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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan,
Gladys Abriani, Jen Ditchfield, Rebecca Hogan
Fr. Frank Monaghan P.E.

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 5.00 pm and Irymple 8.30 am
Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11.00 am or by appointment

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUG 26TH, 2007 YEAR C

Migrant & Refugee Sunday

THIS WEEK: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isa 66: 18-21

Ps 116 Go to all the world; and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13.

Gospel: Lk 13: 22-30



NEXT WEEK: TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

First Reading: Sir. 3:17-20, 28-29

Ps 67: 4-7, 10-11, R.v. 11 God, is your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Lk 14: 1,7-14

Recent Deaths

Elizabeth (Betty) Maginness, Gordon Dedman
(father of Bev. Antonie)

Anniversaries

Emilia West Sun 10.00a.m.
Pietro Rizzica Sun 5.00p.m.
Josip Grivec Tues 7.00p.m.
Marig Mecaric Wed 9.10a.m.
Ivan Halabarec Wed 9.10a.m.
Prayers for: Alice Brennan and Nell Lechte.

Note to Families requesting special Masses:

Please let 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 Funeral Mass the advertised Mass will be cancelled

Tue: St Augustine 7.00p.m.
Wed: Beheading of John the Baptist 9.10 a.m.
Thu: 9.30 a.m.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat: (Hillman Room) 10.00 a.m.

We pray for the sick

Nghiem Nguyen (Bin & Cat's Grandma)
Pat Donnellan and Leonie Prentice

Sunday 26 August - Migrant & Refugee

Today is Refugee and Migrant Sunday when we are reminded to celebrate with thanks the Unity in Diversity in Australia. The Church, like a nation, is made up of peoples from different countries with different languages and customs. We are invited today to pray for migrants and refugees that they may be welcomed warmly into our midst.

Our Parish Blessing

May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavour.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face
And God's grace forever.
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Bless and keep you forever.

SPIRITUAL BOOKS

An appeal for modern philosophy and spiritual books was made to me when I visited the Bayombong (Phillipines) seminary last month. The seminary serves the diocese in which Fr. Silver Ablaza ministers. Having seen the poverty of the library myself I can appreciate the rector's request. The Philippine Consul is going to assist us in forwarding the books from Australia. If you can help or have any enquiries please contact Fr. Tom.

What's on this Week

Tues. 28th Aug. CATECHIST MEETING
9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in the Hillman Room

Tues 28th Aug WORLD YOUTH DAY
7.30p.m. in the Hillman Room.

Thurs 30th Aug. RCIA Group Gathering
7.30 p.m. in the Hillman Room
Topic: The Bible: The Word of God.

Wed 29th Aug The PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
will be having their Annual Reflection day
9.30a.m.-3.00p.m. – The Office will be open.

What's coming up Irymple

All Parishioners are invited to attend Irymple Mass 8.30 a.m. Sunday 2nd September. This will be an opportunity to farewell Russell Savage and his family.

- ❖ Following Mass a free cooked breakfast will be provided.

FARMER'S MARKET - Irymple 1ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - 2ND SEPT



A Huge Farmers Market is being held at Irymple as part of their 1st Birthday Celebrations after Mass.

Baptism at Irymple.

Sept 2nd. - Montana Symthe

BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN PARENT MEETING

Sacred Heart Parish is facilitating an inquiry night for parents thinking of

BAPTISM for their school- aged children.

If you are interested in your child receiving the Sacrament of Baptism please attend the meeting on: **Wednesday September 5th 2007** 7.30pm in the Hillman Room at the Parish Office next to Sacred Heart Church, 261 Eleventh Street.

For further information please call 5021 2872.

Eucharistic Minister Training

An inquiry/training night will be held for those interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers on **Thursday September 6th** at 7.00pm in the Hillman Room. Candidates need to be 16 plus years of age. Further enquiries please contact Fr. Tom.

Last Week's Collection

Weekend June 9/10

Priests' Support	\$ 1325.00
Parish Support	
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	\$ 577.53
Envelopes	\$ 2641.40
Loose Plate	\$ 383.10
Total:	\$ 3024.45



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fourteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised over one million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$90,000 last year. Along with the priests' contribution of approximately \$50,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE
CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY
Envelopes are available in the pews.**

OTHER NOTICES

First Eucharist

Children in our parish continue to prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Planned Giving Receipts

Thank you to those who have collected their receipts from the church, the remainder are now in the Parish Office for collection. We again apologise for any discrepancies and thank you for drawing these to our attention.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The WYD Cross and Icon will be journeying through the **Ballarat Diocese from October 20-29 this year.** We are looking for energetic young people aged 18-35 who would like to be part of the Diocesan Journey of the Cross and Icon team to travel throughout the Diocese. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. To express your interest or for more information please contact Stacey Atkins on 5337 7172 or email stacey.atkins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Quote

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."

