



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matthew Thomas,
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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 JUNE 1st Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

THIS WEEK: Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

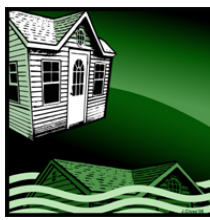
~ First Reading Dt 11:18. 26-28. 32

Psalm Ps 30:2-4. 17. 25. R. v.3

Lord, be my rock of safety.

Second Reading Rom 3:21-25, 28

Gospel Mt 7:21-27 Year A



NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY

First Reading Hos 6:3-6

Psalm Ps 49:1. 8. 12-15. R. v.23

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Second Reading Rom 4:18-25

Gospel Mt 9:9-13

Recent Deaths: Frank McGrath (Charlton)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sun 10.00a.m. Alex Pytel

Anniversaries: Michael Gehrig, Mary Leach,
Tricia Treacy & Edna Crosbie

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.

Thur: 9.30 a.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Commencing next Saturday June 7th morning Mass of a Saturday will be celebrated in the **Hillman Room** until further notice

We pray for the sick

Maureen Quaine, Kathleen Window-Delaney, Jo Brady (Nundaly), Cyril Wright (Adelaide) & Rosalind Devassy Parakkal (India).

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Amy Roccisano & Joseph Primarano,
Rita Panuccio & Tony Piscioneri

On their weddings in the Sacred Heart Church on Sat 31st May.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday 1st June we welcome into God's family, **Jorja-Anne Margrett, Alishia May & Isabelle Marion Hooper & Baedan Zacheriah Jayel Law** (Gum Bardi Mingela Woorawa -his tribal cultural name) into our Parish Community, who will be baptised after the 10.00a.m. Mass.

WELCOME AND THANKS

We welcome Bishop Peter Connors back to our parish this weekend and thank him for being present when the ladies of the Circolo Pensionati donated their knitted goods to St. Vincent de Paul for distribution to the pilgrims for the World Youth Day gatherings in Sydney in July. The scarves and beanies will be appreciated for their warmth as many functions will be held outdoors. Well done good and faithful ladies. May the Lord reward you for your kindness.

We also thank Bishop Peter for blessing the new extensions at Sacred Heart School on Friday – the Feast of the Sacred Heart, our patron. It is great to see the good work that has been done by so many, and to have that recognised by our Bishop and John Forrest MHR means so much to our school and parish communities. This is the first extension to the school in fifty years and augurs well for future works. Well done to all involved.

We also thank Bishop Peter for joining us and celebrating parish Masses this weekend, enabling Fr. Matthew to join in celebrations at his Alma Mater - St. Joseph's College Geelong. With no priest in Ouyen/Sea Lake this weekend Fr. Matthew will be celebrating their 6.00 p.m. Mass on Sunday on his way back home.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal

we thank everyone for their generosity donating goods and supporting this appeal, in these hard economic times. The **Winter Appeal** takes place from May to August and raises invaluable money for those living on the streets or men, women and families that find Winter a particularly stressful time. The loose change from the 2nd collection will go to this Appeal, as well monies in the special envelopes. Baskets are in the foyer for non-perishable goods. Blankets are also welcome.

Corpus Christi - A

A VOCATION VIEW: That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.



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

TUES – BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN PARENT MEETING

Sacred Heart Parish is facilitating an inquiry night for parents thinking of **BAPTISM** for their school aged children.

If you are interested in your child receiving the Sacrament of Baptism please attend the meeting: 5.00 **p.m.** in the Hillman Room.

Ph: 5021 2872.

- **BAPTISM TEAM MEETING** -7.30pm Hillman Room.

WED _ SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING- 6.30pm Fleming Rm.

THURS _ INFORMATION SESSION ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH

7.00pm in the Hillman Room
 For further info Phone 5021 2872.

MARK IN YOUR DIARIES:

St Joseph's Primary School, Red Cliffs invites families, friends, parishioners, past students & teachers to join them in celebrating 75 years of Catholic Education on Saturday, 7th and 8th June 2008.

