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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 22nd JUNE 2008: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

THIS WEEK Twelfth Sunday 22nd June

First Reading **Jer 20:10-13**

Psalms **Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v.14**

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading **Rom 5:12-15**

Gospel **Mt 10:26-33**



NEXT WEEK Thirteenth Sunday –St Peter & Paul

First Reading **Acts 12:1-11**

Psalms **Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5**

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Second Reading **2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18**

Gospel **Mt 16:13-19**

Recent Deaths: Gregory Davine (Melb) -Father of Barbara Bunting, Nathan Mangianelli (Woorinen).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Frs. Peter Cross & Michael Doyle, Kathy Fenton, Mary Hall, Sr. Mary Giovanni rsm.

Sat 6pm: Maria & Frank Dimasi

Sun 8.00am: Kathy Fenton (12 Mths)

Tues 7.00pm: Maria Matulin.

Wed 9.10am: Paul Sheahan & Margaret Massey.

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 12th St ~10.30a.m.

Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Times -

Tues: 7.00p.m.

Wed: 9.10a.m.

Thur: 9.30a.m.

Fri: Day of Prayer & Fasting 5.40p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

We pray for the sick

Roslyn Mangianeli, Bob Pemberton, Daniel Roden, Joy Englefield, Maureen Quaine, Kathleen Window-Delaney, Jo Brady (Nandaly), Cyril Wright (Adelaide), Rosalind Devassy Parakkal (India) & Glen Levey.

CLERGY NEWS

Fr. Matthew Thomas will be away this week.

He is accompanying St Joseph's Year 12's to Anglesea, We pray for a safe journey & hope he manages to get some sleep.

A Clergy in service is being held in Ballarat this week. Due to Fr Matt being away Fr Tom will not be attending.

St Vincent de Paul

[Volunteers – extraordinary people](#)

Do you want to make a difference but don't know how to?

Volunteering is a great way to become more involved in your community, meet new people and help locals in need. St Vincent de Paul's volunteers are a valued division of our team and help thousands of people in need each year. Volunteers come from all walks of life. You can make a difference.

Are you willing to help?

Volunteers are currently required to help at the Response Centre, answering phones & serving customers. If you have some spare time please contact the Office Ph: 50212872.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Friday 27th June.

For the protection of life from conception to natural death.

This time of prayer & fasting is being offered on account of legislation before the Victorian Parliament at present re abortion & euthanasia..

Please remember those who cannot speak for themselves and the parliamentarians who are fond of drawing up legislation that will affect the lives of all.

The day will commence at 9.00a.m. & conclude with the 5.40p.m. Mass.

The church will be open for silent prayer & devotions around the Blessed Sacrament.

Catholic? Been away?

The Catholic Bishops of Australia want to welcome back people who have drifted away from the life of the Church for whatever reason or who have never really been part of it.



The Church is God's family and, like any family, has its differences. Sometimes people are hurt by other family members. We ask your forgiveness if you have been hurt in some way through the Church. Sometimes people can leave home just through the pressures of the world. We want you to know that, if you have been away, you are still called by God to the fullness of life, and to live that life in the community of the Church, where Christ with his life-giving Word and his Sacraments of salvation are available.

Why not join us again? We need each other. We need your help in carrying on the mission of Jesus. Only with you, can we be all that Jesus calls us to be as his Church. You have a God-given gift which you alone can bring to the Church. We need that gift.

Why not join us again? We all need God. The Church is not a palace for saints but a hospital for sinners. We all crave the healing Jesus offers. We can find it in the Church. Alone we can never solve our own problems or find our way. We need help. We need one another. We need God.

So wherever you are on your journey...come and celebrate with us.

How to connect? Simply come to Mass, talk to a priest contact **1300 4 FAITH – 1300 432 484** or visit www.evangeliseaustralia.com.au



Archbishop Phillip Wilson on behalf of all the bishops of Australia

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008

It is great to announce that we have 26 pilgrims from this parish and they join another 10 pilgrims from the Sunraysia Region. We have two masses coming up and ask that you come and support the pilgrims. Sunday 29th June at 5pm, at this mass the pilgrims would be commissioned and publicly acknowledged at the end of the masses on this weekend there will be a leaving collection to assist the pilgrims cover costs. If you would like to make a donation please come into the parish office.

