

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**Meredith, Winchelsea, Anakie, Elaine,
Bannockburn, Inverleigh, Lethbridge**

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PARISH DIARY; 12th April – 18th April

(1st Friday of the month 11 a.m. Mass at Bannockburn Nursing Home)

(2nd & 3rd Friday of the month 10.30 a.m. Mass at Meredith)

Friday 16 th	10.30 a.m. Mass Meredith
Saturday 17 th	5.30 p.m. Reconciliation Winchelsea 6.00 p.m. Mass Winchelsea
Sunday 18 th	8.30 a.m. Reconciliation Bannockburn 9.00 a.m. Mass Bannockburn 11.00 a.m. Mass Anakie

Anakie & Meredith – Reconciliation before or after Mass

Readings & Prayers: Next Weekend: W. & S. Hogan

J. Long

J. McIntosh

Sick: Please pray for the following sick parishioners: Carmel Harmon, Max Bushell, Cliff Jennings, John Rosso, Bill Middleton, Neil Hart, Caroline Colby, Maria Norman, Margaret Axon, Sandra McDonald, all the sick, and those who care for them.

Recent Death: Father Gerard Joseph Fitzgerald

Anniversaries: Francis Bourke, Jim Cochrane, Noni Rebecca Smith, Edna Perkins, Thomas McCormack, Marie Kelly, Norman J. Rowe, Noreen Carew, Sr. Veronica Giles RSM

Sacrificial Offering: Pledged: \$893 Received: \$955

We welcome into our faith family through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend: Mason Aden Clark son of Dean and Carolyn of Teesdale at Meredith and **Mylee Jae Lewis** daughter of Matthew and Mandy of Bannockburn at Bannockburn.

NEXT SATURDAY – Meredith Community Village Clearing Sale/Auction Saturday 17th April A GREAT FAMILY DAY – BARBEQUES AND THOSE FAMOUS DEVONSHIRE TEAS – FREE JUMPING CASTLE AND CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT – GRANNY'S TREASURES - FRUIT AND VEG., PLANT AND CAKE STALLS. COME ALONG TO GRAB A BARGAIN

SACRIFICIAL GIVING ENVELOPES: Thank you to all those who have filled out their pledge cards. If you have not returned yours please return it as quickly as possible. The Parish is very grateful for your continued support Your new envelopes are available this weekend – you will notice a change of numbers- this has been done for smoother administration.

Sacred Heart College 150th Anniversary: On 18 April 2010 Sacred Heart College will commemorate the 150th anniversary and members of the community are invited to join in a day of thanksgiving and celebration. The day will start with Mass at 10.15 a.m. on the College oval followed by a harvest picnic lunch and a feast of entertainment in the school grounds. Attendance is free and all are welcome. For further information call 5221 4211 or visit www.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

Pastoral Healthcare Network Australia 264 Shannon Ave Newtown Ph. 5247 0128 Come and visit us on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 10am – 3pm. Enjoy a **massage, myotherapy** each Friday 10.30.-12.30. Bookings essential. **Signed Prayer Exercise Classes** each Monday, 11-12pm; or Tuesday 1.30-2.30 during school terms. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** this Tuesday, 13th at 10.30 p.m. Come together for prayer, thanks from those who have received the shawls, and a cuppa.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE GEELONG: 2011 Enrolment Information for Year 7. Tours of the College – Sunday 18 April 2010 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Information Sessions – Wednesday 21 April 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. or 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Closing date for enrolments Friday 14 May 2010

Message from Fr. Herman

Dear Parishioners, I am Fr. Herman Licayan and I come from the Philippines. I just moved in here in Meredith as your new priest. I am twelve years in the priesthood and most of these are spent in the academe as a seminary teacher. This then is my first parish assignment thus entails a lot of challenges on my part but I am very much willing to take them. It is truly my pleasure that God is bringing me here in Meredith and with His help I pray I will be able to contribute something as what is expected from a priest in regards to our Christian growth. With you and with God's grace I believe we can make St. Joseph's Parish a vibrant Christian community that provides an ambiance for everyone an authentic maturity that is patterned after the injunctions of Jesus in the gospels.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the parish activities especially our masses and sacramental celebrations.

God bless. Fr. Herman Licayan



Geelong Funeral Services Ph: 5222368

Geelong Community Orchestra 2010 Concert Series:

Concert One, Fabulous French Favourites, Sunday 30th May at 3.00 p.m.

McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College, Aphrasia Street, Newtown.

Website: www.geelongcommunityorchestra.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

We all do things to enhance our lives. Fitness programs and diets to improve our health, in-service programs to improve our job skills. An opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enriching your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. The next 3 weekends will be held on 16-18 April, 25-27 June and 20-22 August. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au.

Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au

***Invitation to the 2010 International Day of Prayer for
Madeleine & All Missing Children Sunday 2nd
May 2010***

Please join the Madeleine Prayer Circle (MPC) and thousands of people worldwide as we unite together in prayer for Madeleine McCann and all the missing, abused and exploited children in our world.

This will be the fifth International Day of Prayer for Madeleine and All Missing Children and it will be held on **Sunday 2nd May, 2010**, three years after Madeleine McCann disappeared from her holiday apartment in Portugal. Our prayer is for God's divine protection and perfect peace to be with all children who are the victims of our broken world, and that we will, as God's appointed custodians of this world, strive to make it one that is worthy for our precious children. The plight of these children deepens as every day we hear in the media about yet another huge global child pornography ring, yet another child who has disappeared, yet another child whose life has been devastated by abuse or tragically taken. These children need our prayers.

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