



# SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matthew Thomas,  
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**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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008: National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday** **WORLD YOUTH DAY JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> 2008**

### **THIS WEEK Fourteenth Sunday - Year A**

First Reading **Zec 9:9-10**

Psalm **Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1**

**I will praise your name for ever, my king  
and my God.**

Second Reading **Rom 8:9.11-13**

Gospel **Mt 11:25-30**



### **NEXT WEEK Fifteenth Sunday i**

First Reading **Is 55:10-11**

Psalm **Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8**

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a  
fruitful harvest.**

Second Reading **Rom 8:18-23**

Gospel **Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9**

**Recent Deaths:** Andras Lakatos, Doug Williams,  
Lillian Rowland, Adrian Peterson, Moya Pettie,  
Mother Emilian Brooke-Cowden *IBVM*, Sr. Joan  
Novotny *IBVM*, Fr. Patrick Bohan (in Mildura 1957-59) &  
Mons. John Gallagher (Berwick).

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Anniversaries:** Nellie Haenan, Mons. Bill McMahon, Frs.

Jim Tung & Len Monk & members of the Rocca  
family.

**Sat 6pm.** Cyril Wright (snr), Saverio Rocca (1yr),  
Daniele Ghidinelli, Caterina & Vincenzo Monteleone.

**Sun 8.00am:** Matthew Glen.

**Sun 10.00a.m:** Gino Savogin (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Sun 5.00pm:** Dora Kedmemec (10yrs)  
Evelyn Smith (7yrs)

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> St -10.30a.m.**

**Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.**

### **Weekday Mass Times -**

<b>Mon:</b>	Lillian Rowland Funeral	10.30am.
<b>Tues:</b>		7.00p.m.
<b>Wed:</b>		9.10a.m.
<b>Thur:</b>		9.30a.m.
<b>Fri:</b>		5.40p.m.
<b>Sat:</b>		10.00 a.m.

### **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.



### **We pray for the sick**

Roslyn Mandiameli (Swan Hill), Peter Jones (Melb),  
Bob Pemberton (Adelaide), Daniel Roden,  
Joy Englefield, Maureen Quaine, Kathleen Window-  
Delaney, Rosalind Devassy Parakkal & Joseph (India) ,  
Fr Brendan Smith, & Glen Levey.

### **BAPTISMS**

This weekend we welcome into God's family:

**Dustan Vincent Maddern, Matilda Mae  
Johnson & Claudia Francesca Caminiti**

into our Parish Community who will be baptised after  
Saturday 6.00pm. Mass.



### **Prayer for Rain**

God our Heavenly Father, in our dry and thirsty land,  
Australia, our soul thirsts for you.

Look down with mercy upon us.

Hear our prayers of concern for our land,  
for people in distress, for industries that suffer,  
for all who are affected by the drought.

We pray urgently for Winter rain to keep alive our hope of  
harvest,

for life to our trees and vines, for water to fill our dams and  
reservoirs and for irrigation.

Lord God, in You we trust and give glory, hear our  
prayer.

### **National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

'In 1994 the Catholic Church in Australia designated the  
first Sunday in July as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Sunday. The purpose is to encourage Catholics to "celebrate  
the Living Spirit" focusing on Indigenous people, their



culture and justice issues. One way this  
attitude has been fostered in World

Youth Day is the Aboriginal message  
stick, a traditional method of communication among  
indigenous people, which has accompanied the WYD  
Cross and Icon. The Message Stick invites all the indigenous  
people of Australia to the papal event later this month.' We  
hope and pray that the national apology and World Youth Day  
event will bring us closer on our journey to reconciliation in  
this country."



## Parish Activities for the Week

- **The Knights of the Southern Cross** monthly meeting will be held in the Fleming Room 7.30pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- **Catholic Womens Social Group Meeting** Tues 8th 2.00pm. - Hillman Room.
- **Central Walnuts BCC** members, family & friends are invited to get together at the home of Pam & Craig 39 Kiata Drive on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm**. BYO finger food & drink.

### MARK IN YOUR DIARIES

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, 5.00p.m. There will be a **Blessing for all pilgrims** from the Sunraysia area, with a BBQ to follow. This will be the day before the road trip to Sydney begins!



We are grateful for your support and continued prayers for vocations especially in the lead up to WYD08.