-CATHOLIC WOMENS SOCIAL GROUP

Will hold a -3 Course *Luncheon & Crazy Whist Day*

Mon 16th June at St Josephs College

Stadium. Tickets \$15.00 Ph: 50230919 or 50230522.

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support –	\$1,791.00
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	\$ 577.53
Envelopes	\$1901.10
Loose Plate	\$ 596.10
Total Parish Support:	\$ 1,939.67

Brother, where art thou?

The De La Salle Brothers have launched an extraordinary new website. Becoming a Brother opens up a life of incredible adventure, exciting challenge, adversity and purpose, but it isn't the first lifestyle choice most people consider. *The De La Salle Brothers anticipate an influx of interest in faith and related vocations with World Youth Day around the corner and have launched a new website*

www.delasallebrothers.com. The website demonstrates the life and work of the Brothers through incredible stories and imagery and audio and video blogs.

Donations of Wool

The Circolo Pensionati ladies would like any spare wool you may have to continue knitting items for St Vincent de Paul. If you have any, your donations can be left at the Parish Office.

Prayer in time of Drought

Loving Lord
 Maker of all things
 And protector of your people,
 In your mercy come to our aid.
 Forgive our selfishness in life
 And our misuse of natural resources.
 Deliver us from this time of drought,
 Send us the rain we need,
 Strengthen our will,
 Give us courage to face the future.
 Teach us to seek your lasting help,
 So that on our journey through life,
 We are grateful for what we have,
 Use your gifts more wisely
 And become ready to assist others
 We ask this blessing through
 Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

WHERE FAITH AND JUSTICE MEET

World Youth Day is not only a title for a youth festival but a call to solidarity. With young people from around the world, it is an opportunity to think globally about social justice and the demands of human dignity. Further, it is a call to each of us to take action for justice. Caritas Australia, as the Catholic Church's agency for international aid and development, has tailored a weeklong program at Customs House, Circular Quay. As an agency committed to all of humanity, regardless of race, religion or political beliefs, Caritas has developed this program for all people with an interest in justice and a better world. We will also host a month-long exhibition at Customs House showing this can be achieved through the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - in *Blueprinting a Better World*.



WYD08 -Mission Pilgrim Hosts

Sacred Hear Parish, & Saint Joseph's College, is to be hosts.

Fr Sam, Salesian is a missionary priest, who spent many years in Southern Sudan during the height of

the civil wars.

He is parish priest at St. Peter's Church in the parish of Bedford in Perth and chaplain to the Sudanese community in W.A. and across Australia.

Fr. Sam has worked as a Mission educator for Catholic Mission for many years. The 60 pilgrims travelling to WYD08, 50 of which are refugees from the civil war in Southern Sudan, are from various parishes in the Archdiocese of Perth.

The pilgrims will be making stops in the parish of Norseman, Poochera in the Port Pirie Diocese, The Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, before reaching Sydney for WYD08.

On their return journey to Perth they will travel via Mildura, Poochera and Norseman.

More Blessed to Give than Receive.

The things we often complain about are really our greatest blessings: What is worse than being too busy? Having nothing to do.

What is more painful than having to give away something we own? Having nothing to give away. What is harder than being dragged out of bed to minister to someone in need? Being the person who is in bed and who needs someone to help him or her.

- Fr Ron Rolheiser,

YOUR CHURCH AT WORK MYANMAR/BURMA

In the Archdiocese of Yangon (Rangoon) there are approx. 85,000 Catholics out of a total population of 15 million. The archdiocese is made up of 47 parishes covering 400 villages and served by 90 priests. There are 41 students in St Joseph's major seminary and 80 in earlier stages of formation. There are nineteen active religious congregations, mainly women. Catholics are a minority of about 1% in the country; Catholic Mission supports them with subsidies to aid them as a young Catholic Community. Catholic Mission International last year alone gave \$1.47 million to Myanmar/Burma. There are many areas of work being carried out, like supporting seminarians with their studies, food and lodging. In the communities, Catholic Mission support many projects for example, training Catechists, building chapels and community centres with the local people. Catholic Mission is also the only Catholic organisation with global works specially dedicated to children. Currently Catholic Mission is subsidising 53 projects Specifically for Children like building schools, medicines, and formation. Now, with the devastation of the cyclone, their needs are far greater.

