



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 OCTOBER 12th 2008: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

THIS WEEK: 28th Sunday

First Reading Is 25:6-10

Psalm Ps:22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading St. Paul to Phil. 4:12-14.19_20

Gospel Mt 21: 1-14

NEXT WEEK: 29th Sunday

First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Mary McIntosh (Melb).

Anniversaries: Kevin Kean, Michael Walsh, Kit Tellefson, Fr. Paddy King, Brian Monaghan.

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.

****PLEASE NOTE: SCRIPTURE READINGS will be held of a Thursday at 20 Beasy Crt 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Times

If there is a Funeral Mass the advertised Mass will be cancelled

Tues: 7.00p.m.

Wed: 9.10a.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), Daniel Roden, Fr Brendan, Smith, Michael Joslyn, Peter Adair, Dan O'Brien (USA) & Emilia Panetta.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome into God's family, and into our Parish Community **Jake Moras & Armani-Jacom Scullino** who will be baptised during the 10.00a.m. Mass.

Wedding-

We congratulate Sean Mooney & Carmelina Capogreco on their marriage this Saturday 11th October.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A: Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

This weekend at the 10.00a.m. Mass we are honouring Our Mother Mary - October being the month of Mary - in the traditions of parishioners from India, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh. The celebration once again makes us conscious of the Multi-Cultural parish in which we belong. Our new comers are constantly enriching our parish by their presence & participation in liturgical & parish life.

We thank our parishioners from the Sub-Continent for their generosity. All parishioners are invited to share Indian & Sri-Lankan cuisine in the Church gardens following the Mass.

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.

NOTICE: WENTWORTH PARISH observes Rosary Week from 12th—21st October 2008. Everyday Rosary will be followed by Holy Mass. Please find below the time schedule details.

Rosary Week

12th Oct. - Sun - 9.30 am - Buronga
 13th Oct. - Mon - 6.00 pm - Buronga
 14th Oct. - Tue - 6.00 pm - Buronga
 15th Oct. - Wed - 6.00 pm - Buronga
 16th Oct. - Thu - 6.00 pm - Buronga
 17th Oct. - Fri - 6.00 pm - Buronga
 18th Oct. - Sat - 5.30 pm - Wentworth
 18th Oct. - Sat - 6.00 pm - Buronga
 19th Oct. - Sun - 9.30 am - Buronga
 21st Oct. - Tue - 6.00 pm - Dareton

RED CLIFFS CATHOLIC PARISH

The committee of Our Lady of the Rosary extends an invitation to join in the celebrations this Sunday. Mass commences at 11am followed by a procession, & celebrations will continue in the afternoon with a Fete atmosphere.

Come along and enjoy the fun.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS monthly meeting will be held in the Fleming Room 7.30pm Monday 13th October.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S SOCIAL GROUP Monthly Meeting -Tuesday 14th 2pm. In the Hillman Room.

ST PAUL'S "MEET AND GREET" Wed 15th Oct in Rm 12, (Just around the corner from the office). From 9am (Drop in after you have dropped off the children even if you can only stay for a few minutes you will be most welcome.)

Come and enjoy the company of other mums and dads and meet Lys Crowe who is beginning the role of Family Liaison.

RECONCILIATION IN SACRED HEART PARISH

The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church in November.

Parents of intending candidates for Reconciliation in our Parish must attend one of the two parent meetings on either **Wednesday 15th October or Thursday 16th October at 7:15 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church.**

It is necessary for children to have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order for them to be eligible to prepare for and celebrate First Eucharist in 2009. Please contact the Parish office on 50212872 to obtain a registration form.

RCIA GATHERING. Thurs 16th Oct 7.00pm Hillman Room. Please read the following Topics:
The Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist and the Structure of the Mass. Fr Pat Flanagan/Fr Frank Monaghan

Sunday 19th October is – WORLD MISSION DAY

A time when Catholic parishes, communities and schools globally unite in prayer, mutual friendship, mutual concern with those in need and look for ways to provide moral and financial support for them.

This year's theme is:

'One World, One Family, One Mission of Love'.

St Vincent De Paul Homes Mildura

The Committee of Management wishes to announce that a 2 bedroom Unit will shortly be available for rent. The Unit is one of fourteen in our Homes in LeAmon 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 Bleeser on 50211828.

NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP **Thursday, 16th October is WORLD FOOD DAY.**

Last year, Pope Benedict issued this statement:

All people have a right to healthy and sufficient food.....there needs to be a consciousness of solidarity among the community of nations, a consciousness that considers food a universal right for all human beings, without distinction or discrimination..... The priority of the ethical dimension of "feed the hungry" is linked to the sentiment of compassion and solidarity proper to human beings, which brings them to share with each other, not just in material things, but rather the love

that all of us need. Effectively, we give too little if we give only material things.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Sustaining God, we receive the fruit of the earth from your generous hand,

Yet now we observe the eager earth frustrated by lack of rain

We remember the smell of damp earth, the welcome cooling,

We remember happy times, when silos were full and all rejoiced in the prosperity of the land

Now we see heaviness and gloom,

We hear anger and despair

We fear that the burden of the rural community may be too great to bear

Have mercy O Lord on our parched land

Our worried minds, our anxious hearts.

In the name of the Prince of Mercy, Jesus Christ.