### First Eucharist/Communion

First Eucharist will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Parish on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August. Children need to have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation to be able to take part. Preparation begins with a Parents' Meeting at 7:15 p m on 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> July in Sacred Heart Church. At least one parent must attend this meeting to be part of the programme.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

**YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BE REGISTERED FOR THE SACRAMENT BY JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> OR THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL 2009 TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST. THERE ARE TO BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **St Joseph's College - Class of 96 Reunion**

Will be held on 2 August, 2008.

Do you know anyone that attended with the graduating class of '96 or anyone who studied with or taught them from 1991 to 1996?

If so, please email the organisers:

Terry Cumming, Paul Dolence, Tammie Leamon, Joanna McErvale and Tracey Woodford at [stjoes96@gmail.com](mailto:stjoes96@gmail.com) or call Paul on 0413287232.

### Television Review - Compass: Grand Plans

This week's edition of *Compass* focuses on an increasing phenomenon in our national life, the emergence of grandparents in the prime caring role of their grandchildren. In Australia today around 31,000 children are being raised by their grandparents. For most grandparents it's a job they never expected and even with the best intentions it can be a tough call for everyone involved. By following three very different "grandparent families" this story focuses on stories of love and devotion, heartache and hardship, all part and parcel of becoming a parent again when you're old. ABC1, Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.05pm. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A



**A VOCATION VIEW:** Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.



### REFLECTION

#### **Prayer for WYD Pilgrims**

O God of all youth, we pray to you:  
We are young people,  
and we want to celebrate life!  
We cry out against all that kills life:  
hunger, poverty,  
unemployment, sickness,  
repression, individualism, injustice.  
We want to announce fullness of life:  
work, education, health, housing,  
bread for all.  
We want communion, a world renewed.  
We hope against hope.  
With the Lord of history  
we want to make all things new.

#### **WYD08- Catch it on SBS**

WYD08 from July 10-14 will be the largest gathering of young Catholics ever to be held in Australia. Tune into SBS to see all the major events live and try and spot the Eureka Flag and the 400 strong Ballarat contingent.

#### **Tuesday, July 15, 2008**

15.00 World Youth Day 2008: Opening Mass

#### **Thursday, July 17, 2008**

14.00 World Youth Day 2008: Pope's arrival

#### **Friday, July 18, 2008**

15.00 World Youth Day 2008: Stations of the Cross

#### **Sunday, July 20, 2008**

09.15 World Youth Day 2008: Papal Mass Live  
*Live coverage of the Papal Mass from Randwick Racecourse*

12.30 World Youth Day Highlights: Papal Vigil  
19.30 World Youth Day Highlights: Papal Mass

#### **Monday, July 21, 2008**

17.00 World Youth Day 2008: Event Highlights

### **Finance- Last Week's Collections**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 1216.00

Planned Giving \$ 4,542.70

Loose Plate - \$ 375.45

### **VINNIES BUDGET GROCERY**

**STORE -** 109 Pine Ave.

Vinnie's Budget Grocery is operating Wed-Fri 9.00-5.30pm. The store is open to the **GENERAL PUBLIC** go along & check out the specials & fresh produce, and support your local store.



### **Quote**

"It is in the ordinary duties and labours of life that the Christian can and should develop his or her spiritual union with God." **Thomas Merton**

**REFLECT & PRAY**

Many people have little appreciation of the depth of their own wisdom. Others seem to think they have the monopoly on wisdom. Jesus contrasts the latter, those who consider themselves wise and intelligent, with the truly wise ones, the 'little ones' to whom the secrets of God's empire have been revealed. The first part of today's gospel is his prayer of gratitude for God's choice of the 'little ones'. God's ways turn human expectations upside down.

