



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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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.

MISSION SUNDAY- OCTOBER 17th 2008: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

THIS 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**

NEXT WEEK:

First Reading **Ex 22:20-26**
 Psalm **Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2**
I love you, Lord, my strength.
 Second Reading **1 Thes 1:5-10**
 Gospel **Mt 22:34-40**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: John Daley(Qld br of Dot Brown), Colin Lelean (Daylesford), Teresa Montagnese (Italy mother of Angela Vartuli, Domenico Colacresi(Uncle of the Rocca & Musolino family members), Margaret Flynn (Northcote mother of Mary Flynn SJC), Lynne Connors(Bishop Peter Connors sister-in-law).

Anniversaries: Mons. Frank McKenzie, Fr. Dan Boylan, & Molly Lourey
Sun 10.00 a.m.: Colin Lelean, Carmelo Cirillo, Vincenzo Cirillo & Frank Cirillo & Antonio Surace.
Sun 5.00 p.m.: Vincent Zappia.
Tues 7.00p.m.: Teresa Montagnese, Teresa & Gabrielle Vanni.
Fri 5.40p.m.: Caterina Mazza.
Sat 6.00p.m.: Domenico Colacresi (30 day mass).

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: Sacred Heart School Mission Mass 9.30a.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, W³worth) Peter Jones (Melb), Daniel Roden, Fr Brendan, Smith, Michael Joslyn, Peter Adair, Dan O'Brien (USA) & Emilia Panetta.

We congratulate Courtney Scales & Nicholas

Costa on their marriage this Saturday 18th October.

WELCOME:

We welcome back to our parish this weekend Fr. Gerry Prunty (Apollo Bay) as he officiates at a wedding and we hope his time amongst former parishioners is enjoyable. Frs. Gerry and Tom are exchanging pulpits to enable this to happen.

MERCY THEATRE:

We congratulate St. Joseph's College on the building of the new Mercy Theatre at their Stadium campus. This new complex will be a great asset to the College and community. Bishop Peter Connors will be in attendance to bless the new building on Monday evening.

MARIAN MASS:

We thank very sincerely the parishioners from India and Sri Lanka who shared their faith, customs and traditions last weekend during the 10.00 a.m. Mass in which we honoured Mary, October being the month of the Rosary. We are very privileged to have such people in Sacred Heart parish as they enrich and enliven our liturgies and our parish life. The Sri Lankan and Indian cuisine we sampled after Mass was superb. Our next multi-cultural gathering will be the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday November 23rd. More details about that celebration following the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting next week.

DIACONATE ORDINATION:

Next Friday evening in St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, Bishop Peter Connors will ordain Jim McKay of Colac to the Diaconate. We congratulate Jim and of course remember him in our prayers at this wonderful time as he takes the next step to the Priesthood. Frs. Frank & Matt will be attending the Ordination. If you happen to be in Ballarat and would like to go, please do as an open invitation has been extended to everyone.

CENTENARY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST:

This weekend we rejoice with our fellow Christians of the Church of Christ on the occasion of their Parish Centenary. May the good Lord continue to bless the congregation and the work they do in his name.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A
 We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION).

This week many of our children and their families have commenced preparing for our Parish's Sacrament of Penance celebrations. Parent Information Nights have been held and Registration Forms completed. During Mass this weekend the children, their parents, and the rest of the Sacred Heart Parish community will be asked to promise our commitment to supporting each other throughout this important time of preparation. Please refer to the back page of this notice sheet for the questions that will be asked of us.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE COMMITMENT

Celebrant: Children, do you promise to take part with your family and the people of our Parish in the preparation for your Sacrament of Penance?

Children: We promise to take part as best we can.

Celebrant: Parents, Guardians and Godparents, will you support your children during this time of preparation?

Parents, Guardians

& Godparents: We will, and we will encourage our children as much as we can.

Celebrant: Members of Sacred Heart Parish Community will you support these children and their families during their time of preparation for Sacrament of Penance?

Parishioners: We will.

must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.

WORLD MISSION DAY

Join the spirit of World Mission Day this weekend & help build "ONE WORLD, ONE FAMILY, ONE MISSION OF LOVE". Continue in the spirit of World Youth Day & unite with our brothers & sisters throughout the world who are struggling to feed their children, suffering from AIDS, are socially oppressed & fighting poverty on a daily basis. Be a source of love & hope with donation today. Become a supporter of Friends of Faith monthly giving program & build strong communities throughout the world.