Sunday 13th July, the night before the pilgrims depart there will be a mass at 5pm for all the Sunraysia Pilgrims.

Please attend both of these masses and show your support to the pilgrims.

World Youth Day can be a moment of grace for the Church and for Australia if all Catholics became aware of the power of their faith, as they prepare to reach out to share it with others.

TRAFFIC ALERT

Parishioners & visitors are advised that **PARKING, DROPPING OFF or PICKING UP** passengers is **prohibited** in front of the Church as this is lane adjacent to the kerb is a continuous traffic lane.. Parking is available further along 11st in front of the presbytery / College oval & in the car park at the back of the Church.

Parish Activities for the Week

- **CENTRAL WALNUTS BCC – Sun 22nd June.**
Will meet at Alan Chalkley's home 233 Walnut Ave at 12.30pm. Please bring eats & drinks.
Everyone welcome.
- **SANT' ANTONIO MEETING – Tues 7.30pm.**
In the Fleming Room.
- **MEET & GREET Wed 25th 9am** St Paul's Primary School "Enrichment Program" -Helen Stagg.
- **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION Wed 25th 7.30** in the Hillman Room.
- **PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP –Wed 25th.**
Are having a home Mass with our founder, Fr Peter Mc Grath at the home of Denise & Gerry Lavery on Wednesday 25th June at 6.00pm. Followed by a casserole dinner. Please bring a casserole to share.
BYO drinks.
- **RCIA Enquiry Evening – Thurs 7.30pm.**
Hillman Room.

MARK IN YOUR DIARIES

➤ **First Eucharist**

First Eucharist will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Parish in 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 16th or 17th July in Sacred Heart Church. At least one parent must attend this meeting to be part of the programme. For further information, contact the parish office on 5021 2872.

➤ **ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments for 2009 are now being taken by St Paul's Primary & Sacred Heart Primary Schools. If you want to enrol your child into the Prep Year for 2009, please call to make an appointment time for the interviews which will take place in the first 2 weeks of term 3.

This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	Sr Pat	P Sandell	J O'Bryan	L Ward
Eucharistic Ministers	A Thumma M Joseph P Kelleher M & J McDonald M Roper S Tisler	G Scopacasa M Scopacasa B Dolence M Flinn Sr Grace Rodgers	L De Iesi M Haynes U Williams P & S Opie N Lewis N Pardo	S Walker J Ribarits J Rocca J Macri
<u>NEXT WEEK:</u> Music	M Hammond M Schmidt L Crouch		Pacific Islanders	Youth Group
Counting Team Next Week	22 nd June Team 7: Alan Chalkley	5022 1746		
	29 th June Team 8: Trevor Aust	5023 6597		

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world next weekend. I am aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention and wholehearted response. Many times in the past it has been known as "Peter's Pence", but it should now be promoted under the title of "Annual Collection for the Pope". Of course this does not mean that the money is for the Pope personally, but it is required to meet the recurrent expenditure of the Apostolic See and the many new organizations which have had to be established to carry out the recommendations of the Second Vatican Council and to internationalize the consultative procedures of the Church. The Finance Committee of the Diocese has been required to make available from the general funds of the Diocese for the Collection for the Pope, the amount of the shortfall from the parish collections to meet the set amount of contribution expected from the Diocese. It is a cause for disquiet that there are some parishes in the Diocese where this collection seems not to have been taken up. It would seem to be reasonable and equitable for such parishes to be levied. In commending the 2008 Appeal to you and to your parishioners, I ask that there be a request for a realistic response to the Annual Collection. The opportunity to participate in this worldwide collection for the pastoral concerns of the Holy Father should be given in every parish of the Diocese. With every best wish.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Ballarat



Finance- Last Week's Collections

1 st Collection	\$ 1,175.00
Planned Giving	\$ 2,478.60
Loose Plate	\$ 389.10

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Discussion Notes:

Request for day of prayer and adoration.

Traffic hazard in 11th street discussed.

Faith development – some mothers from St Paul's are starting an activity group for younger children each month before the Youth Mass.

WYD-Fr Matthew

Paving prices being obtained.

