



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matt 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 NOVEMBER 9TH 2008: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31
 Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
 Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6
 Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5
 Gospel Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15.19-21

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Sun 10.00 a.m. Margherita Chiavone, Nola
 May Howison, Amelia Rebok.
 Sun 5.00 p.m. Guiseppa De Maria

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: Remembrance Day 7.00p.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^oworth) Peter Jones (Melb),
 Peter Adair, Dan O'Brien (USA), Val Rosenhart, Les Smith,
 Leo Couch (Nullawarre) & June Harper.

November Masses

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.

*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.

*Catholic Womens Social Group

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.

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!!

"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@sojs.org.au
 Rita Malavisi RSJ 9300 3243 Mobile 0419 299 065
 Mary Ryan RSJ 9882 9871 Mobile 0409 023 331
Meeting 2.00pm Tuesday 11th Nov in Hillman room

MASS COUNT

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

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1st Collection) \$ 1670.00

Envelopes (2nd Collection) \$ 2206.20
Loose Plate \$ 560.35

Planned Giving Envelopes

PLEASE COLLECT THESE TODAY FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. You will note the new envelopes, (which are hopefully stronger) are for the 2nd collection only -this collection covers all Parish expenses. All monies given in the First Collection - the Presbytery collection is for our Clergy and the needs of the Presbytery.

PAVING

The paving has started. Please be aware for safety reasons to enter the Church from Eleventh Street you must use the foyer entrance and from the car park enter via the two side doors. The paving will take about four weeks to complete. Please do not climb over the orange barriers; they are in place for your safety.

Lateran Basilica

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic Church because it contains the *Cathedra Romana*, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.

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.
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Bless and keep you forever.

THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 PM M. Wellington
8.00 AM T. Fainigaanuka
10.00 AM M Speed
5.00 PM B Chaplin

MUSIC

6.00 PM M. Sullivan, J Macri. A Treloar
10.00 AM N Armsden, Filipino Choir
5.00 PM M. Hammond, J Ljubic,

RCIA Dismissal

5PM T Finn

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

6.00 PM

K. Burns
A-M Greville
M. Sheahan
M. Meredith

J. Hall
P. Kelleher
M. McDonald

8.00AM

G. Scopacasa
M. Scopacasa
B. Dolence
M. Flinn
Sr. Grace
Rogers

10.00 AM

E. Opie
A. Chalkley
P. Kerr
B. Bunting
C. Maugeri
C McErvale
L. Rowe

5.00 PM

W. Finn
T. Finn
P. Cox
M. Ransome
F. Virgona

Next Weekend

MUSIC

6.00 PM M Hammond, L Crouch
10.00 AM Pacific Islanders
5.00 AM N Armsden

RCIA

10.00 AM D Pemberton

COUNTING TEAM

Team 8 Captain TREVOR AUST
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Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Fr. Tom Brophy 50212872,
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Sr. Rosemary Graham 50231841,
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Jean Rocca 50237561,
Brian Grogan 50212099,
Chris Slattery 5022 0565
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REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

While most people would probably nominate St Peter's at the Vatican as the centre of Catholicism, historically and officially that honour belongs to the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of the Pope as Bishop of Rome. The Lateran Basilica goes back to the gift of the site for a church made by Constantine, the first Christian emperor, in the early fourth century. It was the first truly monumental church building that Christians were able to erect after the centuries of persecution. For over a thousand years, as the seat of the papacy, the Lateran Basilica was the centre of the Western Church.

Nonetheless, despite its historical importance, believers today might wonder why they are being asked to celebrate the feast of the dedication of this church.

To this it can be said that because of the central position of the Lateran as cathedral church of the one who, as Bishop of Rome, is universal Pastor, there is a sense in which it is a church for all the faithful. Beyond that, in celebrating the feast of this central church, believers are celebrating their own local church, whether it be a glorious and monumental building in its own right or a far humbler and perhaps provisional place of worship. More radically still – and this is what the scriptural readings will especially bring out – believers are celebrating today the church that is made up not of bricks and mortar but of themselves as 'living stones', the 'temples' (local faith communities) God has built in every place to dwell among humankind. Every local community can in a true sense make this feast their own.

The scriptural offerings begin with a first reading taken from a (somewhat truncated) excerpt from Ezekiel's vision of the renewed Temple in Jerusalem (47:1-2, 8-9, 12). Because the presence of the Lord has returned to the Temple (following the return of Israel itself from exile), the waters flowing from the Temple have become life-giving in the spectacular way described – even the Dead Sea is seen as being made to teem with fish when the waters enter it. The vision has entered Christian imagination as a powerful symbol of the life (grace) that flows to human beings through God's presence in the Temple of the Church.

In the **second reading**, 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17, St Paul moves from speaking of the Christian community at Corinth in terms of a 'plantation' to that of a 'building', and finally a 'holy building' or temple, in which God's Spirit dwells. Christian ministers, such as himself and his co-workers, are the builders who are bringing this holy building to completion. The essential foundation that Paul has laid is Christ. As is necessary for the success of any building operation, all subsequent builders must ensure that their work is rightly aligned upon the foundation. The image of the community as a holy building or temple was something early Christianity derived from Judaism. It communicates the sense that even when absent from a physical place of worship the gathered community is already itself a holy building (temple) in which the Lord is present. The physical building is the outward, local, visible

expression of the Christian conviction that it is God's delight to dwell among human beings – a presence made vastly more accessible through the Incarnation of the Son, extended to all times and places through the sacramental life of the Church.

The **Gospel**, John 2:13-22, adds a Christological crown to this rich scriptural offering. In John's account, Jesus' 'cleansing' of the Temple in Jerusalem is very radical. By driving out the animals and money changers he is really overthrowing the whole system of Temple worship based upon animal sacrifices that had existed hitherto. 'Zeal for (his) Father's house consumes' him in that his whole life and teaching is one great campaign to disclose and make effective the presence of God on a vastly wider scale than in the confines of the material Temple. His 'zeal' or passion for this mission will 'consume' him in the sense of bringing him to his death. However, as his disciples subsequently realise, his own body will become the new place of God's presence, the 'Temple' which, through rising from the dead, he will build 'in three days'. Believers need not mourn the loss of the Temple in Jerusalem (destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE). They live within the new 'Temple' constituted by the body of their risen Lord.

Believers today celebrate the dedication of material sacred buildings – the Lateran and their own church. They should do so conscious of the rich sense in which they themselves are the Temple of the Lord.

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Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why were there cattle, sheep and pigeons in the Temple?
- Q. What point was Jesus making by driving out the animals and the money-changers?
- Q. What evidence in the text indicates that it was written after the death of Jesus?
- Q. Why might Jesus have wanted to break down the focus on the Temple?

Questions for Adults

- Q. Why might this writer place this event in Ch 2 rather than in Jesus' final week as the other gospels do?
- Q. Why was it necessary to have a theology that was not dependant upon the Temple?
- Q. How might this passage have been an attempt to identify differences between Christians and Jews?
- Q. Why might this particular passage have been chosen for the liturgy for this feast day?