Pope John XXIII

Youth Mass

This year has seen the commencement of a regular youth mass in our parish. The purpose of a Youth Mass is to celebrate youth in our parish and our community. The Mass is not only for young people, but is also for those who support youth. The planning team do a wonderful job each month but would love other people to become involved. The Mass is held on the last Sunday of the month at the 5pm Mass.

Please fill in the form below and return it to the Parish Office if you can help in any way.

Name _____

Phone _____

I am interested in helping with:

(please tick)

Reading

Offertory

Processions

Eucharistic

Ministers

Music:

Vocal

Instrumental

Become a Secondary teacher in your own community through ACU National Ballarat campus

Australian Catholic University, Ballarat Campus would like to announce that 2008 the Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) is being offered in a flexible format designed to meet the needs of rural and regional communities.

The course will combine school-based experience (which may be arranged in students' home community) with online and campus-based learning. Applications are through VTAC.

See www.vtac.edu.au or contact the Victorian Institute of Teaching on 1300 888 067.

Enquiries: studentcentre@aquinas.acu.edu.au or Ph: (03) 5336 5360

Kernel of the Gospel: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

The following people represent the Parish

- Terry Murphy (Chairperson)
- Brian Grogan (Deputy Chair)
- Chris Slattery (Secretary)
- Peter O'Donnell (Finance Committee Rep.)
- Cornelia ConwayWeel (Parish Schools Rep.)
- Jean Rocco
- Mary Gobbo
- Sister Rosemary
- Marita Jensen
- Frs. Tom and John

We invite all parishioners to have their say, by contacting any of the above people with any suggestions/issues they may have. If the issue is school related, please contact Cornelia so that she can agenda the item and bring it to Council.

Issues discussed at meeting were:

- Creating a communication Web
- The National Life Survey (the implications will be discussed at the next meeting)
- Cleaning up the Fleming Room for use by many Parish groups.
- The arrival of the Cross and Icon in October on its way to its final destination at the World Youth Day in Sydney.
- Exploring the possibility of heating in the Church.

GOSPEL

On the Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man". And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go to the lowest place.

No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes he may say, "My friend, move up higher". In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

Then he said to his host, "When you give a lunch or dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again". Luke 14: 1,7-14

**Trust your instincts,
Protection officer advises,**(from The Age 22/08/07)

The protection and prevention officer for a church committee on professional standards has appealed to people to "trust their instincts when they are suspicious" of the possibility of child abuse. Legislation and other programs are not enough to protect the vulnerable, Brigidine Sr. Angela Ryan told *The Age*.

The National Committee for Professional Standards is asking Catholics to learn more about the harm sexual abuse does, and how abusers groom their victims.

The Committee has produced a nine-page statement that says people rarely make false claims about sexual abuse. It says that in almost every case, there are people who sensed there was a problem but failed to act because they weren't sure or didn't know how to respond.

Sr. Ryan said: "The more people know what went on in the past, the more they understand the effects of abuse, the more we can keep people safe."

HUMOUR

The End is Near!

A priest and pastor from the local churches are standing by the side of the road pounding a sign into the ground that reads:

"The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it's too late!"

"Leave us alone you religious nuts!" yelled a driver as he sped by. From around the curve they heard screeching tyres and a big splash.

The pastor turns to the priest and asks,

"Do you think the sign should say 'Bridge Out'?"



**St Vinnie's Winter Appeal closes
August 31st envelopes available in the foyers.**

On September 9th 2007 at the conclusion of Child Protection Week the National Committee for Professional Standards is launching an Awareness Raising Program which invites all people in our church to be involved in creating a safe community and preventing abuse.

**OUR CHURCH
A SAFE COMMUNITY
A SHARED COMMITMENT**

The aim is to ensure that all communities and organizations within the church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY BADGES
ON SALE NOW**



**Available after Youth Mass
or at the Office.**

Support our Youth to attend Sydney 2008



Caritas Flood Appeal

The loose plate donations this weekend will go towards the Caritas appeal for the flood victims in South Asia as mentioned last week.

W/end Sep 1st/2nd	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	T. McNamara	J. Hill	C. Carmichael	L. Ward
Eucharistic Ministers	S. Girke L. Roden J. DeJong H. DeJong M. Capogreco L. Gooch K. Burns	D. Brown P. O'Donnell F. Carbone B. Weightman G. Scopacasa M. Scopacasa B. Dolence	F. Caldarelli C. Carmichael R. Op't Hoog R. Op't Hoog E. Mazza G. Raiti F. Chiavone T. Chiavone	M. Zema J. Zema S. Walker J. Ribarits J. Rocca P. Rocca
Music	N. Armsden Filipino Choir		Italian Choir	M. Guthrie
Counting Team	Team 5 Captain Jim Farrelly – 50215646			