

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART

MERBEIN

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2nd .Sunday of Lent. February 21st . 2016.

Vision & Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Catholic Community committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily life. We do this by:

- * *Coming together regularly to worship God;*
- * *Witnessing to Gospel values in our daily lives;*
- * *Nurturing the growth & development of our faith;*
- * *Caring for all in our Community;*
- * *Taking responsibility for our Parish.*



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Rianne Davey, Kit Coogan, Alicia Knight, Peter Willcock, Margarita Berton, Kitty Grace (Jenny Mc Coy's mother), Lynette Rattray, Joan Appleby, Maria Pyatt, Theresa Panuccio, and Bishop Ronald Mulkearns,



ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Olden, February 20th , Betty Hudson, February 21st , Alice McCleary, 22nd February, Steve Mc Carthy, 22nd February, Anthony Callahan, 23rd February, Victoria Candia, 23rd February.

MASS: At Our Lady's Church, Merbein, on Thursday, 25th February.

FINANCE FOR LAST WEEK:

DATE	PARISH HOUSE	PLANNED GIVING	LOOSE MONEY	PROJECT COMPASSION
February 14 th	\$50.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 70.15	\$5.00

ROSTERS:

DATE	READER	COMMUNION	
February 21 ST	Frances Sabo	Janine Dannatt	Natalie Besgrove
February 28 th	Bernadette Wells.	Pat Sylvia	Annette Lemon
DATE	ALTAR SERVERS		
Februa 21 st .	Saige Besgrove	Lily Lawrence	Amos Jenkins
February 28 th			

OFERTORY PROCESSION	CHURCH CLEANING
February 21 st Knight family	February 20 th . B. Wells & K. Wagner.
February 28 th Prevedello family	March 5 th . A. Lemon & C. Conway.

COMMUNION TO CHAFFEY AGED CARE

February 21st. P at Sylvia & Annette Lemon. February 28th Kay Wagner, Corrie Conway

COMING EVENTS:

- Sunday February 21st Looking Forward planning Committee, in Hillman Room at Sacred Heart following 9.00am Mass
- Monday, February 22nd Lenten Discussion Program at 7.30.p.m. in the Parish House. All Welcome.
- Tuesday, February 23rd Parish Pastoral Council. 7.30pm in Parish House
- Sunday, 28th – Friday 4th March, Mission led by Fr Ray Sanchez. (see below for details)
- Monday, February 29th Lenten Discussion Program at 7.30pm in Parish House



LENT: is a special time of fasting and almsgiving within Christian Communities. Our usual form of "Giving" during Lent is through Project Compassion.

PROJECT COMPASSION: this year marks 50 years of Project Compassion and the Theme chosen for the year is, "**Learning More, Creating Change.**" So this year our donations will go towards working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

There are two main ways of making your donation:

1. Through the weekly envelopes. (These can be placed on the collection plate each Sunday)
2. Through taking home a Project Compassion Box and encouraging all the family members to make regular contributions.

The boxes are then returned to the Church on Easter Sunday.

Sets of Envelopes and boxes are available at the Church porches.

DIAMOND JUBILEE: This year our Parish Church will be 60 years old on April 8th. The foundation stone was laid on April 8th. 1956
The Parish Pastoral Council will be asking for suggestions as to how we celebrate this Jubilee. Bishop Paul has accepted our invitation to join us on the Sunday nearest to that date, April 10th.

MISSION AT SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA:

Fr. McKinnon invites our Parish to join the Mildura Parish in this opportunity to reflect on various aspects of our faith with renewed understanding.

This week of Mission will be presented by Fr. Ray Sanchez CP.

There will be two sessions each day, a morning one and an evening one.

Topics include:

Jesus Christ;

Human Growth and Faith;

Law and conscience;

Church and Community Forgiveness.

DATES: Sunday February 28th 2016 ----- Friday March 4th.

TIMES: Morning Sessions: 10.15 a.m. – 12.15.p.m.

Evening Sessions: 7.00.p.m. – 9.00.p.m.

Please pick up a Brochure at the Church Porch for further details.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Numbers are often significant in the Bible. The number forty denotes an extended period – thus the story of Noah, rain falls for forty days, the Israelites wandered for forty days in the desert, and both Elijah and Moses fast for forty days before an encounter with God.
- Lent, a time of fasting and prayer for all Christians, also runs for forty days and is a special time of preparation for Easter.