Amen

ABORTION LAW REFORM – CALL TO PRAYER AND ACTION

The Victorian Abortion Bill before Parliament

Medicare-funded abortion is readily available to women in all Australian jurisdictions. Many Australian parliaments have now changed or at least clarified the existing law, ensuring the legality of widespread abortion practices. Victoria is about to follow this trend with its *Abortion Law Reform Bill* which has already passed the lower house without any amendments. Next week the bill will be debated in the upper house where the vote will be much closer and the opportunity for reasoned amendment much greater.

The Victorian bill goes much further than other laws despite the claim by its proponents that it merely "acknowledges and reflects community attitudes and current clinical practice".

The Victorian bill seeks to break new ground by

1. Permitting abortion by simple request to one doctor acting alone, regardless of the interests of the foetus, up to 24 weeks, rather than (say) 20 weeks as applies in Western Australia. Nowadays a foetus can be viable outside the womb at 22-3 weeks.
2. Dispensing with the need for informed consent provisions which would give all women the opportunity to consider their decision, and which would protect vulnerable young women being pressured into having an abortion by relatives or those who have abused them. There is no need for a cooling off period, parental notification for minors, mandated information or counselling. Abortion is to be treated as a simple elective procedure governed just by the ordinary relationship between doctor and patient.
3. Requiring health professionals with a conscientious objection to abortion to participate in abortion in some circumstances; and requiring doctors with a conscientious objection always to refer a woman seeking an abortion to another doctor known not to have a conscientious objection.

Any Catholic doctor acting in good conscience to save the life of a woman and acting professionally with the requisite specialist skills and certification would remove a foetus or child *in utero* if the failure to remove the foetus or child would necessarily result in the woman's death. The Victorian bill changes nothing in that regard.

Some commentators including Liberty Victoria have claimed that clause 8 of the bill, the provision requiring a doctor with a conscientious objection to provide a referral for the patient to an abortionist, is just the same as the AMA Code of Ethics. If it were, there would be no problem. Dr Doug Travers, the President of the AMA (Victoria Branch) has pointed out that doctors are "not currently forced to provide a service they believe to be unethical or immoral". He acknowledges that "the existing common law and existing codes of conduct require that

a doctor with a conscientious objection to a particular service informs the patient of that conscientious objection and ... ensures that the service is available elsewhere". But he points

out that the proposed legislation goes beyond this: it “infringes the rights of doctors with a conscientious objection by inserting an active compulsion for a doctor to refer to another doctor who they know does not have a conscientious objection.” He says, “Respect for a conscientious objection is a fundamental principle in our democratic country, and doctors expect that their rights in this regard will be respected, as for any other citizen.”

The bill aims to make abortion on demand as easy as possible for a woman. It needs to be amended to provide some protection for vulnerable women, conscientious health professionals and viable unborn children. It is one thing for the State to guarantee a woman a free choice to have an abortion. It is quite another matter to force a doctor to participate in that choice when the doctor thinks the choice is morally wrong.

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1st Collection) \$ 1,359.00

Envelopes (2nd Collection) \$ 2,455.10
Loose Plate \$ 337.70

Gospel Reflection- (Matthew 22:1-14)

A Rich Young Nation: the Challenge of Affluence and Poverty in Australia is the title of the 2008 Social Justice Statement, released last month for Social Justice Sunday. It has increasing relevance in light of the near catastrophic financial crisis facing our world at present. The title evokes Mark's story of the rich young man. A parallel is drawn between Australia as a young and wealthy nation and the young man whose attachment to wealth inhibits the realisation of his potential as a follower of Jesus. In many ways, our nation is choosing to go the way of the young man who, in spite of a gracious 'call', cannot relinquish his hold on personal material wealth for the sake of a more egalitarian and just society. We might reflect on the section of the statement that addresses the economic status of our indigenous people. We might have something to learn from these people of the ancient 'nations' within the relatively new nation state we call Australia. If we are to hear the call to conversion of heart,

then we might listen to their wisdom on respect for and proper relationship with the earth.

Today's gospel offers a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or 'call' to share in and to share the riches of creation. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all people. Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. The invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. The violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard

to reconcile with an image of God's reign. The same might be said for his treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally.

So, what might this story be telling us? If we put aside the despotic aspects of the king's character and put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a 'right' disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good. -Veronica Lawson RSM

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING:

Next Sunday is the final Sunday Of our current year of Planned Giving.

Parishioners are invited to bring contributions Up to date by next Sunday.

New contributors are warmly invited To support the parish financially.

There is a choice of weekly envelopes, Or contributing on a monthly, yearly & half yearly or quarterly basis.

You may use credit card or direct banking.

Let us know this week (5021 2872) if you wish to change your way of contributing, Or to become a new contributor.

Thankyou Gladys Abriani

NEXT WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
MUSIC	N Armsden Filipino Choir		Pacific Islanders	M Sullivan J Macri A Treloar
RCIA DISMISSAL LEADER				Trish Swincer
COUNTING TEAM	Team 4 Captain Kevin Schultz	50238778		

THIS WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
READERS	V Kidd	P Sandell	S Opt' Hoog	R Zalec
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	K Quinlan M Roper S Tisler K & S Girke L Roden J DeJong	G Scopacasa M Scopacasa B Dolence M Finn Sr Grace Rogers	FC Maugeri C McErvale L Rowe N Leonardis	R Antony M Zema J Zema S Walker J Ribarits
COUNTING TEAM	Team 3 Captain Vince Fundak	50245774		