World Mission Day is an opportunity for Christian communities all around the world to pause and remind themselves of the great truth of God's saving love for everyone and to celebrate it. It is also a time to challenge each other to go out to the frontiers of humanity and give expression to the saving of love God in concrete actions of outreach and solidarity, both materially and spiritually.

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.

Mission and mindsets

October is the month dedicated to mission or 'the missions'. People have many different understandings of 'mission'. For some, especially in the Church, mission is about helping people in Third World countries or marginalised people in our own society. For others, mission is still seen as the work of Christian zealots who want to indoctrinate others in their beliefs. In our secular society corporations and businesses have 'mission statements'.

A brief word about mission from a contemporary Christian perspective. Mission belongs to God, it is God's initiative at all times; mission does not belong to the Church but the Church participates in it. We, the people of God, don't always listen or discern where God

is leading us but we can see the thread of God's initiative through the history of

the Church. It is always clear looking back.

We try to tell God what is the best way forward; God listens to us but does something else. A brief look at the Acts of the Apostles is very heartening for people who participate in God's mission. We read that the initiative of the Holy Spirit inspired Sts Peter and Paul to bring pagans into the Church.

The Christian Jews did not receive the 'Good News' without struggle when God made it clear that all people were called and equal. They knew they were the chosen people of God and brought up not to associate with pagans; it wasn't fair of God to expect them to associate with pagans. But God's generosity to share divine life was bigger and better than fairness so the whole world was invited to belong to what St Paul called 'the Body of Christ'. And so it has come to pass.

Geographical Church mission is completed, but mission is like a kaleidoscope of activities and outlooks. God does take us on quantum leaps of understanding that destroy our mindsets. We are in a quantum leap now at this historical moment in the life of the Church. The Church is always trying to catch up with the Holy Spirit who hurries along on mission. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that excitement?

Fr Gary Walker editor of The Far East

PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, from the bottom of our hearts, for our food and our clothes, and for everything. Amen.

Prayer of a Palestinian Child - A Procession of Prayers

We are called by Pope Benedict XVI to reflect, and to act.

He tells us in his Mission Sunday message that mission is a question of love, '...So it is God, who is love, who leads the Church towards the frontiers of humanity and calls the evangelisers to drink from the original source, which is Jesus Christ, ...Only from this source can care, tenderness, compassion, hospitality, availability and interest in people's problems be drawn'.

World Mission Day is celebrated every year all over the world. It is a day when we as Catholics explicitly unite in prayer, mutual friendship and support - both spiritual and material.

No matter how big or small, rich or poor, every member of God's family prays and collects money in solidarity with mission dioceses. This year the call is to unite as one world, one family with one mission of love for each other.

In Australia we are fortunate people. Even with our own challenges, climate issues, interest rates and the increased cost of living we still have so much more than most.

It doesn't take much, but one person can make an incredible impact on the lives of many.

Mission is an expression of God's love for us, and our love for others.

The God of love is the source of care, tenderness, compassion, hospitality and interest in other people's problems, in order to create one world family.

Catholic Mission internationally is known as the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's own mission societies, working in 160 countries around the world, for over 185 years.

"For me personally, the best part of working with Catholic Mission is the people I meet," said Catholic Mission National Director Martin Teulan. "Their incredible stories from all around the world make me proud to be a Catholic. It's what gets me up in the morning. It keeps me believing in God, because I see God so easily in these people

This World Mission Sunday, you are asked to give generously. . ." Pope Benedict XVI.

❖ Lose Change on the 2nd Collection will go to the Mission Appeal.

WHAT'S COMING UP

1. **CATECHISTS** – R.E. Ministries meeting Tues 21st -9.15 am. In the Hillman Room.
2. **FINANCE** Meeting-Tues 21st 12.30pm Hillman Rm.
3. **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Meeting Tues 21st 7.30 pm Hillman Rm.
4. **SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL** – Children's Mission day Mass will be celebrated on Wed 22nd at 9.30am in the Church.
5. **BAPTISM PREPARATION** Meeting Wed 22nd 7.30pm Hillman Rm.
6. **RCIA GATHERING.** Thurs 23th Oct 7.00pm Hillman Rm. Topic: Sin & Forgiveness & Marriage- Fr Matt.
7. **CHARITY GOLF DAY**



Rotary Club of Mildura are holding their 23rd Annual Golf Day Sun 26th Oct. at Riverside Golf club.

