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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.

SUNDAY 17th August 2008 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

THIS WEEK: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading **Is 56:1-6-7**
Psalm **Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4**
O God, let all the nations praise you!
Second Reading **Rom 11:13-15. 29-32**
Gospel **Mt 15:21-28**



NEXT WEEK: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -

First Reading **Is 22:19-23**
Psalm **Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8**
Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.
Second Reading **Rom 11:33-36**
Gospel **Mt 16:13-20**

Recent Deaths: Roy Simmonds (Hawthorn), Luigi Cordoma (Robinvale), David Mecca (Robinvale).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sat 6.00pm: . Dennis Ryan, Elizabetta Pollifrone, Maria Tisler, Mato & Anica Tecic, Ivan Vidovich.

Sun 8.30am:-Irymple : Basil Byra.

Sun 10.00am: Jacqui Shannon.

Tues 7.00pm: Domenico Circosta, Maria Dimasi, Maria Simonetta, Ilario & Maria Petrolo, Domenico Lizza.

Anniversaries: Betty Maginess, Margaret Pirie, Bill Moore, Fr. Rodger Shepherd.

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

Tues: 7.00p.m.

Wed: 9.10a.m.

Thurs: 9.30a.m.

Fri: 5.40p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

We pray for the sick

Peter Jones (Melb), Bob Pemberton (Adelaide), Daniel Roden, Joy Englefield, Maureen Quaine, Fr Brendan Smith, Glen Levey, Domenico Ficarra, Michael Joslyn, & Peter Adair.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday, we welcome into God's family, and into our Parish Community James Lando & Chloe Baynes who will be baptised at the 5.00pm Mass.

A VOCATION VIEW: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

REFLECT AND PRAY

The gospels are written in Greek and much of the language of the gospels has to be understood against a Greek philosophical background. Today's gospel story culminates in the healing of a 'daughter' who may be a little girl or even a young woman. Her mother, the main character in the story, is known to Matthew's community simply as a Canaanite woman, or in other words an indigenous woman. To some early Christian communities, she is Justa, so we might reasonably call her daughter Justina.

Justa comes to Jesus as he moves from Jewish territory into or close to non-Jewish territory. In the language of liturgy, she laments loudly and persistently for her daughter, for Justina is 'severely tormented by a demon.' For the ancient Greeks, the antithesis of demonic possession or torment (daimonizomai) is human flourishing or well-being (eudaimonia). Eudaimonia means having a good guardian spirit as opposed to a malevolent spirit that impairs a person's well-being and sense of self. Justina's well-being is in jeopardy. Her distraught mother is an outsider to the 'house of Israel' who is nonetheless familiar with Israel's prayer of lament. She is a woman alone in public space, risking ridicule and rejection to find healing for her daughter.

The immediate response to her plea is silence: Jesus 'does not answer her a word.' Is he ignoring her cry for help? Is he simply stunned, taken aback at the vehemence of her request? Is he rendered speechless by the simple fact that she would cross the boundaries of gender and ethnicity in this way? Is he in awe at her courage and faith from the outset? All we know is that he says nothing and that the disciples tell him to send her away. He responds by defining the limits of his mission rather narrowly: he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Justa is not deterred from her mission. She begs Jesus to help her and receives an explicit refusal in a confronting image that names his people as 'the children' and hers as 'the dogs'. She accepts his statement as a challenge and bests him in the exchange: 'even the dogs eat the crumbs...'

Jesus' horizons are expanded by the persistence and insight of this woman. Justa's great faith is affirmed and her daughter is healed. Justa is vindicated and Justina restored to a state of well-being or eudaimonia. Justina has her counterparts across the globe. The challenge for us is to be Justa in our times for the sake of those whose well-being is impaired by violence or war or lack of access to the means to flourish.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

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.

