



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:
 Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matt 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 NOV 2nd 2008: ALL SOULS - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

THIS WEEK: All Souls Day

First Reading Is 25:6-9
 Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1. Alt. R v.13
 Second Reading Rom 5:5-11
 Gospel Mt 11:25-30 or Mk 15:33-39; 16:1-6
 or Lk 7:11-17

NEXT WEEK: Dedication of St John Lateran.

First Reading Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
 Psalm Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5
 The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.
 Second Reading 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17
 Gospel Jn 2:13-22

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Les Dean.

Anniversaries: Ivan Forbes, George Vidovich.

Sat 6.00p.m.: Bonifacio, Pening, Sabina & Oscar Dicen, Allan Johnson, Tony Marciano Herbert Curran, Natalie Seraphina, Romano & Natalie Maria Caia, Antonio Scullino & relatives of Giulia Scullino.

Tues 9.00a.m.: Leo Camarotto, Joe & Agnes Sabolich.

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 -20 Beasy Crt-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: Melb. Cup - please note change 9.00a.m.

Wed: 9.15a.m.

Thurs: 9.30 a.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

We pray for the sick

Jean Smith (Murray House, W^o worth) Peter Jones (Melb), Peter Adair, Dan O'Brien (USA), Val Rosenhart, Les Smith, Leo Couch (Nullawarre) & June Harper.

We congratulate **Geoff Sutton & Gemma Sneddon** on their marriage this Saturday 1st November.

Baptism

This Sunday we welcome into God's family, and into our Parish Community

Violet Nicholls, Bella Hensgen, Niamh Doody & Mia Woodburn who will be baptised after the 6.00p.m. Mass.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MELBOURNE CUP DAY Tues 4th.

November Remembrance Month

November is the month of the year when we remember those of our family and friends circle of friends, parishioners & the souls in Purgatory who have died.

We have a memorial book which is located beside the Sanctuary Area.

At each entrance to the church are clipboards and I invite you all to write the names of your family and friends who have died on the sheets provided.

At each mass we will acknowledge the names of these people in our memorial book.

Mass will be celebrated at the cemeteries on the following dates:

Murray Pines Cemetery –

Monday 10th November - 7.00 p.m.

Nichols Point Cemetery –

Monday 17th November 7.00 p.m.

Dopo la Sante Messa ce il Rosario in Italiano per tutti i morte tutti . Benvenuti al cimitero.

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.

VOCATION VIEW:

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – A "Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice.

WHAT'S COMING UP

RCIA GATHERING Thurs 6th Nov

7.00pm Hillman Rm. Topic: Priesthood - Fr Matt and Anointing the sick-Fr Frank.

OAKS DAY LUNCHEON

The Catholic Social Ladies Group are holding their Annual Luncheon –

This Thurs 6th November

Cost \$15 includes a 2 Course Lunch

Lucky door prize, Raffles, Sweeps & Afternoon tea, plus

FASHIONS ON THE FEILD

12 noon - at St Joseph's Stadium. For Tickets

Ph: Kath Girke 50230919 / Pat Astbury 50221135

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the main altar will take place. **Friday 7th November**, this will be from 12.00 noon until 4.45 p.m. and shall be a time of quiet prayer.

There will be a trial period for the next three months to see if it is answering the needs of the parish. It will be a chance for private prayer and reflection. For this devotion to be a success we need to have parishioners who will be prepared to spend time in the church e.g., 30 minutes or an hour.

We need to do this so the Blessed Sacrament is always attended and not left alone. Parishioners will need a break and security is maintained. There must be at least four parishioners in attendance at all times.

We are still looking for more volunteers, if you would like this devotion to be available please sign your name on the roster to be found at the central porch of the church.

If there is a funeral or a wedding rehearsal on the Friday, the devotion will be shortened or cancelled.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Will gather for breakfast at the Mildura Workmans Club on Sunday 16th November at 9.30am. Please notify intention to attend Ph: 50211918.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On Sunday November 23rd we shall celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. As we have done in the past on this day, we recognise the universality of the Church and our community by acknowledging the different nationalities, cultures and traditions of our parishioners during the 10.00 a.m. Mass. To prepare the liturgy for the day and the post-Mass gathering in the church grounds, we would like those who are interested in participating to attend a meeting on Thursday 13th November at 7.00 p.m. in the Hillman Room. With over thirty nationalities in the parish we would like them all to be acknowledged. More details will be given after the meeting. In the meantime you might spread the word and find those flags, symbols, national dress, etc that will make our celebrations vibrant and colourful. All are asked to bring along some food to share after the Mass, so there can be a real picnic atmosphere in the church gardens.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

How long Lord....how long.