The final verses of today's gospel are among the best known and best loved in all of the gospel tradition. 'Come to me...and I will give you rest' is a lovely invitation. It is issued to those who are weary and burdened, and that includes most of us at some or another. The 'rest' that Jesus offers is God's rest. It is not just relief from drudgery and hard work. In the biblical tradition, rest is 'shabbath'. It is freedom from any sort of enslavement, freedom to remember God's goodness in creation. Rest time or 'shabbath' is about making a space to contemplate the wonder of the galaxies, the wonder of life in all its forms and all its potentialities. God's rest restores life to our wearied spirits. It frees us to open ourselves to ever new possibilities and to be there for others. 'Take my yoke upon you...' is Jesus' further invitation. Later in this gospel, the same verb will be used when Jesus tells his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." The 'yoke' of Jesus, the cross that he will take up, and the cross that his disciples are invited to bear are all of a piece. A yoke is a cross-beam or cross-bar. Jesus will carry his cross-beam to execution. Disciples, in their turn, will carry their cross-beams, figuratively if not literally. They will not be weighed down or burdened by this prospect for the 'yoke' of which Jesus speaks is easy and the burden is light. How can this be? The answer lies in the final invitation: 'Learn of me, for I am gentle and humble of heart....' In Matthew's beatitudes, the gentle are those who inherit the earth. There is nothing weak about the gentle ('meek' is not a helpful translation). The non-violent methods of the gentle are infinitely more effective in restoring creation than the violence of so many who present themselves as 'wise and intelligent'. God's 'rest' is the source of their power-and of ours. -Veronica Lawson RSM

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:**

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**PALMS AUSTRALIA** continues to receive requests from Catholic Dioceses in development countries such as Asia, Africa & the Pacific for volunteers to work as nurses, teachers, builders & technical trades people willing to share their skills. An individual recruited for a Palms Global Mission in your parish will assist your community to become part of the Palms mission of forging partnerships for global justice. This mission offers a healthy, peaceful and positive Christian response to recent events in Timor-Leste and the Solomon Islands. It is also a very genuine way of living out the ideals of global solidarity and Christian love, which are at the heart of the Gospels and which serve as the essential motivation behind events such as World Youth Day.

For more information on the work of PALMS, a work of the Pallotine Order, please contact:

Jennifer Murphy Ph: 02 95189551.

**Mildura & District Genealogical Society Celebrates 30yrs.**

As part of their Birthday celebrations, on Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm Melbourne Journalist and author, Tony De Bolfo will present a talk at Carnegie Centre. Tony's interest in his family's migration from Italy led him on an incredible and moving journey through the lives of hundreds of migrant families. Tony will talk about how he developed a need to find out what prompted his grandfather & brothers to leave their homeland in northern Italy for a new life in Australia. How he turned to his great uncle the only surviving member of the original trio who undertook that 46 day voyage in 1927 aboard the steamship, Re d'Italia. Tony worked from the original passenger list and set out to uncover the life stories of the 105 men, women and children who accompanied his forebears to Melbourne.

Tony De Bolfo's book "In search of Kings" is an incredible & very moving story, a story well worth hearing.

Please come along to the Carnegie Centre, 74 Deakin Ave Mildura on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1pm.-2.30pm. to listen to this interesting man. For more information ring 50238778.

**Humour – in small doses**

A wife called her husband. "Dear, I've got some good news and some bad news."

"I'm in the middle of an important meeting," said the husband "Just tell me the good news."

"Well" replied the wife, "the airbag in our new car works perfectly."

This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
<b>Readers</b>	L Crouch	L Welsh	M Haynes	T Finn
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K Burns A-M Greville M Sheahan M Meredith V Kidd J Hall A Thumma	E Panetta D Pemberton L Welsh E Frauenfelder L Belej	C Carmichael R & R Op't Hoog E Mazza G Raiti F & T Chiavone	R Antony M Zema J Zema S Walker J Ribarits
<b>NEXT WEEK: Music</b>	M Hammond M Schmidt L Crouch		M Sullivan L Crouch	N. Armsden J Ljubic All Welcome
<b>Counting Team Next Week</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> July : Team 9: George Dolence 50237993 13 <sup>th</sup> July Team 10: Brian Grogan 50212099			

## Paul: a lover of Jesus Christ

At the beginning of the year dedicated to St Paul Peter Mullen celebrates the tender and irascible apostle 27 June 2008



Painting of St Paul by El Greco

We are just coming to the start of the Year of St Paul proclaimed last June by the Holy Father. If anyone deserved a year to

be dedicated to him, it is St Paul, the greatest Christian missionary. Not that he needs an honour, as if he were a minor celeb hoping to receive a gong in the New Year List. Rather, the splendid idea of dedicating a year to the Apostle is to encourage us to pay more attention to his writings in the New Testament.

"Jesus preached a simple, moral faith - do as you would be done by - and then along came St Paul to mystify it and so hijack the down-to-earth teachings of Christ and saddle every succeeding Christian generation with insoluble problems and difficulties."

