

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

Tues: 7 pm
Wed: 9.10 am
Thurs: 9.30 am
Fri: 5.40 pm

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 a.m

Fr. Michael McKinnon PP
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St Francis Xavier's Church
Elms Street, Irymple

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B
January 28th & 29th

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Primary School –
Principal: Greg Lane 50231204
St Paul's Primary School –
Principal: Carmel McCormick
(Acting) 50234567
St Joseph's Secondary College –
Principal: Darren Atkinson
50188000

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."

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Dt 18:15-20

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.9

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel: Mk 1:21-28



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading:

Psalm:

Response:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 29th January 9.00am: Elia Chiera

Sunday 29th January 5.00pm: Jolene Davis

Friday 3rd February 5.40pm: Oscar Dalpethado (Sonali Perera's father)

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.

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

Scripture Reading: Thurs 10.30 a.m 20 Beasy Court

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:

If you want a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission.

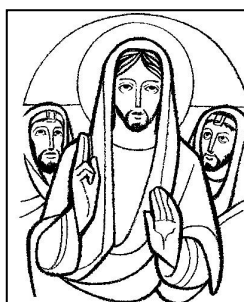
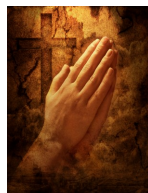
Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

Jenny Jones, Noel Smith (Harvey Bay), Dorothy Norris, Betty Mills

REMINDER:

Anointing Mass: for the sick will be held Tuesday, 7th Feb at 10.30am.

Bereavement Support Group: meeting this Wednesday 1st February 9.45am.



Jesus teaching in the Synagogue

REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading recounts the first episode in a section of Mark's gospel that focusses on a typical day in the ministry of Jesus as authoritative teacher and prophetic healer (1:21-38). The setting is the Capernaum synagogue on the Sabbath, a thoroughly Jewish setting. The verbal forms in the first sentence indicate that teaching in the synagogue was part of Jesus' customary activity. Jesus is thus located firmly within Israel's prophetic tradition of teaching and healing. In the first reading from Deuteronomy (18:15-20), the term 'prophet' appears eight times. Moses tells the people that God will respond to their request at Sinai (Horeb) and raise up from among them a prophet like himself, a mediator between God and God's people, one who will speak God's word. Prophets do not appoint or authorise themselves: God calls and authorises the prophets to speak God's word. Failure to heed the prophets carries its own consequences as does the attempt to assume a prophetic role without God's authorisation. Just as the prophets of old speak the authentic word of God only when they are authorised by the God of Israel, so Jesus of Nazareth, later to identify himself in this gospel as God's prophet (6:4), speaks and acts 'with authority'. In other words, he speaks with the authority of the God of Israel. In this first Markan story of his divinely authorised activity, Jesus is approached by a man 'with an unclean spirit'. The man's loud scream sets up a confrontation between the power of God, mediated through Jesus, and the forces of destruction that often take hold of human lives. Jesus silences and expels these destructive forces and thus renders a seriously troubled person whole. Confounding the unclean spirit(s) brings social and communal benefits to the troubled person as well as physical and emotional healing. God's reign or empire is made real through a healing action that is perceived as 'a new teaching'. No word of Jesus' teaching is reported, only his actions. Those actions are presented as 'teaching'. We teach by who we are and what we do. For Jesus, as for his disciples, congruence between words and actions is integral to authentic gospel proclamation. Jesus is demonstrating to his newly formed group of followers that the gospel they are to proclaim is grounded in the ordinary struggles of ordinary people. This gospel carries the power to lift the burdens and make the troubled whole. We may wish to identify the 'unclean spirits' that take hold of us from time to time so that we can open ourselves to the power of God mediated through God's teacher-healers in our time.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2012

Notice to all parents, especially whose children are attending government schools and who will be preparing for their Sacrament of Confirmation in 2012 (children in grades: 3, 4 or 5). Please make contact with the Parish Office on 5021 2872 so that the enrolment process can begin.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please collect your new Roster from the table at the back of the Church. **Please note: this Roster begins the weekend of February 4/5.**

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

The Passionist Family Group will meet at the Mildura Working Man's Club on Sunday 5th February for brunch at 10.30 am. This will be our planning meeting for the year. Contact Denise on 50211918

**BAPTISM:**

We welcome into our Parish family Mason Mammone child of Jessica and Antonio.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1465.00
2 nd Collection	\$2764.15
Loose Plate	\$ 563.60

COMING UP

LENT IS COMING—ASH WEDNESDAY

Vigil Mass Tuesday 21st February 7.30pm
Wednesday 22nd February: 9.30am with Sacred Heart Primary school and evening Mass at 6.00pm.