Audio Visual no decision yet.

Parish Brochure has been completed, ready for printing and distributing.

Gospel Reflection- (Matthew 10:26-33)

Many of those who once looked through the barbed-wire fences at the Woomera Detention Centre carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*. Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia and now enjoys permanent residency and the freedom to make and market rugs in his own little shop in suburban Melbourne.

Some of the first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras, in that they were persecuted simply on account of who they were vis à vis the dominant cultural or political powers. They had every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as did Jesus and his followers. The scene at Gethsemane suggests that Jesus himself experienced deep fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples not to fear those who kill the body.

How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najaf: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God and the witness of his courage would remain, in stark contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who can only kill the body.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent out on mission. They are to proclaim in the marketplace or from the 'housetops' the gospel they have received in the security of the household. They can expect rejection and humiliation. They are not to be deterred from their mission. Above all, they are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all God's creatures, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, Jesus will 'acknowledge' them before God 'in heaven'. Trust in the author and sustainer of life is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire. Trust in God does not take away the pain. Rather, it puts the inevitable suffering of the disciple on mission into the broader perspective of life in its fullest expression. -Veronica Lawson RSM

➤ **CATHOLIC WOMENS SOCIAL GROUP.**

Thank all the Members who helped with the Lunch & Crazy Whist day.

Many thanks to those ladies who came along & supported us. Hope you all enjoyed the day.

Kath Girke (Pes.)

'WELCOME'

Catholics who are in the pews will receive a pastoral letter from the Bishops, encouraging them to make their parish **a place of true welcome** for people who do respond to the invitation to return.'

What Attracts People to the Catholic Church?

A recent Catholic spoke that one of the things that drew him to the Church was one day seeing Catholics at Mass in a chapel. He saw them all genuflect at the same time. He felt they had something he knew he did not have. Could a simple invitation lead someone to discover the Catholic faith?

Making abortion legal?

A PASTORAL LETTER OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

5. Mercy and forgiveness

Pope Benedict XVI recently encouraged women who have had an abortion to find hope, forgiveness and healing in the mercy of God.¹¹ In doing so, the Pope recalled the beautiful words of John Paul II¹²:

"I would like to say a special word, to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give into discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourself over with humility and trust to repentance.

The Father of Mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whereby accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life."

6. The Menace of Eugenics

Striving to breed a perfect human race is known as Eugenics. Modern pre-natal technology shows human life in the womb in vivid detail. Myths that the unborn is just "a mass of cells" or "part of a woman's body" collapse when we actually see human life in the womb. While this technology can be put to therapeutic use, it can also be misused, to seek out imperfect human beings and then destroy them before birth, even in the last phases of pregnancy. This is Eugenics in action.

How grossly unfair it is to impose a death sentence on an innocent human being just for the "crime" of being imperfect physically or mentally.

7. Meeting the Challenge of Abortion

The challenge to all Victorians in 2008 is to respond to abortion with laws and policies that:

- (a) maintain that abortion is a crime, hence wrong, socially unacceptable;
- (b) restrict and rein in provisions for the killing of the unborn;
- (c) reflect the need to support women in a predicament of unplanned or difficult pregnancy so that in being loved they may respond with love towards the child they carry.

Therefore – **We call on all who are concerned to write now to their Members of Parliament, clearly expressing their views against decriminalisation.**

- **We call on all Members of Parliament to listen calmly and rationally to the voice of conscience, to weigh carefully the harm involved in this legislation.**
- **We call upon all men and women of good will to reject abortion and choose life.**

Signed

- + **Denis J. Hart**, Archbishop of Melbourne
- + **Christopher C. Prowse**, Auxiliary Bishop, Melbourne
- + **Peter J. Connors**, Bishop of Ballarat
- + **Peter J. Elliott**, Auxiliary Bishop, Melbourne
- + **Joseph A. Grech**, Bishop of Sandhurst
- + **Timothy J. Costelloe**, Auxiliary Bishop, Melbourne
- + **Very Reverend Fr Peter Slater**, Administrator, Diocese of Sale

The full version of this letter can be found at <http://www.cam.org.au/abortion/making-abortion-legal-9.html>