How long until the parched earth receives a soaking of rain.

How long do the tiny shoots of wheat that promised so much hope have to wait before they can drink in the life giving water?

How long Lord How long?

Lord as we wake in the morning we hear the sounds of your creation, through the noise of the birds and the sound of the wind in the trees. Lord we thank you for your creation and recognise ourselves not as owners of your land but as caretakers assigned to look after this place at this time.

God we also hear the sounds of the trucks as the rumble along the dirt roads and we are aware that they will not be carrying our grain produce this year. We also hear the trucks as they come to take away our livestock that is not finished and fattened like we had hoped.

Lord we smell the dryness of the crops and also the change in the air as a weather change comes through that lifts our spirits but then lowers them again as it is a dry change a false hope. How long Lord....how long?

How long must we feel the despair of dying crops and disappearing fodder. How long must we feel the arms of our spouse give us the knowing hug that says "lets hang on together - again". How long do we have to feel the pressure from the banks as debts levels rise and accrued interest continues to climb regardless of it raining or not.

How long Lord....how long?

How long loving God have you continued to reach out to your people and wrap them in your arms?

How long will you continue to reach out to us and hold us in the palm of your hand?

How long will you continue to call us your people?

Despite all of this we find ourselves standing with the psalmist and saying "I trust in your unfailing love, my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord for he has been good to me.

Amen (Psalm 13)

TO RENT- St Vincent De Paul Homes Mildura

The Committee of Management wishes to announce that a 2 bedroom Unit available for rent.

The Unit is one of fourteen in our Homes in Le Amon Ave; this unit is for a couple.

The Homes are designed for people in receipt of an Aged or Disability Pension, with rent charged as a percentage of income. For further particulars contact: Brian Bleaser on 50211828.

"Triple R Weekend in the Grampians

This is an invitation to all young adults to enjoy a great weekend in the Grampians.

Take some time out from the usual busyness to REST, REFLECT and RELAX: rekindle the enthusiasm of WYD...

catch your breath after a busy year... think about the future...get your life back on track...slow down before Christmas rush.. meet other young people interested in nurturing their spirituality..commune with God's creation..November 21-23,2008. Help available with transport and finances where needed.

Open to Young single adults , 18 to 35 years.

Enquires: macyac@sosj.org.au

Rita Malavisi RSJ 9300 3243 Mobile 0419 299 065

Mary Ryan RSJ 9882 9871 Mobile 0409 023 331

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Evelyn Hickey on celebrating a most significant birthday this weekend.

LOST:

A pair of Red Prescription Sunglasses left in Church anyone knowing anything please contact the Office.

Gospel Reflection- All the Faithful Departed Year A (Matthew 11:25-30)

The Feast of All Souls (November 2) has traditionally been a fairly sombre feast in the liturgical calendar, a time to remember those who have died, especially the members of our family and those close to us. It follows immediately on the Feast of All Saints (November 1). There is a close overlap between these two feasts that fall on successive days. Over these two days, we celebrate the mystery of the communion of saints: the saints *through whom* we pray to God, the saints *for whom* we pray, and the

'saints' or God's 'holy' people *with whom* we gather to pray. The saints are not only those who are 'canonised' as saints. They are rather those who have heard God's gracious offer to 'share in the inheritance of the saints in light' (Colossians 1:12). All Souls Day was first celebrated by monks in the seventh century, on the day after Pentecost. Since the 10th century, it has been observed on November 2. Prayer for the dead is grounded in a deep conviction that a purifying process accompanies the experience of death. Some suggest that at death we face the personal limitations we have not faced in life. Who knows? It remains in the realm of mystery.

Matthew 11:25-30 may seem a strange choice of gospel text for this celebration. It focuses on the living rather than the dead. Jesus calls to himself those who are weary or carrying heavy burdens. These terms can be understood both literally and metaphorically. The ambiguity is possibly intended. Jesus promises 'rest' to the burdened. In the biblical tradition, rest is God's rest or 'shabbat'. In the context of today's feast, God's 'rest' becomes never-ending rest in God's presence, freedom from enslavement or suffering of any kind. This unfailing 'rest' beyond the grave is promised to those who learn from Jesus, in other words those who truly live as disciples. In the final analysis, All Souls Day is as much for the living as for those who have gone before us.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

A Prayer For The Dead

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.
Amen.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteers are required to help our gardeners by occasionally mowing the lawns. If you can help out please contact the Office during office hours.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our Candle Holder stand was broken into last weekend and monies taken. We ask all parishioners to be vigilant and alert and to report any suspicious activities in & around the Church to the Priests or to the Office.