TWO CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGES FOR 2012

The Religions of Asia (May, 2012) This pilgrimage tour of Malaysia will be departing Sydney on Monday 7th May (2012), and returning on Friday May 18. This 12 Day pilgrimage journey will be a very Catholic tour with daily Mass, prayer and spiritual input. Its primary focus will be to view and better understand the various non-Christian religions present in Malaysia, but also incorporating Catholic sites and shrines. There will be visits to shrines of Islam, Buddhism, Daoism, Hinduism, Sikhism and perhaps Shamanism-Animism. This pilgrimage will lead to a deeper knowledge and respect for the various religions of man in his quest for God, as well as a deeper appreciation of Jesus Christ as the only name by which we are saved (Acts 4: 12). The tour will be led by Father Ted Tyler, parish priest of Upper Blue Mountains, as the Spiritual Chaplain, as well as Father Jan Bieniek CSMA, parish priest of Clovelly, as the Group Leader. For further information or details please contact Father Ted at frejtyler@live.com or at P.O. Box 526 Katoomba 2780, for further details.

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece: Abraham, Peter, Paul, Andrew and the Early Church (September 2012). This pilgrimage will leave Australia on Monday 24th September 2012 and return on 12th October, and will visit places of great spiritual significance in the Scriptures and the early Church. In Turkey we shall visit Haran and Urfa (Abraham), Antioch (Peter, Paul and Barnabas), Tarsus and parts of Cappadocia (Paul), Constantinople-Byzantium (early Ecumenical Councils). We shall then cross over to visit Thessalonika, Athens and Corinth (St Paul), Patras (St Andrew), as well as places of great secular significance such as Delphi, the tomb of Philip of Macedon, the birthplace of Aristotle, and the great Athenian centres of ancient culture and philosophy. The pilgrimage is being led by Father Ted Tyler, parish priest of Upper Blue Mountains (diocese of Parramatta), and some very experienced local guides. If you are interested, contact Father Ted at frejtyler@live.com or at P.O. Box 526, Katoomba NSW 2780, for further information and details.

UMBRELLA ENTERTAINMENT—THE WAY

Umbrella Entertainment is proud to announce the national cinema release of **The Way (rated PG) on April 26 2012**, an inspirational journey film and word-of-mouth US hit starring Martin Sheen, Emilio Estevez, Deborah Kara Unger and James Nesbitt, directed by Emilio Estevez.

The Way is the powerful story of Tom (Martin Sheen), an American doctor who comes to St Jean Pied de Port, France to collect the remains of his adult son Daniel (Emilio Estevez), killed in a storm while walking The Camino de Santiago (also known as **The Way of St James**).

Driven by his grief and desire to understand his son better, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage, leaving his "California bubble life" behind. While walking The Camino, Tom meets other pilgrims from around the world, all looking for greater meaning in their lives: a Dutchman (a very funny Yorick van Wageningen) trying to lose weight, an emotionally wounded Canadian (Deborah Kara Unger) and an Irish writer (James Nesbitt) who is suffering from a bout of writer's block.

Set against one of the most stunning backdrops in the world, **The Way** was filmed entirely in Spain and France along the actual Camino de Santiago.

Today tens of thousands of Christian pilgrims and adventure travellers set out each year to make their way to Santiago de Compostela, making it one of the most popular treks in the world. Whether pilgrim or backpacker, the redemptive and spiritual effects of **The Way** are undeniable and universal.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following parishioners on receiving their Australia Day award: Mildura Citizen of the Year **Len Krause** and Merbein Senior Citizen of the Year **Sr Marion McDonald**.

VINNIES WEEKLY SPECIALS

Don Strasburg 1 kg	\$ 6.50 each
Glen View XL eggs 700g	\$ 2.70 / dozen
SPC Fruit Sorbet Freeze & Eat 4 x 120g tubs	\$ 1.00 each
Kookas Country Cookies 500g Lemon or Raspberry	\$2.99 / packet
Kleenex Toilet Rolls 6 – pack White, Marine, Puppy Print	\$ 3.95 / packet
Local Tomatoes	\$ 2.00 / kg
Sweet Corn 3-pack	\$ 1.90 each pack
Rock melons	\$ 2.00 each
Peaches—Peacharines	\$ 2.00 / kg
Grapes Red—Green	\$ 3.30 / kg

While stocks last. Vinnie's Family Groceries are a non-profit organisation. It is able to maintain competitive prices due to dedicated volunteers. More support means lower prices for Mildura's community. All welcome

PEACE

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silent revolt of violent repression.

