

SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA



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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan, Mary Gobbo,

Helen Findlay, 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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUG 5TH, 2007 YEAR C

THIS WEEK: 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

Ps 89: 3-6. 12-14. 7 In every age, O Lord you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5. 9-11

Gospel: Lk 12: 3-21



NEXT WEEK: 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wis 18: 6-9

PS 32: 1.12.18-20.22 Happy the people the lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Heb 11: 1-2. 8-19

Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

Recent Deaths

Bob Morgan (Robinvale) Iolanda Nikolich (Robinvale) Leigh Phyland (Swan Hill), Raymond Ribarits, Faye Jeanes, Clarence Camin (Sale, Uncle Raylee Schultz), Colin Bunting (Wentworth)

Anniversaries

Bob Brown 6.00p.m. Sat
Francesco Modica 10.00p.m. Sun
Pasquale Rocca (30 Days) 5.00p.m. Sun
Gabriele & Teresa Vanni 7.00p.m. Tues
Leo Ryan, Agatha Zema, Anthony Russell, Frs. John McEntee & Leo McCormick.

Note to Families requesting special Masses:

Please let the celebrant know you are present before Mass.

We pray for the sick

John Russell (br. Ron/Noelene Russell), Bernie Kelly, Leonie Prentice, Sr. Terese Taggart (RSJ Adelaide) Pat Clancy (Adelaide- Rosemary Byrne Cous.)

Frs. Eric Bryant & Barry Stickland,

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

Tues:	2.00p.m. &	7.00 p.m.
Wed:		9.10 a.m.
Thu:	9.30 a.m. &	7.30p.m.
Friday		5.40 p.m.
Sat:	(Hillman Room)	10.00 a.m.

WELCOME

A big welcome is extended to Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD and his assistant Ms D'Souza who are here to lead this week's Parish Retreat, details of which can be found below. We trust and pray parishioners will use this opportunity to appreciate even more the healing power of Christ in the Sacraments, his Word and his suffering. *Parish Retreat times: Page 2*

First Eucharist Commitment Ceremony

This weekend the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take part in a Commitment Ceremony at each of the Masses.

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VOTIVE CANDLE STAND

Due to some repairs being made to the candle stand, candles will be unable to be lit near our Lady's statues this coming week. We seek your understanding and co-operation as we attend to this matter. Please try and be careful when lighting the candles that wax is not spilt on the carpet as we are having some difficulty in cleaning up the area. Please use only the candles provided. No outside candles are to be brought in. Thank you.



PARISH RETREAT --- the Eucharist and Meditation on Jesus for healing

We are most fortunate to have with us Fr. Gilbert Carlo, from the Society of the Divine Word to lead the parish in understanding the Eucharist through instruction, reflection and prayer. Meditation will form an integral part of this retreat for all parishioners. Relaxation methods will be incorporated into the sessions and in this he will be assisted by Ms. Celine D'Souza, a lay missionary. Ms. D'Souza will share information on health issues and in how to live a happy and healthy life.

The retreat of Eucharist and Meditation on Jesus for Healing will begin this weekend at all Masses in Sacred Heart Church. All parishioners are invited to attend and experience the chance to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

The retreat will consist of the following

Mon. August 6th 'Healing through God's love and forgiveness:

'By his wounds, we are healed.' Isaiah 53.
10.a.m. – 11.30 a.m. repeated in the evening at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday August 7th 'Healing through the Word of God.'

'By our faith in the Word of God, we are healed.'
10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. repeated at 7.30 p.m.

**** Mass for sick & elderly at 2.00 p.m.**

Wednesday August 8th 'Healing through the Sacraments with Exposition':

'In his presence we are healed.'
10.00 a.m. -11.30 a.m. repeated at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday August 9th. Confessions 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m. -7.15 p.m.
Conclusion with HEALING MASS AT 7.30 P.M.

Mass will be celebrated at the normal times during the week

Mon. 9.30 a.m. Tues 7.00 p.m. Wed. 9.10 a.m.
Thurs 9.30 a.m. Fri. 5.40 p.m. Sat 10.00 a.m.

Recommendations came from the following :
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn +Francis Carroll, Bishop of Sydney +David Cremin and Bishop of Rockhampton +Brian Heenan,

❖ **PLAN GIVING - Quarterly Receipts**

Now available for collection in the Church Foyer. We thank you for your continuing interest and support.

First Eucharist Commitment Ceremony.

