



PEOPLE AND PLACES

CAVEAT'S LITTLE CHURCH of MANY NAMES



This little church was built by a small Catholic community. 32 souls altogether, mostly Slovak & Polish and a few Australians. It was built in 1955 and is in the parish of Yea, on land donated by Mr Doug McAlpin of Fort William. Prior to the little church being built, Mass was celebrated at Mr George Zach's place that became Betty & David Ladbury's place. Money was raised by raffles and donations that came from all over Australia, from Catholics and non-Catholics in the surrounding districts and even the USA & Canada. Many new Australians of Slovak origins from Melbourne & Sydney collected 200 pounds toward the new church.

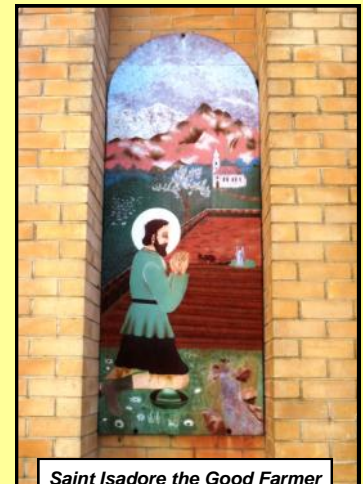
It was officially opened and blessed in 1956 by Bishop Fox as St. Mary's Church, and Father Sencik said the first Mass.

Mr Peter Yurrita designed it, and helped the other parishioners with the building of the church. A Slovak artist, Mr Oskar Fikar painted a picture of Our Lady of Dolours & donated it to the church. This is how our church later became known as Our Lady of Dolours.

It wasn't long before the Catholic community felt the need for a bell and so they began building a bell tower, again with local labour with the bricklayer Mr Joe Kozak himself a new arrival in Australia. The bell was especially cast in Germany. Monsignor Hannan performed a blessing of the bell.

It was then decided to build a Grotto, using many tons of local granite gathered from near & far. The same bricklayer, with Father Tibor & many parishioners built the Grotto which was blessed by Monsignor Hannan.

The tree from which the Cross was sawn, was locally grown and taken in one piece to the sawmill in Alexandra, then being Ru oak Timbers. The painting on the bell tower represents Saint Isadore — the Good Farmer. Over the years there have been four weddings and a funeral (Peter Lebidka) plus several christenings. In 1973 a Eucharistic Congress Mass was celebrated here. In 1981 celebrations were held for the silver jubilee of the church, and the silver wedding anniversary of the first couple that were married in the new church.



Saint Isadore the Good Farmer adorns the belltower

The colourful embroidered altar-cloth has a picture of Mary of Seven Sorrows.

The writing on the cloth reads "Mother who cares for us always, pray for us sinners".

That's how the church came to be known as Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, but was blessed as St. Mary's Church.

Anne Margaret Hlinka and Emil Kopanica were the first couple to be married in the new church by Father Sowersby. Irene Bennett played the organ and a lady sang at Anne and Emil's wedding to the strains of the Presbyterian organ. A movie film of their wedding was taken by Mr Kemp from Yea.



The Grotto provides a peaceful sanctuary and a sheltered meeting place for 'Secret Men's Business'

Terri Williams & Duncan Taylor were the second couple.

Terri Williams taught at Highlands School. Sue Conos and Sean Donnelly were the 3rd couple and then later Jacinta McLennan and Andrew Broland.

This record of our local history was hand-written by Mrs Anne Kopanica and provided to The Granite News by Mel Bronca

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LOCAL GOINGS ON

Asylum Seekers

Recently a house has been generously made available for the purpose of accommodating a family of asylum seekers.

Contact has been made with the Asylum Seeker Program of UnitingCare to investigate how this offer could be made practical.

One of the essential requirements will be to have some kind of community support. We will arrange a community meeting soon.

Meanwhile we are keen to hear of anyone who would like to be part of a support group to administer the project and a convenient time for a meeting.

Even if you can't be part of an actual group, what kind of support could you and your family give?

Please contact Judy or Stuart Reid 5796 9358

or kadumbla@mac.com



Take a Bite out of Winter

The Highlands Community Group was formed 2 years ago as a way to bring together the community of Highlands.

Our first event was held in July last year

'Take a bite out of Winter' as a stress-free casserole/curry night.

Around 50 people turned out on a typically freezing Highlands Saturday night to enjoy great conversations and even better home cooked meals.

Neil Van Buuren's Coq a Vin was a stand-out and many recipes were exchanged between members of the community.

The night was such a success that we had many requests to make it an annual event. So we did!

Please join us on Saturday the 24th of June at the Highlands Hall.

'Take a bite out of Winter' enjoy a home-cooked meal and a hearty conversation.

Contact Mel 0417126975 or Judy 5796 9247



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value or worth"

(With thanks to Stuart Reid)

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — JUNE 2017

TODAY !!

Sunday 11th June 9am—1pm	AVENEL COMMUNITY MARKET <i>at Jubilee Park, Avenel</i> Join our community at this iconic country market where each month we support local makers, artisans, musicians and farmers. <i>For more information Contact Cynthia 0403 831520</i>
Friday 16th June 7:15pm	HCCC LANDCARE <i>at the Highlands Hall</i> Monthly Landcare meeting to discuss and act upon environmental issues affecting our district. Everyone is welcome to attend and make a contribution. <i>For more information Contact Mel Bronca 0417 126975</i>
Saturday 17th June 9am—1pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET <i>Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa</i> "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. <i>Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</i>
Thursday 22nd June 5:30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS <i>Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat</i> Come along and have a casual friendly chat with other local blokes. Everyone Welcome BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks
Saturday 24th June 6:30pm	TAKE A BITE OUT OF WINTER <i>at Highlands Hall</i>  Curry and Casserole night - bring a slow cooker or Casserole to share. BYO drinks. Gold coin donation. <i>Please let us know if you can make it Mel 0417126975 Judy 5796 9247</i>
Sunday 25th June 10:30am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS <i>meet at Highlands Hall</i> Last Sunday was far too cold and wet for most people and our walk was postponed and we will try again to walk with Andrew Shaw from Spaniak's Road to Lades Road weather permitting! Start from Highlands Hall or join us at the corner of Spaniak's Road & Highlands Road at 10.45am. <i>For more information contact Judy Reid 5796 9358</i>



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FOX on the RUN 2017

This year we are changing it up a bit and rather than tails we need the front left foot!

\$3 per each front left foot up to a maximum of 100 feet.

You can register as a team or an individual.

The competition runs from the 4th June until 8th July with feet to be handed in by the 9th July.

Dinner and presentation to be held in July with trophies for the most collected.

'Fox on the Run' caps for those that register.

* Contact Mel to register **0417126975 57969157**

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