

SACRED HEART PARISH , MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan, Sr Helen Murphy
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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.00pm and Irymple 8.30am.
Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11.00am or by appointment.

The Ascension of the Lord, MAY 28, 2006 YEAR B

THIS WEEK:

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Ps 46: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Second Reading: Eph. 4: 1-13
Gospel: Mk 16: 15-20



NEXT WEEK: June 4, 2006

First Reading: Gen 11:1-9
Ps 103: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading: Rm 8:22-27
Gospel: Jn 7:37-39

Deaths

Fillipo Marozzi
Immocolato Carfora
Molly O'Keefe (Birchip)
Warwick Cook (Son of Charlie & Margaret tragic accident)

Anniversaries

Patrick & Ellen Murnane Sat 6 pm
Roy McGregor Sat 6 pm
Steven Austin Sat 6 pm
Alex Pytel Sun 10 am
Giacomo Camarotto (Br of Leo) Sun 10 am
Mary Jane Hensgen Sun 10 am
Mary Gaffney Tom Martin
Fr Laurie Gallagher Fr Michael Grady

Note to Families requesting special Masses:

Please let the celebrant know you are present before Mass.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Monday Prayer Group: 2-4 p.m.
Rosary: Monday 6.00 p.m.
Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Fri. 8.40 a.m.
Meditation: Thursday 7 a.m. Church prayer room
Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues. 7.30 p.m.
Scripture Readings: Thur 2/177 12th Street, 10.30 a.m.
Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

We pray for the sick

Sophie Delezzio, Denis Donnellon,
Pat Donnellon, Alice Novak,
Peter Johnston, Robert Mutton, Betty Stirrat,
Lloyd Reale, Clinton Salt, Antoinetta Marabito

Weekday Mass Times

If there is a Requiem Mass on Wed/Thu/Fri
The advertised Mass will be cancelled

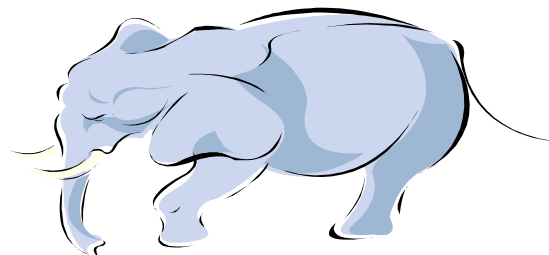
Tues: 7.00 p.m.
Wed: 9.10 a.m.
Thurs: 9.30 a.m.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat: 10.00 a.m.

Baptisms

Jeb Collins - Angel Pollifrone

What's on this week?

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE will be held this Sunday, May 28 in the grounds of the Sacred Heart Primary School beginning at 9.30 a.m.



TUESDAY - May 30 Catholic Education Week
Mass at St Joseph's College Stadium 10.30 am
Please see note over page

What's coming up?

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

We welcome Bishop Peter Connors to our parish as he leads in the celebration of Catholic Education week. He will be principal celebrant at a **Mass at 10.30 am on Tuesday 30th May**, at St Joseph's College Stadium for the primary schools and St Joseph's College, students and teachers. Parents and parishioners are invited to attend. **Please be early.**

DA VINCI CODE

A lot of interest has been shown in the above fictitious novel and is being shown in the film adaptation now released. To give people the chance to discuss the book/film, we shall hold a meeting for all those interested, in the Hillman Room on **Wednesday, May 31 at 7.30 p.m.** Please phone the Parish Office if you are attending 50 212 872

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Church celebrates this most important feast next weekend **3rd & 4th June**. The tone of the liturgy reflects the joy and significance of the day. Parishioners are invited to wear red to Mass on this day. Confirmation will be celebrated at all Masses except 5 pm and Irymple

ROCCA FAMILY GROUP

Our next gathering is to be held on **June 4th (Please note change of date)** we will meet at Woodsie's Rock Shop at 11.30 am for lunch. Please phone Jean on 50 237 561 or Denise on 50 211 918 before Thursday June 1st as we will need to book. New members are most welcome.

Lake Cullulleraine Trip The Whyte & Rocca family groups combined last weekend for an overnight stay at the Lake. 16 adults & 3 children enjoyed a camp oven tea followed by games and talking around the campfire. Sunday morning we went to Mass in Werrimull and finished off with a cooked brunch. Everyone agreed it was a great weekend.

Altar Server Training

Training will be **Tuesday 6th June, Wednesday 7th June and Tuesday 13th June in the Church 4-5pm**. If you are interested and have received First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please fill in form from the foyer of Church and attend at least one of these training sessions. For more information please phone Margaret McDonald on 5022 1531

ST. ANTHONY FESTA is progressing well. There is free Pasta and BBQ after the Mass in the Sacred Heart Hall on **Sunday, June 11**. Raffles on the day and lots of entertainment.

"TOGETHER IN GALILEE"

More copies are now available at the Parish Office and St. Vinnie's stall in Sacred Heart Church of Fr. John McKinnon's 200-page book on Mark's Gospel. \$10.00 each.



