



# SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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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 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2007 YEAR C

### Happy Fathers Day

THIS 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



NEXT WEEK: TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

First Reading: Wis 9:13-18  
Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1  
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.  
Second Reading: Phlm 9-10, 12-17  
Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

### Recent Deaths

John Fox, Celestina Cirillo, Pasqualina Nucara  
Vincenzo Fotia (died in Italy 28/08/07- Br in law of Carmelo & Phina Zappia and Guisepppe Zappia)  
Sr. M. Julian Hanlon r.s.m.(Ballarat East)

### Anniversaries

Steven Friscic Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 6.00pm.  
Pat Farmer Sun 8.00a.m.  
John Hrascenec (Irymple) Sun 8.30a.m.  
Vincenzo Fotia Tues 2.00p.m.  
Maria Barila Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 6.00p.m.  
Edward Wolczek Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 6.00p.m.  
Mario Loncar

### Commemorations (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 6.00p.m.)

Florencio Languibo, Robert Wood, Francisco Damio,  
Jaime Languibo, Concordia Babang, Alojz Markuli.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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:	Mass of Anointing	2.00p.m.
Wed:		9.10 a.m.
Thu:		9.30 a.m.
Fri:		5.40 p.m.
Sat:	(Hillman Room)	10.00 a.m.

### Baptisms

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 6.00p.m.  
Darcy Toms, Mitchell McClure,  
and Nadia Cavallaro.  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00a.m.  
Matthew Burns, Scout Hatcher.



### Baptism - Irymple.

Sun 8.30a.m. - Montana Symthe

### We pray for the sick

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

### The Catholic Spring Magazine

Is available in the foyers this month features include:

Love is in the Air,  
Love songs and Dedications plus  
The mission and identity of Catholic schools



**Wedding Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Maria Dimasi and Vince Cursaro

## What's on this Week

### BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fourteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

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.

Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today.

**The loose change on the 2<sup>nd</sup> collections at all Masses this weekend will go to this appeal. 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.***

### BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM

Meeting to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Hillman Room.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept the monthly meeting will be held in the Fleming Room at 6.30p.m.

### **BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN PARENT MEETING**

If you are interested in your child receiving the Sacrament of Baptism please attend the inquiry meeting on: **Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in the Hillman Room.

For further information please call 5021 2872.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

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



### **Caritas Flood Appeal**

Thank you to all those who donated to this worthy appeal along with the Loose plate monies \$896.50 was raised.

## What's on next Week

### **Central Walnuts BCC**

Members, family & friends are invited to **Maisey & Fonse Taggart's house 4 Kookaburra Crt Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 12.30p.m.** BYO Finger Food & Drink.

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL LADIES GROUP**

Meeting Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 2p.m. in the Hillman Room.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY -**

Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Aug. 7.30p.m. in the Fleming Room.

### **PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP.**

Please note that the next gathering of the **Passionist Family Group will be held on Sat 15th Sept. at 7 o'clock at the Vines Retirement Village.** Hosts will be Jenny & Ric Lynch who are organising a games night. Please bring a baby photo of yourself and a plate for supper. For more information please call Jenny or Ric Ph: 50210384 or Jean on 50237561. New members welcome to join us.

### **GODSTART**

Next meeting will be Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 4.15p.m. in the Hillman Room.

**WANTED:** People to help send Birthday Cards to children who have been Baptised in our Parish. All Welcome. For more info: Contact Sonia Opie at St Joseph's College Ph: 505188000.

## OTHER NOTICES

### **ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE**

#### **Report from last meeting**

A profit of \$1,061.30 was recorded this financial year. From the funds held (\$3,583.53 + \$1,061.30 totalling \$4,644.83) the sum of \$3,000.00 is to be used for the kitchen refurbishment; **The Italian Mission** next year will be from 9<sup>th</sup> of June to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008; **The Feast of St Anthony** will be celebrated on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

### **THIS WEEK WE THANK**

**Jozica Gerden** and her daughter for kindly cleaning and repainting some of the statues, brightening them up.

**Robert & Rebecca Hogan** for kindly organizing the Votive Candle Holder to have a new stainless steel top, and for repairing and painting the stand.