OAKS DAY LUNCHEON

Ladies **PLEASE** Book your tables now for Catering purposes.

The Catholic Social Ladies Group are holding their Annual Luncheon –

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

ALL SOULS DAY.

Next Sunday week we celebrate ALL SOULS DAY.

All our deceased will be remembered at each Mass.

The 10.00 a.m. Mass will especially remember all those who have died in the last twelve months.

Bereaved families have been invited & asked to light a candle as the name of the deceased one is read out. Please join the bereaved for refreshments after Mass.

NOVEMBER MASSES:

During November we remember all those who have died, including members of the families, circle of friends, parishioners & the souls in Purgatory. 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.

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 Bleaser on 50211828.

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.

NEXT WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
MUSIC			M Sullivan B Lewis J O'Bryan	Youth Group
RCIA DISMISSAL LEADER	Isabel Russell.			
COUNTING TEAM	Team 5: Jim Farrelly	Ph: 50215646		

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

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING:

This is the final Sunday of our current year of Planned Giving. Receipts will be available for collection next weekend. 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.

Thankyou Gladys Abriani

Is he critiquing or legitimizing the Roman occupation? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus' words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are many good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church. It is quite anachronistic, however, to invoke this text in support of doing so. This story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. -
Veronica Lawson RSM

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1st Collection) \$ 1142.00

Envelopes (2nd Collection) \$ 2,253.00

Loose Plate \$ 305.55

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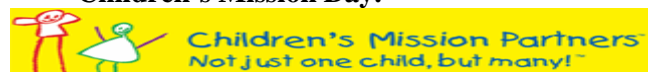
Gospel Reflection- (Matthew 22:15-21)

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees and Herodians have no great love or respect for each other, but when both groups are faced with a perceived threat to their authority, they unite in opposition to Jesus. They try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as 'teacher', they acknowledge his sincerity; they admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth; they witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division. The portrait they paint is in stark contrast with their own hypocrisy.

Their question is intended to put him in a 'no win' position: 'Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor or not?' As usual, Jesus turns the question back upon his interrogators. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intentions and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, 'Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest'.

Jesus' comment, 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God', can be interpreted in several ways. Every Jew knows that everything belongs to

Children's Mission Day.



Father Patrick Byrne is the International Secretary General who heads Children's Mission in Rome. Irish born Father Byrne, as a Vatican representative on UN committees, has been to all the world's trouble spots to monitor the plight of children. He has witnessed everything from the horror of child soldiers, trafficking of children, to the hope and healing provided by Catholic Mission's work for children, and says:

"As an organisation and as individuals we have to speak out whenever possible against the poverty that condemns many children to a life of misery and exploitation. We have to quote John chapter 10, verse 10 constantly -Jesus came to bring life and life in abundance." ...

2008 Social Justice Sunday Statement

"Jesus calls us to build a just society and to work together to ensure poverty is eradicated and that all are able to live a full life. Those with means have a special responsibility to ensure that those who are vulnerable are clothed, housed and looked after."

	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
THIS WEEKEND				
READERS	B Bleaser	P O'Donnell	B Bunting	T Finn
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	H de Jong M Capogreco L Gooch K Burns A-M Greville M Sheahan M Meredith	M Mazza A Vartuli N Zudetich K Mapapalangi S Visona	L De Iesi M Haynes U Williams P & S Opie N Lewis S Hermans	W Finn T Finn P Cox M Ransome F Virgona
COUNTING TEAM	Team 4: Kevin Schultz	Ph: 50238778		

God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are all Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is Jesus telling them to pay the tax while at the same time recognizing God's prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God?

St. Pauls Publications has for sale the new Children's Bible. It is a picture book containing forty-two short bible stories in the order they appear in the bible. The stories are told simply and the illustrations are colourful and vibrant. This Children's Bible is a great asset to any child's library.