Celebrant: Dear parents, Jesus Christ asks us to be people who love one another as he has loved us. Are you, who are parents of these children preparing for the sacrament of Eucharist, and prime educators in the ways of faith, prepared to continue to live by the promises you made at their Baptism; to instruct your children in the understanding and practice of their faith, and bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour?

Parents: We are and we ask God to bless us.

Celebrant: My dear children, you have been reborn in baptism and are called children of God for so indeed you are. In Holy Communion you will share in the feast of Christ's sacrifice, calling God your Father in the midst of the Church. I ask you now: Do you wish to receive Jesus in Holy Communion and be nourished with the Bread of Life?

Candidates: I do and I ask for God's blessing.

Celebrant: Members of Sacred Heart Parish community, will you support these children and their families during this time of preparation for their First Eucharist?

All: We will and may God's blessing be with us.

Celebrant: Children, may you, with the help of your parents, our Parish community and your teachers, continue to grow in faith and in the knowledge and love of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We now accept you as candidates for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and after due and careful preparation we look forward to you joining us at the Table of the Lord. Amen.

What's on this Week

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

A reminder to the members of the family group and anyone who would like to join us, our next gathering is on **Sunday Aug. 5th at 6.30pm** at the home of

Pat and Jean Rocca,

3 Regal Court Mildura. for a spaghetti night.

Please bring a small salad or a sweet to share, also your drinks. As we will need to know the numbers attending please call Jean on 50237561 or Denise on 50211918



WALNUT CENTRAL B.C.C Rescheduled from Aug 5th to Aug 19th at the **Taggart Residence** 4 Kookaburra Court at 12.30p.m. Please bring food to share, also your drinks. Everyone Welcome.

COME JOURNEY WITH US.....RCIA 2007/08

This weekend we welcome **Lisa Peddie, into the RCIA program. Also remember in your prayers the RedCliffs catechumens Janine Dring and Sharwyn Stewart, and Taliangi Faingaanuku (Talia) who will be welcomed next weekend.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process, through which people proceed towards faith in Jesus Christ as expressed by full membership in the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process in that it focuses upon the person's growth in the Spirit.

THE PERIOD OF EVANGELIZATION AND PRECATECHUMENATE is the first period of the RCIA process. The Precatechumenate is concerned with the most basic part of the Christian life that is, establishing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In the telling of their personal stories and the hearing of the story of Jesus, the enquirers should be encouraged to raise ultimate questions about those stories, so that they might come to discern God's presence in their own lives and in the world.

THE CATECHUMENATE is the second period in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Whilst the period of the precatechumenate deals with the awakening of faith, the period of the catechumenate is concerned with the nurturing and growth of faith. *"It is an extended period during which the catechumens (and candidates) are given suitable pastoral formation and guidance, aimed at training them in the Christian life."* (RCIA #75)

The catechumenate is a period of formation which encompasses the development of a Catholic mentality of community, family and the sharing of Christian life. This development will be animated by the Christian message as presented through the Lectionary and the Liturgical Year and will include the presentation of essential Catholic teachings and truths regarding doctrine and morals. The period of the catechumenate commences with the liturgical celebration of the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (pastorally known as the RITE OF WELCOME) which we will celebrate with the *catechumens (and candidates)* this weekend and concludes with the **Rite of Election** on 10th February 2008.

Once the RITE OF WELCOME has taken place, the catechumens and candidates move into the time of the Catechumenate. The main formation activity of the Catechumenate is the Celebration of and reflection on the Word and this takes place each Sunday, thus teaching the importance to keep holy the Lord's Day. This is what is known as THE DISMISSAL and therefore is a regular Sunday event. (See paragraphs 81 – 83 in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The importance of the Dismissal is that it uses the Sunday readings and through this the catechumens and candidates come to know and are formed by the Word of God.

A catechist leads each Dismissal and we have a number of catechists.

Once the Catechumenate begins we have Dismissals every Sunday (allowances made over the Christmas break). Dismissals continue right up until the time of Easter.

(To be continued on next Sunday's bulletin.)