Parish Activities for the Week

Cancelled	<i>Central Walnuts BCC</i> members invitation to the home of Alan Chalkley- Sun 17 th 12.30pm
SUN- Feast of St Rocco Celebrations -Buronga	
MON: St Vincent de Paul Grocery Store Official Opening- Bishop Connors will officially bless & open the St Vinnie's Grocery Store at 10.00am Monday 18 th , this will be followed by a BBQ. All are welcome to attend.	
TUES- Finance Meeting- 12.30pm.	
TUES: Pastoral Parish Council Meeting-7.30pm	
WED: Training & Information evening for All Eucharist Ministers existing & new ministers. 7pm. In the Church.	
THURS: First Eucharist Practises- in the Church. 2.00pm. Sacred Heart School. 4.00pm. Ministry Schools.	

MARK IN YOUR DIARIES:

6th NOV~ OAKS DAY Luncheon.

First Eucharist

We ask parishioners to continue to pray for the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Finance- Last Week's Collections

First Collection –	\$ 1,169.00
Planned Giving	\$2,253.00
Loose Plate	\$ 341.00

WHERE TO FROM NOW?

The WYD08 week has come and gone. As a Diocese we prepared for this great event. As a Diocese we participated whole heartedly in the week's events and now as a Diocese we will continue on our journey as pilgrim people post WYD08.

Pope Benedict said to us at Randwick Racecourse, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8). We have seen this promise fulfilled!" I've said on numerous occasions, 'I'm pumped' and as

Josh Pahl was seen to say on national television, he is high on the Holy Spirit'. How true this is! Throughout the WYD08 week we were inspired. We listened, asked questions, talked to each other, sung and jumped up and down in the mosh pit. We prayed, laughed, walked, queued and ate baked beans.

After being 'high on the Holy Spirit' for a week and surrounded by people on the same journey, it is often difficult to return home. It is a challenge for everyone to keep the flame ignited in Sydney burning wherever they are.

To the Parish communities of our Diocese, I encourage you to support these remarkable young people. Each of them is gifted in a special way and faith filled. They each have a story to share. Some have more questions and all of us our continuing our journey.

To my fellow pilgrims- I encourage you to continue on this journey. Keep in touch with your new found friends. Find ways to live out your faith.

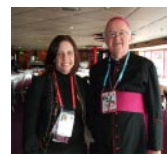
We have all been renewed by the Holy Spirit that we have received. However, as Pope Benedict said to us at Randwick, "The Church also needs this renewal! She needs your faith, your idealism and your generosity, so that she can always be young in the Spirit."

The one line that I have taken away from the week in Sydney is the questions posed to us at the Final Mass by the Holy Father. "What will you leave to the next generation?"

Pope Benedict went on to challenge us all by saying "Are you building your lives on firm foundations, building something that will endure? Are you living your lives in a way that opens up space for the Spirit in the midst of a world that wants to forget God, or even rejects him in the name of a falsely-conceived freedom? How are you using the gifts you have been given, the "power" which the Holy Spirit is even now prepared to release within you? What legacy will you leave to young people yet to come? What difference will you make?"

What a challenge for all of us!

It was our prayer that WYD08 would grant to the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit a New Pentecost. As the pilgrims moved around Sydney it seemed very evident that we have received this grace. I feel privileged to have journeyed with the young people of our Diocese. They are courageous men and woman striving to strengthen their faith.



(Picture: Stacey & Bishop Connors on the Pope's Boat.)

A huge thank you to all those who have supported this pilgrimage through practical assistance and through your prayers. May this be the beginning of a New Pentecost for us all. See you in Madrid.-Stacey Atkins – Diocesan WYD Coordinator

This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	M Wellington	T Aust	R Op't Hoog	M Ransome
Eucharistic Ministers	M Sheahan M Meredith V Kidd J Hall A Thumma M Joseph P Kelleher	G Scopacasa M Scopacasa B Dolence M Flinn Sr Grace Rodgers	A Chalkley P Kerr B Bunting C Maugeri C McErvale L Rowe N Leonardis	J Rocca J Macri W Finn T Finn
NEXT WEEK: Music	G & F Lane		M. Sullivan Talia Fainga Anuku M Schmidt	N. Armsden J Macri A Treloar
NEXT WEEK : RCIA Dismissal Catechist	Trish Swincer			
Counting Team Next Week	17 th August Team 5: Jim Farrelly	50215 646	24 th August Team 6: Peter Adair	50235 193