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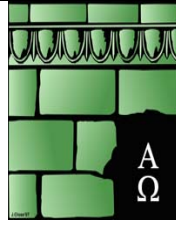
PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:
Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan,
Gladys Abriani, Jen Ditchfield, Rebecca Hogan
Fr. Frank Monaghan P.E.

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

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOV 18TH, 2007 YEAR C

THIS WEEK: THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Mal 3:19-20
Psalm The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
Second Reading 2 Thess: 3:7-12
Gospel Lk 21:5-19



NEXT WEEK: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3
Psalm Ps 121:1-5. R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Second Reading Col 1:12-20
Gospel Lk 23:35-43

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths : Joseph Divola, Paul Bissinella(Geelong).

Anniversaries:

Thurs 9.30am. Angela Pileggi

Fri 5.40pm. Caterina Mazza, Ilario Mazza,
Nick Mazza, Ljubo Zvonar.

Pietro Callipari, Fr. Mick Khoe, Alma Gregory,
Perina Andriske, Carmel Murray.

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: Thurs 2/177 12st -10.30a.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: 7.00 p.m.
Wed: 9.10 a.m.
Thu: 9.30 a.m.
Fri: 5.40 p.m.
Sat: 10.00 a.m.

We pray for the sick

Sharon Chambers, Rose Dichiera, Leonie Prentice,
Pat Rocca, Maria Friscic, Louis Philippe.

Congratulations

Danny Cotching on his new Commission as
Regional President, of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

BAPTISM

Sun 10.00am. Lilli Bock & Shelby Townsend.

As we welcome children into our Parish Community to receive the sacrament of Baptism, the love and support offered by family and friends who have joined them, highlights the significance of the celebration.

We encourage you to actively join in the rites and responses of Mass and Baptism. Please also consider the appropriate sense of time and place when taking photographs, so that this doesn't detract from the dignity of the occasion. Our priests are happy to join families for photos following Baptism

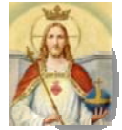
Feast of Christ the King -Nov 25th

Christ the King Sunday celebrates Jesus' role as King over all. However, we must recall that Jesus is King because he is a servant to all. Jesus' kingship is one of power and might, but also humility.

That the faithful will gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

The celebration will be held next Sunday 10.00am. Mass and we ask anyone & everyone to acknowledge or their families country of origin by wearing their national dress, bringing along emblems, flags and insignias that represent their heritage please. During Mass prayers will be offered & hymns sung in different languages. Following Mass all parishioners are invited to bring a basket of food to share with fellow parishioners in the church gardens. Tea, coffee, hot water and cordial will be provided.

➤ To finalize the liturgy – music –readings – and catering a meeting will be held next Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Hillman Room, all interested parishioners are invited to attend. If you would like your country of origin to be recognized please contact the parish office with your name by next Wed. 21st.



BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

All Anniversaries, Meeting Notices for the Bulletin are always most welcome. As the Bulletin is printed Thursday could all contributions be received at the Office by Wednesday 5p.m. We cannot guarantee that any notice etc. after this will be included.

NOTICES



St Vincent de Paul is calling for *second hand quality furniture.*

If you have any to donate please call Libby - 5023 5750,

- free pick up service available.

Volunteers Gathering

Fri 7th Dec This is an open invitation to all our valued groups of volunteers to attend a Mass of Thanks giving at 5.40p.m. All are invited to join together for refreshments in the gardens after Mass. Tables, chairs, hot water & drinks will be supplied, please bring a plate of nibbles to share.

Volunteers Recognition

At all Masses weekend **8th-9th Dec** we will be recognizing all our volunteers who give the best of their talents, their time, and their help through service and charity. Their presence and actions are deeply appreciated. They work silently and tirelessly in so many various ways, to keep our parish truly active.

What's on this Week

Tues 20th Wed 21st Masses will be held at normal times as Fr. Frank will not be attending the Clergy gathering in Ballarat. Fr Tom and John will be away.

Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd Nov, 6.00pm.

First Reconciliation

of Sacramental Celebrations

will take place at 6.00pm. each day in the Church.
Please keep the children who are preparing to celebrate their First Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church in your prayers.



Baptism Preparation -School aged children

Thurs 22nd at 5.30pm. in the Hillman Room.

RCIA Meeting

Thurs 22nd 7.30pm. in the Hillman Room.

