

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 5.30pm
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: 5.30pm
Friday: 9.30am
Saturday: 9.30am

RECENT DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES:

SICK: Maurice O'Connor, Joe Mammone, Barry Pollock, Paul Cavallaro

PARISH RECEIPTS

PRESBYTERY: \$290.30
SACRIFICIAL GIVING: \$384.10
PROJECT COMPASSION: \$801.00

Upcoming Events

Sunday Mar 19: Youth will lead our Sunday Mass.

Sunday Mar 25: Grades 5—6 will lead our Sunday Mass.

Sunday Apr 2: Forgiveness Mass

Saturday Jun 3: Rosary Festa Committee Dinner Dance at the Grand Hotel.

THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

After nearly 2 months of no improvement in her eyesight, my sister Gwen has found her sight improving a bit over the last ten days. She is now able to read bits of the paper. It is rather wonderful.

LENTEN PROGRAM: HOPE

If you would like to join in the Monday morning group at 10am. Please contact Janine Cameron on 0438 730 976. Cost of the program for this year is \$6.00.

Journey into the

WILDERNESS



Matthew 4:1-11



ST JOSEPH'S RED CLIFFS (St Joseph the Worker)

NEWSHEET 2017: No. 10
Presbytery: 5024 1966
Carmel Russo: 5021 2872
Marianna Cavallaro: 5025 7473

EASTER

Lent is the severe time in the Church's year. Except for funerals and weddings there are no flowers.

The altar and lectern are draped with purple. Towards the end of Lent the statues are covered with purple as well.

There are no bells. The Alleluia is neither sung nor spoken during Lent. There is no Gloria.

In the Romano-Flanagan Rite, we have a special way of beginning Mass each Sunday. **AS WITH ADVENT, EVEN MORE WITH LENT: IT IS A SPECIAL TIME IN THE CHURCH'S YEAR, SO LET'S MAKE IT SPECIAL**

We give up something we like for the week-days of Lent.

We make a greater effort with prayer.

We Make a positive & generous Lent by reaching out to the third world through Project Compassion.

On Ash Wednesday And Good Friday we abstain from meat; as well, on these 2 days we have only one full meal, and 2 very light ones. No eating between meals.

The Envelopes and the Boxes for PROJECT COMPASSION are available now.

50 YEAR PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Preparation and planning have commenced. If you have a copy of Annie O'Neil's book on the St Joseph's Church, please contact a Parish Council member and if you or a family member know of past parishioners who donated towards the building of the church or know of families that still live in this area but don't come to church please pass the information on to a Parish Council member. Thank you

FAMILY MISSION: This begins next Sunday evening in Mildura.

LLL & L Trading Table with goodies will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Money raised goes to local needs.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 12th March 2017
2nd Sunday of Lent / Year A

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Resp Psalm: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Rom 5:12, 17-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

EASTER VIGIL AT 10.00am ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING:

We usually, because of my age and emphysema, we start the Easter Vigil early. It is meant to start only when night has fallen, and to finish before the dawn of Easter Sunday. A number of factors have come together to induce me to make some special arrangements FOR THIS YEAR ONLY. The first is my realisation is that 3 Easter Masses has become too much for me. The second is that Easter this year is going to be at the end of the school holidays, and some key helpers won't be here (Next Year Easter is on April 4, the start of the school holidays, and also the morning daylight saving ends, and should not present a problem.) The next is that I celebrate the Easter Mass at Irymple. This year is going to have to be the last time I do this. The next is that, unlike with Christmas, Red Cliffs needs a Mass Easter Sunday morning. The other consideration is I agreed some time back to celebrate a baptism on Easter Sunday morning at the 10.00 am Mass, and invitations for this have gone out.

So, This year I will celebrate a much simplified Easter Vigil Mass at Irymple at 6.00 pm Saturday April 15; and I will celebrate a simplified Easter Vigil here in Red Cliffs at 10.00 am Easter Sunday morning. The other consideration is I agreed some time back to celebrate a baptism on Easter Sunday morning at the 10.00 am Mass, and invitations for this have gone out. So, This year I will celebrate a much simplified Easter Vigil Mass at Irymple at 6.00 pm Saturday April 15; and I will celebrate a simplified Easter Vigil here in Red Cliffs at 10.00 am Easter Sunday morning. In both vigils the people's candles will be lit only for the renewal of Baptism promises. In both cases the Vigil will begin with a fire inside the church. That's not my cuppa tea - the Easter fire is supposed to be a *rogus*, a bonfire; but it happens regularly in many places, including St Pat's Cathedral, Ballarat. There is a pub over the road from the front of the Cathedral; and the various jibes etc. from already well-drunk patrons at the pub decided the powers-that-be top move the fire indoors. In fact, I prepare an indoors fire here each year, in case it is raining that evening. It never has rained for me yet, in 57 years; so I end up tipping the prepared Easter fire onto the outdoors fire before lighting it. The indoors fire consists of a baking dish filled with cotton wool, saturated with cotton wool, to which is added last year's sacred oils.

MASSES NEXT SUNDAY

RED CLIFFS: 10am
(Irymple: 8.30 am)
(Mildura: Sat. 6.00 pm Sun. 5.00 pm)

Priest in Residence: *Fr Patrick Flanagan*

Our Parish School

St Joseph's Primary School
Principal: *Mark Gibson* 5024 1654

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, 5th March, 2017

CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers

COUNT TEAM: M Adams, L Mayes

LEADER: C Russo

READER 1: B Antonie

READER 2: M Bell

OFFERTORY: L Bugno

LAY MINISTERS: M Cavallaro, M

Divola, M Dominelli

MUSIC: Guitar

ALTAR SERVERS: N Tassone, Gemma,

Jamey & Nathan Monteleone, G Spataro

FLOWERS: Volunteer

CHILDRENS LITURGY: J Divola

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday, 12th March, 2017

CHURCH CLEANING: M Dominelli,

J Njegovan, A Duck

COUNT TEAM: M Adams, L Mayes

LEADER: J Vines

READER 1: J Cameron

READER 2: M Cavallaro

OFFERTORY: Cameron family

LAY MINISTERS: D Eagle, M Gibson,

A Higham

MUSIC: Guitar

ALTAR SERVERS: Aidan Ban, Kycen

Romeo, Rohan & Jahnvi Venkatesan

Villa

FLOWERS: Volunteer

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBER

If you would like to be become a Parish Council member, please complete a nomination form found at each church entrance and return to: Carmel Russo 5021 2872 by 31st March, 2017.