CONFIRMATION PRAYER

To be prayed at home for children who are being confirmed

Father, pour out your Spirit
upon my son/daughter N....
and make him/her strong in your love;
alive with concern,
warm with gentle strength,
and openhearted in sharing.
His/her years may be few or many,
as you know best,
but let them be full years:
years of firm faith,
years of unfailing hope in you
and in your children,
years of responsible and unshakable love.
This we ask, Father, in the name of your Son,
and in the grace of his Spirit within us,
living and guiding,
today and forever.
Amen

Confirmation Thank You

We would like to say a heart-felt thank you to a parishioner **MONICA** who prayed for our son Luke during his preparation for confirmation. Your prayers, card and presence at Mass made his day extra special.
John and Julie Squillace

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation on the weekend of **June 3 and 4** will take place at 6.00 p.m., 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Masses.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING

Hillman Room date and time to be advised

Other Notices

Please note! "Answered by Fire" was put back a week so as not to compete with the Beaconsfield special on channel 9. "Answer by Fire" will first feature on **Sunday, May 28**. Part Two will be shown on **Sunday, June 4 at 8.30 p.m.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekends will be held on July 14-16 at Millgrove and October 27-29 at Lysterfield. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith 9899 0824 or E-mail erika@hrpartner.com.au. Web site www.wvme.org.au

Last Week's Collections

<u>Priests' Support</u>	\$1,660.00
<u>Parish Support</u>	
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	577.53
Envelopes	2,144.80
Loose Plate	611.75
Total:	<u>\$3334.08</u>

Scripture Note

The reading from the Acts describes the ascension of Jesus. It also shows how Jesus, now in the glorious presence of his Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through his followers. The Gospel is concerned with the Lord's ascension and the missionary charge he gave his apostles. The preaching of the apostles was to have the same effect as the preaching of Jesus. The reference to picking up snakes and drinking poison is not to be taken literally. According to the Middle Eastern mentality hyperbole is an accepted way of making a point through the power of Jesus the apostles will triumph over all evils. The apostles are to challenge people of all times and places either to believe or reject the Gospel. The statement that equates belief in Christ with salvation and disbelief with condemnation can't be preached as bluntly as that. Today unbelief springs from many factors, not least from the poor witness given by those who claim to believe in Jesus. The theological meaning of the feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him head of the Church and Lord of creation. The ascension of Jesus is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth.



Truck drivers are urgently required for St Vincent De Paul. They are needed for pick up and delivery of goods.

For more information please contact Veronica on 03 5023 5750 or you may leave a message on 03 5023 0901. Thank you

Reflection

Instruments of the Lord.

"Go, preach the Gospel to all nations."

This was the farewell command of Christ. He has no body now on earth but ours. He has no hands but ours to raise up the fallen.

No feet but ours to seek out the lost.

No eyes but ours to see the silent tears of the suffering.

No ears but ours to listen to the lonely.

No tongue but ours to speak a word of comfort to the sad.

No heart but ours to love the unloved.

Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples;

Give us the courage to witness to you in the world, and so the Gospel will be preached, and people will find their way into your kingdom.

CHILDREN'S MASS BOOKS

These are available from the kiosk in the front foyer of the church. These books are suitable for children preparing for Confirmation or First Eucharist, and are priced at \$5.50 each.

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.

Pope says devotion to Sacred Heart helps Catholics focus on love

By Cindy Wooden
[Catholic News Service](#)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus helps Catholics focus on the reality of God's love and their obligation to love others, Pope Benedict XVI said.

In the Sacred Heart, "we can recognize in an ever clearer way the limitless love God has for us," the pope wrote in a May 15 letter.

The papal letter was addressed to Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, superior general of the Society of Jesus, in recognition of the Jesuits' efforts to promote the devotion throughout the church over the past 150 years.

In 2006, the church celebrates the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus June 23.

Pope Benedict said the devotion acquires its deepest meaning only when people express their awareness of God's love by dedicating their lives to his service.

"The experience of the love of God is lived as a 'call' to which one must respond," the pope said.

Gazing upon Jesus' "pierced heart" is a reminder that he took on the sufferings and sins of all humanity, which "helps us become more attentive to the suffering and needs of others," Pope Benedict said.

"It makes us able to entrust ourselves to his saving and merciful love and, at the same time, reinforces our desire to participate in his work of salvation by becoming his instruments," the pope said.

This article courtesy of Catholic News
 At: www.cathnews.com/news/605/141.php



PRAYER

O God, I thank you for my family;
 for my friends; for the fellowship I
 have with your people; for the
 wonderful gift of your Holy Spirit,
 who has showed on me such
 glorious gifts, although I deserve
 nothing from you.

Grant that other people too will find
 the peace and joy in life that comes
 from you alone. Be in every home
 today to comfort, encourage, guide
 and correct. Let us all feel your
 presence and know your love.

Amen

W/end June3/4	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	Sr. Sylvia	P. Sandell	S/E Opie	T/C Markham
Eucharistic Ministers	L.Gooch K.Burns A-M Greville M. Sheahan M. Meredith V. Kidd J. Hall	P. O'Donnell B. Weightman G. Scopacasa M. Scopacasa B. Dolence M. Flinn G Rogers	P. Opie S. Opie U. Williams N. Lewis N. Pardo S. Hermans R / I Barbary	J. Ribarits J. Rocca P. Rocca A. Ryan F. Virgona P. Cox
Counting Team	Team 10 Captain - Brian Grogan 5021 2099			