23rd Nov -Centacare 30th Anniversary

of service delivery to the Mildura Community.
Please join them in the
LANGTREE MALL FRI 23RD Nov 11.30-2.30pm.

Free Sausage sizzle, jumping castle, dancers, clown & face painting.

Centacare delivers a broad range of specialised and professional support, counselling, advocacy, education and training services.



What's Coming Up

Tues 27th Finance Committee Meeting
12.00noon.

Tues 27th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7.30pm. in the Hillman Room.

Wed 28th Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm. in the Hillman Room.

Passionist Family Group

Christmas Breakup Sun 9th Dec.

Will be held at Jayce Park at 11.30am.
B.Y.O. everything plus a Kris Kringle present to the value of \$5.00.
Contact Denise – 50211918



Notice from the Social Justice Committee

THE HUMAN RIGHTS TORCH IS COMING TO MILDURA

This world-wide relay was initiated by the Coalition to investigate the *persecution* of Falun Gong, Tibetans, Christians and Buddhists in China by the Communist Government.

The Tibetan and Burmese communities, the Darfur Support Network (Sudan), Chinese democracy groups, student representatives from Falun Gong, the Vietnamese community, former Olympians, and representatives from sports and politics are among the Australian relay participants.

The Relay will gather at Henderson Park on Wed 28th Nov. at 11.45am. and proceed to the Ornamental Lakes. The theme of the Relay, which will pass through 37 countries and more than 100 cities and towns is: "The Olympics and crimes against humanity cannot co-exist in China".

Situation Vacant - Cleaner:

This position requires 3 hrs cleaning each Friday morning, start times must be flexible. Includes vacuuming, sweeping and mopping the entire church, cleaning toilets, dusting and polishing woodwork. Emptying Font and Holy waters each week and refilling. Spot cleaning as required. Cleaning the Fleming Room once a month is also a requirement.

If you or someone you know are interested please contact: *Centacare Employment 136 Lime Ave Mildura*



Mass Count This will be the last weekend of Mass count gathering statistics for the Ballarat Diocese. Counters please note.

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Weekend Oct 13/14th

Priests' Support	\$ 1369.00
Parish Support	
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	\$ 577.53
Envelopes	\$ 2222.00
Loose Plate	\$ 470.00
Total:	\$ 3269.53

PARISH PLANNED GIVING:

If you are one of many who have not collected their new envelopes please call at the office before Nov 30th.

BAPTISM SPONSORS WANTED.

If you attend Mass the same time each week, then we would like to hear from you. We are looking for Baptismal Sponsors for the young entering our Church. For more details please contact Rebecca Hogan during Office hours.

IN GOD'S HANDS

Every night I turn my worries over to God - he's going to be up all night anyway.

PRAYER FOR THE FARMERS

Lord! Lord! Where are you, Lord?
Our farmers need a hand.
Only you can quench the thirst of our parched and arid land.
Deliver us from this time of drought,
send us the rain we need,
strengthen our resolve,
give us courage to face the future
and teach us to seek your lasting help
on our journey through life.
We ask this blessing
through Christ our Lord. Amen



ABC Television --COMPASS: ONE VOTE – WHICH VALUES? Sunday 18 November at 9.25p.m.

A week before Australians go to the polls Compass throws the spotlight on values, by talking to the country's religious leaders and a leading philosophical thinker.

What values would they like to see guiding voters' at the polling booths on Saturday?

What do they believe are the key moral and ethical issues underpinning this election?

In previous election specials Geraldine Doogue interviewed our political leaders about their beliefs and values. This time she's invited our religious leaders (Christian, Jewish, Muslim) and a leading secular voice to air their views on what should shape voters' choices in the 2007 federal election.

Our interviewees are: Catholic Archbishop Philip Wilson president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference; Jewish Rabbi David Freedman; Australian Christian Lobby Jim Wallace; Anthropologist, historian/ethicist Inga Clendinnen; Muslim Imam Afroz Ali; and Anglican Archbishop Peter Jensen. Historian and writer Inga Clendinnen, who discusses the past and present values that Australians might reflect upon when voting for their future, represents the atheist perspective.

Re-use, Recycle, Reduce

also requires a commitment to **refusing** to buy items with excessive packaging and items that are not necessary because by choosing those unnecessary products we increase the amount of waste going into the local landfill. The cadmium in old mobile phone batteries is more toxic than lead and can leach from landfill into groundwater.

