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St Francis Xavier Church, Elm Street, Irymple

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 7, 2006 YEAR B

THIS WEEK:

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Ps 117: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

NEXT WEEK: May 14, 2006

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Ps 21: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

Deaths

Pat Bourke (Shepparton) sister of Mary Maloney

John Jones (Mudgegonga)

Sean O'Connor (Hampton)

Mons. Richard Crumlish, Buffalo, USA

Madge Blackwood (Perth)

sister of Dot Jilbert 8.00 a.m. Sun

Anniversaries

Ludvic Ostrogny 6.00 p.m. Sat

Tony & Maria Surace 10.00 a.m. Sun

Stefan Pannucio “

Ilario & Maria Petrolo 5.00 p.m. Sun

Susan Eckel (2nd) Walter Hudson

Dorothea Wright

Frs. Vincent Sproules, Thomas M. Brophy,

Michael Philbin and Denis McCarthy

Commemorations

Marciana family 9.30 a.m. Thursday

Surace family “

Larry Crisera ”

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.

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: In the Church 10.00 a.m.

We pray for the sick

Marco Medici, Nicholas Pezzaniti, Denis Donnellon,

Pat Donnellon, Alice Novak, Alma Gregory,

Peter Johnston, Robert Mutton, Betty Stirrat,

Lloyd Reale

Baptisms

Ethan Patrick Dwyer

Maddelena Petrolo

Kelsy Maree Nolen (Irymple)

Flores De Mayo

We particularly welcome the Filipino parishioners, their families and friends who have come to share something of the culture and faith of their homeland. This annual “Flowers of May” festival enriches our liturgy and helps us appreciate other traditions. All parishioners are invited to join the Filipino community for refreshments which will be served in the church grounds after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.

What's on this week?

TUESDAY - May 9

Northern District Zone meeting – Priests will be away for the day.

Catholic Women's Social Group – will meet in the Hillman Room at 2.00 p.m.

THURSDAY – May 10

R.C.I.A. – 7.30 p.m. in the Hillman Room.

What's coming up?

Finance Committee will meet in the Hillman Room at 12.30 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 16.**

Other Notices

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.

RED PRAYER CARDS

There are still some confirmation prayer cards available at the church doors. Please take one and pray for the person named.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate Fr. John Monaghan on his reception of his Master of Theology from the Australian Catholic University last weekend.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROSTERS

Would all Eucharistic Ministers please collect the new roster which are available from the front foyer. Apologies for the lateness of this notification.

ST. ANTHONY FESTA had a meeting on Wednesday, May 3. Members of the Committee are: Vittorio and Clem Carlucci, Bruno Callipari, Luigi De Esi, Heina Lotoaniu, Margaret Devilee, Pat Vartulli and Nesta Pardo.

St. Anthony bread will be blessed on the day at the Hall. St. Anthony Mission will go from June 4 to June 9. St. Anthony Mass will be on June 11 at 10.00 a.m.

N.B. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 7.30 p.m. in the Fleming Room.

RE-AFFIRMATION OF WEDDING VOWS

Many thanks to those forty couples who participated in the ceremony last Sunday during 10.00 a.m. Mass. You gave great witness to us all and helped us again to appreciate the

blessings God is continually showing upon us in marriage. Thanks also to those who helped with the certificates, flowers, music and catering, a simple yet wonderful celebration in this our Centenary Year.

For those who have not received their certificates, they are available for collection from the Parish Office.

THANK YOU!

A very warm thank you to the parishioner who has donated a stove for the Presbytery. It has been very gratefully received and will make a huge difference to those doing the cooking.

Thank you also to those who offered their help in this regard. It is greatly appreciated.

ENTRANCE HYMN FOR 10.00 A.M. MASS

Bring flowers of the fairest,
Bring flowers of the rarest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and vale.

Our full hearts are swelling,

Our glad voices telling

The praise of the loveliest Queen of the May.

**O MARY, WE CROWN THEE WITH
BLOSSOMS TODAY,**

**QUEEN OF THE ANGELS AND QUEEN
OF THE MAY (Repeat)**

Dear lady we name thee,

Our mother proclaim thee,

O grant that thy children on earth be as true,

As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,

As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

CHORUS

Sing gaily in chorus, The bright angels hasten

To echo the strains we being upon earth.

Their hearts are repeating the notes of our greeting,

For Mary yourself is the cause of our joy.

CHORUS

RECESSIONAL

I'll sing a hymn to Mary, the Mother of my God,

The virgin of all virgins, of David's Royal blood,

O teach me, holy Mary, a loving song to frame,

When wicked men blaspheme thee, to love and
bless thy name.

O Lily of the Valley, O Mystic Rose, what tree
Or flower e'en the fairest, is half so fair as thee.

O teach me, holy Mary, a loving song to frame

When wicked men blaspheme thee, to love and
bless they name.

Last Week's Collections

Priests' Support **\$1,383.00**
Easter Offerings 566.00

Parish Support
Direct Debit and Credit Cards: 577.53
Envelopes 2,091.25
Loose Plate 609.50
Total: **\$3,278.28**

Project Compassion **\$784.00**
(Total contributed by Sacred Heart Primary School was \$564.50 – a great effort!)

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

Your quarterly receipts are available for collection from the gathering space at the back of the church. Please help us save on the postage by collecting your receipt. Thank you.

