather for a Communal Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Church.

## SACRAMENTAL

**Tentative dates for Confirmation for 2012 will be the Weekends of 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May. First Eucharist will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

## VINNIES WEEKLY SPECIALS

SPC Jellied Fruit 4 pack	\$1.50 pk
SPC Peach slices in Juice	\$2.00ea
Choc Chip Muffin Mix	\$2.50pk
Wondersoft Toilet Roll 8 pkt	\$3.75 pk
Spree Laundry detergent	\$4.25pk
Australian Garlic - Local	\$2.50 nob
Pumpkin	\$1.00 ea
Merbein Farm Mushrooms 5kg bg	\$5.20 kg
Brushed Potatoes 5kg Bags	\$2.99 bag

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.

**KIOSK** - Columban Calendars for 2012 - \$8.00 ea  
Christmas Cards pk of 8 - \$3.00 ea  
New Mass Books - \$7.00 ea

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1250.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (Support of Parish & Diocese)	\$2271.00
Loose Plate:	\$ 362.60

(The first 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)

## LITURGY

### Children's Liturgy

A group of dedicated parents are offering Children's Liturgy at 9am Sunday Mass. If you have school aged children we encourage them to join in and participate in fun activities focused on the Gospel readings. We would also like more parents to assist so come along with your children on Sunday or contact the parish office on 0350212872 for more information.

### MIDNIGHT MASS

This year there will be a midnight Mass held for Christmas. Please spread the word, as future celebrations depend on numbers attending.

**ALTAR SERVERS REQUIRED:** On behalf of the priests, our liturgy team – and our wider parish community – we are seeking to attract attention to any children (*parents you are perhaps the best to do this*) who are interested in becoming altar servers for any of the Masses celebrated on weekends: particularly children who have received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time recently. Any enquiries, please contact the office during office hours (Wed-Fri). Many thanks

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

New rosters are now being compiled to be issued in January. If you are not able to continue or wish to change the Mass time you are rostered for and if there are any new people interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers please advise the Parish Office before Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. Training will be provided for new people signing up.

### CHILDREN'S RESOURCES FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

The Parish is offering parents two books (\$12.00ea) that provide stories and prayers focusing on the season of Advent and the celebration of Christmas.

They can be purchased from the St Vinnies stall at the back of the Church, or through the Parish office.

### SIOBHAN STAGG

Siobhan Stagg who regularly sang at weekend Masses over many years, is returning home to Mildura to perform a fundraising concert for Arts Mildura on Sunday 11 December, at 2 pm at the Mercy Theatre. She will be joined by Victorian Opera tenor, Benjamin Namdarian for an exciting program of musical favourites. Tickets are \$25 on line at <https://www.gticketing.com.au/artsmildura/> Siobhan says, "I'm thrilled to be returning to perform in Mildura. The Mildura community has had such a positive influence on my development so far."

**ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and friends of the St Paul's Community.....  
Thank you to Marion Guthrie for supplying our school with attractive and colourful armbands that the children have been asking about since they first appeared at our Fun run earlier in the year. These armbands will be on sale in the front foyer from today onwards. The price is \$2.00 and proceeds will go to Marion's connections in Peru. As Advent draws near – **the first Sunday of Advent is this Sunday** – and we all begin the time of preparing to celebrate Christ's birth, we will again at St Paul's, set up our Christmas Giving Tree. This tree will be near our Family Tree, and **we are asking families to please donate Christmas food** to give to those families in our community who may not be able to enjoy the same kind of Christmas that most of us will. It would be great if each family could please bring an item of food to put under the tree – something that you would enjoy at your Christmas celebration e.g. Plum Pudding, Christmas Cake, shortbread, other non-perishable desserts, tinned fruit and vegetables, bon-bons, serviettes etc. etc. [Or if you would like to donate a Worthworths or Coles Gift card that we could use to buy food, please put in an envelope addressed to Lys.

**SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear School families and friends,  
Last Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) I attended with many others from across Australia, a farewell dinner for our retiring Catholic Education Office, Director Mr Larry Burns. We look forward to working with our newly appointed Director, Ms Audrey Brown in 2012. Today, I informed our school community, with regret that Miss Kelly is leaving us at the end of this school year. Kelly heads off to Melbourne next year to further enrich her career and get married! We all wish her the very best and know that she will keep in touch.  
Reports are being finalised, staffing confirmed, class lists being discussed and prepared, 2012 orders being placed, budgets, end of year planning and some productive teaching

**Feast Days of the Week**

**Wed Nov 30 St Andrew Apostle**

St Andrew, the Apostle, was born in Bethsaida of Galilee, a brother of Simon Peter, both fishermen. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led himself and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and hastened to introduce him to his brother, Peter. Thenceforth the two brothers were disciples of Jesus.