REFLECTION

Walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms. You will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

Living Through Loss Written by Margot B.

Usually words can't comfort the grieving. Just being there in silence or listening is comforting.

Nothing can change what has happened but being with the bereaved is the best we can do. The bereaved need companions who will truly listen and perhaps do some of the small, everyday things that need doing—mowing the lawn, changing the oil in the car, preparing a meal—any number of things.

Grieving is normal and unavoidable—it is a part of life, and it takes time. We don't get over it; we get through it. Going through grief is a series of stages: shock, denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and then acceptance, which is the first step. You must come to terms with your loss and accept that it is real and permanent.

The loss of a job, home, health, all require a significant amount of time to work through. There is no time frame. We can't control the process and this makes us feel vulnerable and sensitive to outside stimuli.

It needs to take its natural course because if we try to deny our grief and keep our emotions bottled up inside, this can lead to chronic depression or physical illness. Recent research indicates that some kind of ceremonial farewell is helpful in aiding the bereaved to adjust to the death of someone close. We must acknowledge publicly and formally that something significant has happened or we may find more difficulty in the grieving process.

During the grieving process, it's normal to cry, lose your appetite, and withdraw socially. Eventually instead of living moment-to-moment with our deep feeling of sadness, we will experience these feelings intermittently.

Then we can think about getting back to work, resuming our social life, doing our routine daily tasks again, such as cleaning house, paying the bills, caring for the children—even if we sometimes have to ask for help from a friend or relative.

It's a good idea to keep a journal of one's thoughts and feelings, or write letters to the one who has died, or write a story of your memories, or write poetry. Grief can be expressed through painting or sculpture, or by participating in whatever you are proficient in doing. Perhaps sewing or woodworking; perhaps starting a project that will help others.

Spend time outdoors in a park or at the seashore. Being in touch with nature can be both healing and restorative.

It's important to retain our friendships because feelings of alienation and abandonment are part of the grieving process. The best method of fighting these feelings is to look for others to console.

The person who has gone through the loss of a loved one is uniquely qualified and best able to understand others going through the same pain. Spending time with people who have undergone a similar loss can be very therapeutic. You discover how natural your emotions are that you go through during the grieving process. You can receive moral support and learn from the experiences and the ideas of others.

Taking care of your health is an important part of getting through your loss. Avoid becoming overly tired, get enough rest and sleep, eat nutritious meals, find support, hope and comfort from something

you have faith in or are interested in, and life will be better.

Avoid making major decisions and changes in your life, as routine and familiarity with your surroundings give you a feeling of stability and permanence when you feel in chaos.

The scriptures state: A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance. The time of weeping and mourning will be over. When we are able to form new relationships, perhaps love again, we are on the road to recovery.

You can pick up the pieces and go on, the wound heals but the scar remains.

Quote

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." **Mother Teresa**

MASS COUNT

There will be a Mass Count over the next 3 weeks for the Diocesan Statistics records.

Prayer

What is the essence of prayer? "The essential act of prayer is to stand unprotected before God. And what will God do? God will take possession of me. For God to do this is the whole purpose of life."

- Sr Wendy Mary Beckett

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1st Collection) \$ 1429.00

Envelopes (2nd Collection) \$ 2235.40

Loose Plate \$ 467.50

WYD Pilgrims Weekend for Pilgrims to catch up and Reflection at Camp Acacia Halls Gap from Friday November 28th to Sunday November 30th. The camp is sponsored by the diocese, no cost to Pilgrims. There are 100 places available. To book contact Stacey Atkins on 53377172 or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au the Parish will help with travel etc. I haven't heard from any pilgrims yet!!

This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	J Ditchfield	R Collins	M Haynes	B Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers	K & S Girke L Roden J & H De Jong M Capogreco L Gooch	T Panuccio D Brown P O'Donnell F Carbone B Weightman	R & R Op't Hoog E Mazza G Raiti F & T Chiavone S Op't Hoog	Mary Joseph M Joseph J Macri A – M Dimasi M Conté

NEXT WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
MUSIC	M Sullivan J Macri A Treloar		N Armsden Filipino Choir	M. Hammond J Ljubic K Loison
RCIA DISMISSAL LEADER				T Finn
COUNTING TEAM	Team 7 Captain Alan Chalkley	50221746		

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Prayer in Sorrow

God of all consolation,
in your unending love and mercy for us,
you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.

Show compassion to your people in sorrow.
Be our refuge and our strength to lift us
from the darkness of this grief
to peace and joy in your presence.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord Amen.