ENVELOPE NO. 83

Would the holder of Envelope No. 83 please contact the parish office. This number has not been assigned and therefore any donations being made are not being credited to your planned giving.

"THE DA VINCI CODE"

A lot of interest has been shown in the above fictitious novel and is being shown in the film adaptation of *The Da Vinci Code* soon to be released in Mildura. 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.** A copy of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference statement is printed below to allay any concerns parishioners may have about the Da Vinci Code. Further information is available from the Parish Office.

"Dear Friend,

The Da Vinci Code has been one of the best-sellers in popular fiction in recent years. It is about to open in Australia and around the world as a movie.

"Those who have read the Da Vinci Code might have followed some of the controversy it has stoked regarding the true nature of Jesus Christ and the Church that he founded.

"In short, the book and the subsequent movie are works of fiction. But the author, Dan Brown, has worked his fiction in and around certain historical people and events, making it confusing

for many people. Much of what it presents as fact is simply untrue. In fact, the central claim of the book is without any historical foundation.

"Despite this, the Catholic Church in Australia welcomes any interest in Jesus Christ that has been generated by the Da Vinci Code and offers the following compilation of resources to help you navigate your way through any confusion caused by the false claims in the story-line.

"These resources have been gathered from a variety of sources and we hope that through them you will come to know Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was truly human and truly divine.

If, as you come to know more about Jesus, you would like to know him in a deeper, more personal way, the Catholic Church will be delighted to walk with you.

"In the first instance you can contact the Catholic Enquiry Centre at www.catholicenquiry.com or simply contact your local parish and ask for an appointment to see the parish priest.

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop Barry Hickey

Chairman of the Bishops Committee for the Media."

Some suggested links

For information about the Catholic Church in Australia, including a section entitled "Who is Jesus?" go to www.catholicaustralia.com.au.

For information relating to the Da Vinci Code and Catholic Church teachings go to – www.jesusdecoded.com.

For information on Mary Magdalene go to – <http://www.life4seekers.co.uk/TheDaVinciCode-resources.htm>.

For information on Opus Dei go to: <http://www.opusdei.org.au>.

Reflection

The image put before us in today's liturgy to describe the person and work of Jesus among his disciples is that of shepherd. It is one which would have been extremely familiar to Jesus' hearers for whom the sight of an individual leading sheep to pasture would have been a common one. We are told that in the Holy Land Shepherds lead rather than drive. So sheep follow rather than are driven. Two aspects of this are important. First, to follow involves a free choice. Second, to follow someone means to have confidence in their ability to lead.

Lord Jesus, today we are invited once again to renew the choice we have made in becoming and remaining your disciple. Just as you made the

choice to do the Father's will in freedom so do we realise that it is in freedom that we are asked to respond. Because the Father has raised you from the dead we have confidence that the path you chose is also open to us. You prayed that where you are we may be also. We make that prayer today. Amen.

Scripture Note

From the earliest days the apostles encountered hostility from the Jewish leaders just as Jesus himself had. Even so, the First Reading shows Peter fearlessly proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus. He asserts that the stone they rejected (Jesus) has become the cornerstone of a new building. The risen Jesus is the one and only Saviour.

The Gospel presents Jesus as the good shepherd who knows his sheep intimately and is known by them. Unlike the hireling, he is willing to die to protect his sheep.

In the Second Reading John talks about the wonderful love God has shown for us by making us his children. Our future state will be like that of the glorified Jesus. This reading invites us to rejoice in our status as God's adopted children.

If there is a theme in all three readings perhaps it is this: the great love God has shown us in what he has done for us in Jesus, the Good Shepherd and our one and only Saviour.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The priests, deacons, sisters and brothers of tomorrow are in our families and parish – among us now! Today is *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Please pray that our parish, and all parishes, will call forth and encourage those whom God is calling to become sisters, brothers, priests or deacons.

In his message for today, May 7 2006 Pope Benedict XVI says: "Remembering the counsel of Jesus: 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest' (Mt. 9:37), we readily recognise the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to the

consecrated life. It is not surprising that, where people pray fervently, vocations flourish. The holiness of the church depends essentially on union with Christ and on being open to the mystery of grace that operate in the hearts of believers. Therefore, I invite all the faithful to nurture an intimate relationship with Christ, Teacher and Pastor of his people, by imitating Mary who kept the divine mysteries in her heart and pondered them constantly (cfr Lk 2,19). Together with her, who occupies a central position in the mystery of the Church, we pray:

O Father, raise up among Christians abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood, who keep the faith alive and guard the blessed memory of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful.

Grant us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world.

Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of your forgiveness.

Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy the numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son and, docile to His Teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life.

Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptised in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfil their mission at the service of the Gospel.

This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

From the Vatican, March 5, 2006

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK

W/end May 13/14	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	L. Crouch	J. Foster	M. Speed	B. Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Girke S. Girke J. de Jong H. de Jong M. Capogreco L. Gooch L. Roden	F. Carbone B. Weightman G. Scopacasa M. Scopacasa B. Dolence M. Flinn G. Rogers	P. Taggart T. McNamara R. Byra M. Grivec F. Caldarelli C. Carmichael R. Op't Hoog R. Op't Hoog	M. Zema J. Zema A. Welsh S. Walker J. Ribarits A. Ryan
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