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.

It is right and it is duty.

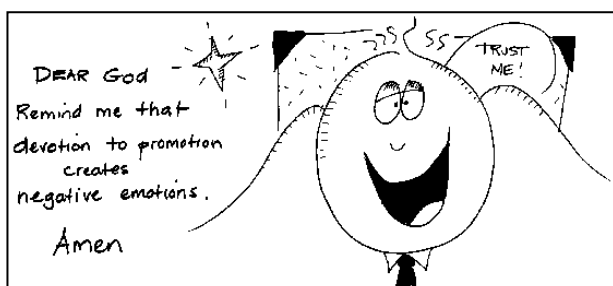
- Bishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980)



The man possessed falls at the feet of Jesus

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Bored during the holidays—try something different - take up Flamenco Dance classes. Instructor Carolina is from Chile. For one month only—commencing 10th January 2012. Please see flyer at each entrance of the Church for further information.



FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tue Jan 31 St John Bosco (1815-1888)

Thu Feb 2 Presentation of the Lord

THE GOSPEL OF MARK MADE EASY

By Patrick J Flanagan

This is an excellent and fascinating book for studying the Gospels. It includes a simple and lucid presentation of contemporary Scriptural interpretation of Mark's Gospel, resource notes on difficult textual matters and compelling new insights for clergy, biblical readers and bible study groups.

Cost is \$14.95. Please contact the office on 5021 2872 to place an order.

GOD AND THE BIBLE

'The Bible is a gift from God. Through the Bible, God meets people with great love and speaks tenderly with them. The word of God in the Bible is not simply marks on paper; it is living and active when it is proclaimed in worship or meditated on in quiet prayer. The Bible is God's gift to his people. It is a collection of different types of literature, written at different times, for different audiences, for different purposes.

From *Call and Response* p.36, Catholic Enquiry Centre
<http://www.catholicenquiry.com>

THE SACRAMENTALITY OF THE WORD

'The sacramentality of the word can thus be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and partaking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God's word at the celebration entails an acknowledgment that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard. ... Christ, truly present under the species of bread and wine, is analogously present in the word proclaimed in the liturgy.'

Excerpt from Post-Synod document, *Verbum Domini*, Pope Benedict XVI Full text at:

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_ben-xvi_exh_20100930_verbum-domini_en.html

QUOTE

'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.'

- Margaret Mead

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Sacred Heart Conference is looking for a volunteer/s to collect food between 4.00pm and 5.30pm on the 1st Thursday of the month at Hudak's. For further information contact Helen on 5023 5035.

FOUND

If you have lost or misplaced any of the following items left in the church: 2 x prayer books, Rosary beads and a step ladder please collect them asap.

FOR THE CHILDREN



ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND
JANUARY 28th & 29th

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH

EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
7 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	5 Ministers required
Kath Girke	Renata Byra	Joseph Matthew
Syd Girke	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Jacinta Macri
Trish McNamara	Maria Scopacasa	Anne-Marie Dimasi
Maurie Henderson	Mary Flinn	Melina Conte
Katrina Groves	Luigi De Iesi	Christine Carmichael
Leo Kearney	Teresa Panuccio	
Lysbeth Crowe	Peter O'Donnell	
MUSIC		
G & F Lane	Sacred Heart Group	M Hammond
	M Fainga'anuku	M Schmidt
READERS		
Sr Patricia	Nicholas Mataele	Bernadette Chaplin
COUNTING TEAM 5		
JIM FARRELLY 5021 5646		
IRYMPLE- SUNDAY		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
David Nicholls	Ken Knight	

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
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Maria Cirillo	Filomena Carbone	Frank Virgona
Maria Capagrecu	Gina Raiti	Rosemary Antony
Lorraine Gooch	Carmel Maugeri	Mario Zema
Anne-Maree Greville	Alan Chalkley	Josie Zema
Margaret Sheahan	Anna Vartuli	Sandra Walker
Margaret Meredith	Nada Zudetich	
Judy Hall	Sara Visona	
MUSIC		
M Sullivan	Italian Choir	G & F Lane
B Lewis	N Armsden	
J O'Bryan		
READERS		
Mary-Lou Towns	Kevin Schultz	Greg Johnston
COUNTING TEAM 6		
JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Joe Kearney	Ray Barbary	