What is Caritas doing in Burmah?

Caritas Australia's partners are jointly managing relief activities and funds for the joint response to the Cyclone Nargis disaster.

Caritas Thailand has completed initial needs assessments of the affected communities on behalf of the international Caritas confederation.

Caritas Australia is supporting its partners to meet the immediate needs of affected communities through the distribution of food and water, and non food items such as temporary shelter materials, clothing, cooking utensils and medical assistance for 60,000 people.

Caritas will also focus on the medium to long term task of rehabilitation and rebuilding communities over the next 12- 18 months. Australia's Project Compassion Appeal has raised \$6,029.09 as of 27th May from Catholic communities in Australia.

Natalie's Journey to becoming a Catholic.

I recently became a Catholic and now, I am proud to say that I am a part of the Mildura Parish.

I became interested in the Catholic community when I attended St Joseph College. We attended church on a monthly basis and I became familiar with the Church and the responses to the Priest. All my friends were of an Italian and Catholic background and it helped me become more involved within their ceremonies of marriage, funerals and just mass itself.

It was always a "thing to do" to join the Catholic Church and I looked into it a few times before actually joining the RCIA program.

The support team and priests of the program are fantastic, welcoming a stranger into their parish and home to help teach and guide us towards god was overwhelming! I looked forward to our fortnight meetings and the topics we discussed. Each fortnight we discussed something different, from the beginning to the end! It was so interesting, coming from a Greek background and hadn't been baptised at all and not in a "religious" family, it was great to actually listen and understand what I was becoming.

The whole journey is an eye opener and just so involved! We were welcomed into the Catholic Community with open arms and went to all the different time Masses so everyone got to meet us. The six of us becoming Catholic became very close as we all had such a life changing experience in common.

Two of us were baptised Easter Saturday night which was amazing, the whole ceremony, the people, the candles, the special outfits were fantastic! A lot of people hadn't witnessed an adult being baptised and found it very interesting. Lisa and I stepped into the pond together to have the water poured over our heads as everyone was intrigued! We received our first communion and celebrated in the Hillman room afterwards. Everyone was so proud and happy to meet us; they could see the glow as we stepped out of the pond.

The whole journey for me was a major event in my life that I will never forget. I think all of the candidates can say that we felt and still feel special to now be Catholics. I look forward to going to church now and receiving communion and learning something new every time I go. I urge anyone that thinks of becoming a Catholic to go to the enquiry sessions and see what they think. It's one step closer to feeling complete!

GOSPEL REFLECTION – Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we return to Ordinary Time. We also return to the Gospel of Matthew for most of the remaining Sundays of the year. If you have not yet taken an hour or two to read the Gospel of Matthew from beginning to end, this might be a good time to do so. Too often, we take the Sunday gospel passage out of its context and therefore miss much of its power as sacred story.

The selection for today leads into the conclusion to the discourse generally known as the Sermon on the Mount. It falls naturally into two sections and both are about personal integrity. The first part is about the insincerity of those who say the right things and do good deeds without concern for the will of God. They only appear to speak and act in the name of Jesus and in the interests of the gospel. They will be rejected at the final judgment ('on that day') and told that they are in fact practitioners of lawlessness (usually translated 'evildoers') or breakers of the law. This is a sobering word for those of us who have, through baptism, publicly professed our commitment to a gospel way of life. It reminds us to be who we are.

An architectural parable follows these sayings. It contrasts two kinds of builders, a wise one who builds a house on rock and a foolish one who builds a house on sand. Wisdom lies in hearing the teaching of Jesus and acting upon it. Those who follow this path have built a firm foundation for their faith life and can sustain whatever adversity comes their way. Foolishness lies in hearing the word and failing to act. Those who choose this path can expect a mighty fall. Just as the people of Israel were to hear and obey the Law given to them on Mt Sinai (Exodus 19:8; 24:7), so are the disciples to hear and obey the word offered them by Jesus.