**Rosemary Parakkal** who has volunteered her time to copy the readings for the Readers.

## Last Week's Collection

Weekend June 9/10

Priests' Support	\$ 1368.00
Parish Support	
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	\$ 577.53
Envelopes	\$ 2020.20
Caritas Appeal donations	\$ 896.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3494.23</b>

### Youth Mass

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

### 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.  
May the Lord, Mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY BADGES  
ON SALE**

**Available after Youth Mass**

**Or at the Office**



## Gospel: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Next Sunday

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and Spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple'. And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to Complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish". Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions'.  
Luke 14:25-33

A VOTE for all US

A Federal election will be called in the coming months, and the Australian Catholic Bishops offer this statement in order to focus on some key issues of vital concern to the entire Australian community. In making this contribution, we draw upon a rich religious tradition and upon the Church's long experience as a major provider of healthcare, education and social services in Australia. We encourage Catholics to look beyond their own individual needs and apply a different test at the ballot box – the test of the common good.

Catholic tradition holds that the common good is underpinned by the promotion and protection of human dignity. Implicit in seeking the common good is the desire to serve the poor, the marginalized, the sick and the forgotten in our society.

At a time when some argue that religious faith should be removed from politics altogether, we urge Catholics to take their democratic freedoms seriously and become involved in the political process. For some, this will also mean making informed ethical choices at the ballot box.

For others, it might mean standing for election. We acknowledge and encourage the many Catholic people who are already engaged in political life at various levels.



Australian Catholic Bishops Conference  
[www.acbc.catholic.org.au](http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au)

# FIRST EUCHARIST

Over the next 8 weeks we shall be publishing extracts from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference statement on the forthcoming federal election.

## Life

Respect for life and the fostering of the inherent dignity of the person underpins what it is to be human. All human life is to be respected, particularly the most vulnerable, including the unborn, the sick and elderly, people with disability, and communities ravaged by poverty, abuse, famine or war. In Australia, we welcome the growing consensus that the level of abortion is deeply disturbing. We continue to commit ourselves to working with all sides of politics to offer practical support and alternatives to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Respect for human life also requires constant vigilance to ensure that euthanasia and assisted suicide are never legalised in Australia. These acts, which are presented as acts of mercy, are in fact an abandonment of those who need our care and protection most. Recognising the incidence of suicide in the Australian community, we encourage every initiative, especially in the field of mental health, to alleviate the pressures that can lead people to take their own lives.

The deepest questions are raised by the creation and deliberate destruction of human embryos for stem cell research. The Catholic Church is not opposed to stem cell research. On the contrary, we strongly support research based on adult stem cells, as well as those which are derived from umbilical cord blood.

The Church supports ethical stem cell research through its research institutes, healthcare services, teaching hospitals and health professionals.

First Eucharist celebrations commence next weekend and continue through the following weekend.

Children will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in Mildura at the 6 pm Mass on Sept.8<sup>th</sup>, and at the 8 am, 10 am and 5 pm Mass on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, and at the 8.30 am Mass in Irymple on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.

First Eucharist will also be celebrated at the 6 pm Mass on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and 10 am on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

We wish all First Communicants and their families a happy and holy time as they complete the last part of their preparations for the Sacrament.

## GOD SPEAKS INTO THE STORY

If human hope is like a bird in flight then story is the air. It's where we live.

Story fuels the fires of the mind for when we find our theme, we find ourselves.

It is God who speaks into the story of our lives for God is the meaning maker of the world

From *A Canopy of Stars: Some Reflections for the Journey* by Fr Christopher Gleeson SJ [David Lovell Publishing 2003]

W/end Sep 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
<b>Readers</b>	C Ellis	B Dolence	S/E Opie	R Zalec
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A-M Greville M Sheahan M Meredith V Kidd J Hall M Crimmins M Joseph	M Finn Sr. Grace Rogers M Mazza A Vartuli N Zudetich S Foster S Visona	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
<b>Music</b>	M Guthrie		M Sullivan L Lynch Talia Fainga' Anku	N Armsden J Marci A Treloar
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 6 Captain Peter Adair – 50235193			