Last Week's Collection

Weekend July 29th

Priests' Support \$1518.00

Parish Support

Direct Debit and Credit Cards: 577.53

Envelopes 2383.50

Loose Plate 372.20

Total: 3333.23

➤ What's coming up

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our newly elected Parish Pastoral Councillors have this week spent two evenings gaining insight and understanding of their new roles. Vin Dillon of Ballarat Diocesan Office facilitated these evenings, constantly reminding us of the necessity for our work to be grounded in prayer. The council will hold its first meeting **Tuesday Aug 21st at 7.30p.m.**

As our role is to serve the parish, we welcome input from parishioners and any matters you would like to have included for discussion need to be lodged at Parish Office before Wednesday Aug 8th.

Parish Councillors are as follows:

Terry Murphy, Christine Slattery, Sr. Rosemary, Tony Finn, Cornelia Conway- Weel, Mary Gobbo, Brian Grogan, Jean Rocca, Marita Jensen, Member of the Parish Finance Committee, Fr Tom Brophy and Fr. John Monaghan.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS SUNDAY August 12th

At the 10.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday (August 12th) Indian and Sri Lankan parishioners and members of that community in Sunraysia will lead our celebrations. Traditional customs will be incorporated into the liturgy as well as music and singing so we can appreciate something of their culture and devotions as we praise and honour God and his mother Mary. Please join in the celebrations and ensure that we give acknowledgement and support to yet another group of parishioners who wish to share some of their devotional life and practices with us. We are indeed blessed to have so many different traditions and cultures in our parish.

Once again we are invited by brothers and sisters from the Sub-continent to join them as they share with us something of their cuisines after Mass. It was a beautiful and moving celebration last year and we know this will be of a similar standard. We thank them in advance for their contribution to our parish life.

Other Notices

World Youth Day Badges

WYD Badges are available to buy from the parish office and after youth masses. The pins depict our Diocesan logo. The Cross is central to the logo and is surrounded by the colours which represent the Diocesan motto—from the Murray to the Sea.



Youth Mass - Comment

We celebrate a youth mass on the last Sunday of every month and the number of people coming to it has grown. Last weekend on the 29th July we had a great turn out. Virginia, Jacinta, Rachael, Sophie, Alex, Mega, Sallee, Lizzy, Danielle and I (Sam) all sang in the choir. I think it sounded great and our choir is growing; the more youth we get involved the better. We would love it if you wanted to come and sing with us at our next youth mass on Sunday the 26th of August at the 5pm mass. So come along to our youth masses – we are celebrating our religion and also the youth of our parish because we are the future. I hope that as many young people as possible consider going to World Youth Day in Sydney next year – just like our youth masses it will be celebrating the youth of today – our future. It will be a great experience for everyone to meet new people and just have fun.
By Sam Hogan.

YOUR ASSISTANCE PLEASE



We are still in need of someone who can assist with the photocopying of the Sunday readings and the sending of them to our lectors. If you can help with this please contact the Parish Office.

Watering of pot plants

Our pot plants are being slowly drowned with kindness. Please refrain from watering them as their appointed carer, Brian Taggart, is very concerned. Thank you.

VOCATIONS WEEK 5 – 12th August

National Vocations Awareness Week invites us to be aware that God's call to holiness is universal! We are all called to holiness – and we all have a



vocation. There are myriad ways through which people live out their vocation, according to their gifts and personal resources. This Sunday we recognize in particular the single and married vocations, and the ministry of lay people within the Church.

God's plan for each of us is fullness of life and happiness.

Living one's vocation is about being open to God's plan and responding to it with joy and trust.

Whether we be called to religious, priestly, married or single life we are not alone on our journey. God gave us the greatest gift: Jesus Christ. All Christians are called to discipleship. Jesus is our Brother, our Guide and our Teacher who points the way for us.

We are all born with a unique package of potential... God-given gifts and talents given for self and others. Dare to dream and to imagine, Being true to your vocation is also about being imaginative and open to the possibilities to realise your dreams and deepest desires

W/end Aug 11/12th	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	J Ditchfield	P Sandell	N Lewis	A Englefield
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Roper S. Tisler L. Roden J. De Jong H. De Jong K Girke S Girke	P. O'Donnell F. Carbone B. Weightman G. Scopacasa M. Scopacasa B Dolence M Flinn	A. Chalkley P. Kerr B. Bunting C. Maugeri C. McErvale L. Rowe N. Leonardis	W. Finn T. Finn P. Cox M. Ransome F. Virgona R. Antony
Music	G. & F. Lane		M. Guthrie L. Lynch Talia Fainga'Anuka	M Sullivan J Ljubic Other Leaders
Counting Team	Team 2– Captain Joe DeJong – 50237802			