House or household is a frequent theme in Matthew's gospel. Jesus is born in a house and the wise ones from the East enter the house to pay him homage (2:11). The house is the locus of healing (8:14; 9:23), and teaching (9:10-13). Households can be imaged as gospel treasuries (13:52). In Matthew's time, groups of disciples gathered in houses to reflect on the words of Jesus and to break the bread of Eucharist. Ordinary Time in company with Matthew's community offers us an opportunity to check again the gospel foundations of our homes or gathering places and to make of them treasuries of grace. -Veronica Lawson RSM

Young Adults Take Action on Social Justice Issues

Take action on social justice issues with Caritas Australia - sign up for the Just Want Justice monthly E-newsletter by emailing your name to:

justwantjustice@caritas.org.au

and putting 'subscribe' in the subject line.

A group of young Australians went to Uganda and brought back stories of death-defying road rules,

child soldiers and the beauty of the Nile. Their 2 week trip to the troubled African country saw them visit sites of great despair, and also of great hope, as they explored the aid and development work of Caritas Australia. The group of 7 students from Notre Dame University, WA explored crucial issues during the trip, including internally displaced people, food security, sustainable agriculture and water supply. The group also talked to people who had been child soldiers and had since participated in a program funded by Caritas Australia, which helps to rehabilitate and reunite them with their community.

FAIRTRADE – Making a difference one cup at a time.

Trade can be a powerful engine for poverty reduction. But rigged trade rules and double standards mean trade often traps poor people in poverty.

Oxfam works with organizations around the world to shift global trade rules so they work to help raise poor people in the developing world out of poverty. Over the last decade there has been a dramatic drop in the price paid to farmers for their coffee, receiving only 3cents for every \$3 coffee sold. The loss of income for families reliant on the sale of coffee beans for their livelihoods has meant that many have not had enough to eat, haven't been able to send their children to school or afford basics health care. Fair trade has changed this by ensuring farmers always receive a fair price for their coffee.

Fair Trade campaigns:

- To stop rich countries dumping subsidised farm products in the developing world that ruin the livelihoods of local farmers
- To stop rich countries from forcing developing countries to prematurely open their economies to agricultural imports
- To improve the price paid to small farmers for their coffee
- To improve fairness and employment opportunities in poor countries through opening up of markets in the developed world (for example the textile market)
- To ensure that bilateral trade agreements between rich countries such as Australia and poorer countries do not undermine development and livelihoods in the latter
- For companies and governments to respect women's workplace rights in the developing world.

You can make a difference by asking your supermarket for Fairtrade coffee or by purchasing coffee from Organics on Eleventh - 200 11th Street Mildura.

Our Lady's Apparitions Evening.

Thankyou to Fr Tom for allowing Tony Murnane to come to speak about Our Lady's Apparitions. Also to Cornelia Conway-Weel Principal of St Paul's State School, for the venue and supplying supper afterwards. The evening was enjoyed by all that attended.

God bless you. Monica & Mary.

This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	C Ellis	J O'Donnell	C Carmichael	A Englefield
Eucharistic Ministers	J Hall A Thumma M Joseph P Kelleher M & J McDonald M Roper	M Mazza A Vartuli N Zudetich S Foster S Visona	M Grivec F Caldarelli C Carmichael R & R Op't Hoog E Mazza G Raiti	M Zema J Zema S Walker J Ribarits J Rocca
<u>NEXT WEEK:</u> Music	M Hammond M Schmidt L Crouch		M Sullivan B Lewis J O' Bryan Talia Fainga' Anuku	N Armsden K Loison J Ljubic All welcome
Counting Team Next Week	1 st June Team 4: Kevin Schultz 8 th June Team 5: Jim Farrelly	50238778 50215646		

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