Frances Warner: 'Solidarity - watching, waiting and preparing together'

Gospel -- Next Week:

Christ the King 25th November

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'if you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews'. One of the criminals hanging there abused him. Are you not the Christ?' he said. "Save yourself and us as well". But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said 'you got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong'. 'Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom'. 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise'. -Luke 23:35-43

- What do you think and feel when you contemplate the image of Christ crucified?
- Have you ever been punished when you have done nothing wrong? How did you feel?

Bishops urge Catholics to explore new paths for defending human rights

The Catholic Bishops of Australia today said that by imposing a new policy in favour of abortion, Amnesty International had taken a tragic turn and effectively created a human rights organisation which excluded Catholic members.

The President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Philip Wilson, said that the Bishops were deeply saddened by Amnesty's shift away from a neutral stance on abortion. "And it is with much regret that we are now in a position of having to advise that because of this change in policy, membership of Amnesty International is no longer compatible with Catholic teaching and belief on this important point," Archbishop Wilson said.

Archbishop Wilson repeated his recent statement that Catholic people have had a long association with Amnesty International, going right back to its inception, and the two bodies have been closely aligned in their commitment to social justice.

"However Amnesty International has now adopted a position which goes against the Catholic understanding of the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of life," he said.

“This has been a great sadness for the many Catholic people, including hundreds of Australian Catholic school students, who have been members of Amnesty International.

“Some of these groups and individuals have already severed ties with Amnesty International.

“After due consideration, we now also urge Catholics, and all people who believe in the dignity of the human person from natural conception until natural death, to seek other avenues of defending human rights.”

Archbishop Wilson said that one such avenue endorsed by the Bishops was a new organisation being formed by the staff and students of St Aloysius College in Sydney following their split with Amnesty International. The new organisation is to be named the Benenson Society, after Peter Benenson, the

Catholic lawyer who founded Amnesty International.

The new society will be open to all and will allow school groups and individuals to continue to be involved in fighting injustice, ending human rights abuses and standing in solidarity with the imprisoned and the oppressed.

Working Party on Environment

Discussion notes on Global Climate Change held last Friday.

Key notes “it’s not too late; together we can make a difference!”

- Importance of pressuring our politicians re global warming
- Importance of letting them know of our concern
- There is much we can do individually but unless we press government to make policies that will help Australia to become ecologically sustainable, the situation will continue to deteriorate
- We need to do both
- Need to affirm where possible when writing to politicians
- Need to be polite, but direct in making our point
- Need to “keep at it” and not be put off by criticisms etc., when speaking about saving the environment.

Scripture Note

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the focus is on the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ. The prophet Malachi (First Reading) says that for evildoers the Day of the Lord will be a day of judgement; but for the upright it will be a day of salvation. His stark message was meant to act as a warning to sinners and as an encouragement to the just.

The Second Reading also relates to the Second Coming. Some of the Thessalonians, believing that the *parousia* was imminent, saw no need to work. Presenting himself as an example, Paul tells them to go on living and working as normal, and not to be content to live off the community.

Luke talks about the Temple. The destruction of the Temple, which Jesus had predicted, had already occurred by the time Luke was writing. This would have been interpreted by some as a sign that the end of the world was starting. But Luke reminds them of the words of Jesus, in which he warned his disciples not to be deceived by rumours and apparent signs that the end was near.

The Gospel goes on to address the situation of Christians in a time of persecution. Persecution will be an opportunity to bear witness to the Gospel. The Lord himself will see to it that believers will triumph in the end, provided they remain steadfast.

World Youth Day Badges

On sale available from the Office, help send our youth to Sydney 2008

ROSTERS This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	M Wellington	P Sandall	M Speed	A Engelfield
Counting Team	Team 6: Peter Adair		50235193	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Gooch K Burns A-M Greville M Sheahan M Meredith V Kidd J Hall	S Foster S Visona E Panetta D Pemberton L Welsh N Zudetich	N Lewis N Pardo S Hermans R & I Barbary T McNamara R Byra M Grevic	W & T Finn P Cox M Ransome F Virgona R Antony
24th & 25 November	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Music	N Armsden J Macri A Treloar		Multicultural Mass	Youth Mass
Counting Team	Team 7: Alan Chalkley		50221746	

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