I first heard that protest from a close friend who was our organist when I was a country parson. Tim had been a chorister at Windsor under Walford Davies in the 1920s and progressed to become Master of the Music in one of the great English cathedrals. He told me he had spent all his life at the console listening to readings from the Bible and all he had learnt from St Paul was that the faith is so abstruse that no ordinary person could hope to understand it.

I have some sympathy with this, for undeniably St Paul does have his mystical moments when he rhapsodises about the cosmic Christ and speaks of his own highly charged mystical raptures and of not knowing whether he was in the body or out of it, caught up into the third heaven. But against this, he also speaks profoundly and plainly on the most difficult spiritual matters. Take Original Sin for example. This is a murky and misunderstood area if ever there was one. To grasp it you can't do better than go back to St Paul: "The thing I would not, that I do; and what I would, I do not." There you have our whole psychological-spiritual predicament in words of one syllable.

We have to get away from the idea that religious and theological doctrines are simple. Of course there is often an immediate sense which we can take from some of the sayings of Jesus, but the first understanding is only scratching at the surface. The Lord's Prayer, for instance, may seem to wear its meaning on its face, but give to it a lifetime of study and you will still not reveal all it contains. Spiritual language is profound and inexhaustible. If it were not, it would be no more than a catalogue of simplistic clichés.

The epistles of St Paul were written earlier than the gospels, so if the accusation of needlessly overcomplicating matters is to stick, it would have a better chance if we made the same accusation of the gospel writers. Of course biblical critics have been telling us for over a century that the Gospel of Christ had already been complicated - by St Paul, who else! - before the gospels were ever written. But I don't buy this. I don't think that all Our Lord's utterances in the gospels were later additions, put into his mouth by the gospel-writers.

Even if you accept the general principles of modern criticism, you cannot read the gospels without coming across a very real person - a character, as we would say if we were discussing a novel. Jesus says things which are characteristic of him, but what he says is rarely simple. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

This was Our Lord's sublimely mischievous answer to his opponents. It is a one-line put-down - but notice, he doesn't spell out what the things of Caesar actually are or what are the things of God.

Unless you are prepared to disallow the authenticity of all Christ's words in the gospels - and not even the modern critics go that far - you have to face the fact that he sometimes spoke words which are every bit as mystical as anything from St Paul. Take away the Last Supper and there is not much left of the Gospel. And yet here Jesus says - and this is in all four gospels - "This is my Body... this is my Blood." Those words are by no means instantly accessible and their meaning is not exhausted by a first reading.

Here it is important to make the point - so brilliantly developed by Newman - that doctrine, by its nature, develops. We are not given its whole meaning from the first. Scripture is inspired utterance, divine poetry, and not the motorcycle manual. As George Eliot said: "We must not lapse from the picture to the diagram." We do not have the whole truth delivered to us on a plate: rather we are promised that the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth. There is no contradiction between the gospels and St Paul. Each of these texts is a personal insight into the one whole Gospel.

The distinct contribution of St Paul is the saving power of faith. But in St Paul faith is not just a logical device in a scheme of salvation which, in the hands of literalistic preachers, seems to have more to do with accountancy than divinity. For St Paul, faith is an overwhelming intellectual and spiritual reality. It is also a profound emotional apprehension, calling to mind Pascal's ecstatic words: "The heart has its reasons which reason knows not of." Which is not to say that Paul is an irrationalist. He does that supreme thing: he embodies reason in deep feeling, in what is heartfelt. Thus his theology is a wonderful reflection of the Incarnation.

For instance: "What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?..."

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor powers. Not things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord."

Words that have carried me through many a bad night.

Picking our bits from St Paul is rewarding but it is a bit like Your Hundred Best Tunes - all the warhorses and musical lollipops but by no means the whole of the repertoire. But what makes him so wonderful is that his inspired cadences, conveyed by an unsurpassed poetic intensity, present us with an experience, a reality that is indubitable: "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as I am known."

If I were to be left with only one passage from St Paul it would be his magisterial justification of the Resurrection - the whole of 1 Corinthians 15. A sustained theological argument conducted in the highest reaches of poetic speech. It reminds me of Beethoven at his most passionate: "Behold I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed..."

I love St Paul. Thank God for him. I love his passion, his intelligence, his irascibility and his tenderness. Most of all I love him for the unmatched way in which he conveys his own love for Jesus Christ.