**Sat Dec 3 St Francis Xavier (1506-1552)**

Apostle of India and Japan and one of the greatest missionaries of the Church since Saint Paul. One of the first companions of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, Francis was the Jesuits' first foreign missionary. Ordained in 1537, Francis departed for India in 1541 and reached Japan in 1549. In 1552 he set out for China, landed on the island of Sancian within sight of his goal, but died before he reached the mainland. Working against great difficulties, language problems, inadequate funds, and lack of cooperation, often actual resistance, from European officials, he left the mark of his missionary zeal and energy on areas which clung to Christianity for centuries. He was canonized in 1622 and proclaimed patron of all foreign missions by Pope Pius X.

**GATHERING SPACE**

After informed discussions with both the Finance Committee and the Parish Council, the decision has been taken to initiate serious planning for the construction of the Gathering Space. A Committee consisting of Peter O'Donnell, Terry Murphy, Darren Atkinson, Trevor Aust, Rinni O'pt Hoog and myself have met with the architect who has been commissioned to present plans which will soon be available for public viewing. This project will obviously require that we set up a special building fund to assist us with cost. I am confident that with the understanding of how this space will assist the pastoral development of the Parish as well as enrich our community spirit, we will be assured of a generous response from all who support the growth of our Parish.  
Father Michael.

**PARISH COUNCIL REVAMP**

At present we are continuing to invite parishioners to represent particular pastoral areas and ministries onto the Parish Council. The response has been positive, and we hope to be ready to plan our pastoral direction by the beginning of the coming year. Areas represented will be Liturgy, Adult Faith & Spiritual Formation, Youth & Education, Finance, Catechetics, Social Justice & Community Outreach/Pastoral Outreach. We acknowledge the valued contribution of Sister Rosemary Graham, Terry Murphy, Brian Grogan and Mary Gobbo who are retiring from the Council.

**MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**ASYLUM SEEKERS - ESSENTIAL FACTS**

- 1. Asylum Seekers are not illegal immigrants**  
Asylum Seekers are people seeking international protection but whose claims for refugee status have not yet been determined. Regardless of whether they arrive by boat or plane, they have a legal right to seek asylum under international and Australian law and not be penalized for the manner of their entry. They are not illegal immigrants.
- 2. A person does not require a passport or official papers to seek asylum.**  
Under the refugee Convention a person has the right to seek asylum in any place they can reach. Applying for a passport or exit visa, even at an Australian Embassy, can be far too dangerous for some refugees. These actions can put their lives, and their families at risk. In such cases refugees may have to travel on forged documents or bypass regular migration channels. They commit no offence by arriving without papers, without an invitation, seeking our protection, and are not charged with any offence. Yet we simply lock them up



**FOR THE CHILDREN**

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ADORE  
ADVENT  
AGE  
ANGEL  
BETHLEHEM  
DAVID  
DONKEY  
HAIL

JOSEPH  
LORD  
LOVE  
MAGI  
MARY  
MANGER  
NAZARETH  
NEW

PRAYER  
SAVE  
SKY  
SONG  
STAR  
TRAVEL  
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**MINISTER ROSTER**

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST			MUSIC			READERS		
November 26/27			November 26/27			November 26/27		
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	A-M Dimasi	N Armsden	SH Group	G & F Lane	J Graham	N Lewis	M Deepu
M Capogreco	M Haynes	M Conte	M Schmidt	M Faingaanuku				
L Gooch	L Belej	C Carmichael	B Lewis					
A-M Greville	N Leonardis	M Towns	J O' Bryan		<b>COUNTING TEAM 6</b>			
M Sheahan	M Speed	K Towns			JIM O'DONNELL 50214939			
M Meredith	U Williams			<b>IRYMPLE ROSTER</b>				
J Hall	E Gareffa			<b>READER</b>	<b>SPECIAL MINISTER</b>			
				D John	B Krake			

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST			MUSIC			READERS		
December 3/4			December 3/4			December 3/4		
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
P Kelleher	M Modica	W Finn	M Guthrie	Italian Choir	M Hammond	K Quinlan	P Maloney	H Curran
M McDonald	T Faingaanuku	T Finn	Leaders welcome	N Armsden	J Ljubic			
K Quinlan	M Faingaanuku	P Cox						
B Weightman	M Grivec	M Ransome			<b>COUNTING TEAM 7</b>			
E Frauenfelder	F Caldarelli	B Dolence			ALAN CHALKLEY 50221746			
M Roper	R O'pt Hoog			<b>IRYMPLE ROSTER</b>				
S Tisler	R O'pt Hoog			<b>READER</b>	<b>SPECIAL MINISTER</b>			
				D Knight	K Knight			