



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matt Thomas,
 Gladys Abriani, Rebecca Hogan, Lys Crowe,
 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 OCT 26 2008: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

THIS 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**

NEXT WEEK: ALL SOULS

First Reading **Ls 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**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Joseph Andrasek (Irymple); Sr. Marian Kiniry CSB (sister of Frs. Frank & Jack)

Anniversaries: Mons. Henry Nolan, Ian Middleton, Evelyn Banks & April Brophy

Sat 6.00p.m: Domenico Colacresi (30 day mass).

Sun 10.00 a.m: Clemente Pascale, Giovanni Carusella, Grazia Mammone, Bruno Vadala, Ferdinando Cirillo, Rosa Mazza, Rosa & Francesco & Tony Modica, Teresa & Vincenzo & Vince Piscioneri.

Sun 5.00 p.m: Vincent Zappia, Giesippi Piscioneri, Vincenzo & Teresa Piconeri, Dominico & Rosa Scali, Gieseppi Longo, Gieseppi Spagnolo, Les Smith, Bruno Timpon, Domenica Ficarra.

Tues 7.00p.m: Dorothy Quinlan

Fri 5.40p.m: Loris Eldridge, Ana Zvorc

We congratulate Lisa Peddie & Vincent

Mammone on their marriage this Saturday 25th October.

Baptism

This Sunday we welcome into God's family, and into our Parish Community **Nicola Jean and Britney Jane Harrison and Bodie William Collins** who will be baptised during the 10.00a.m. 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.
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 Bless and keep you forever.

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: 9.15a.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, W²worth) Peter Jones (Melb), Daniel Roden, Fr Brendan, Smith, Michael Joslyn, Peter Adair, Dan O'Brien (USA) & Emilia Panetta. Val Rosenhart, Les Smith

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Tom will take his annual leave from this Sunday and will be following in the footsteps of Bishop Peter Connors by visiting the Columban missions in Peru where he will catch up with Luke & Marion Guthrie, Frs. Michael McKinnon from our Diocese and his cousin Bernie Lane a Columban priest, all working in Lima the capital city. We ask God to bless and keep him safe during his travels. Fr Paul Campbell, a Franciscan priest will assist during Fr Tom's absence. Please be kind and understanding to Frs. Matthew & Frank in the coming weeks!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

At the end of this week our ever reliable lady in the front office is going on her annual leave.

We wish Gladys well and hope she comes back renewed and refreshed. With the assistance of Mesdames Mary Gobbo & Rebecca Hogan we shall endeavour to keep the parish afloat and provide the services as normal.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

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WORLD MISSION DAY

Your generous donations amounting to \$ 1734.05 have helped ease the burden of your brothers and sisters through the world. Thank you for sharing what you have with those most in need. Your faith in the works of Catholic Mission throughout the world means that our world can move closer to becoming One Family of Love.

WHAT'S COMING UP

RCIA GATHERING Thurs 6th Nov

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



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.

CEMETERY WALK:

The local Anglican parish of St. Margaret's is conducting a tour of the Nichols Point Cemetery on All Souls Day, Sunday Nov. 2nd from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Prayers will be offered, Afternoon Tea served and information given on pioneers and particular graves. All welcome.

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 Bleeser on 50211828.

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

God of compassion,
we wait and watch for your gift of rain
to water the soil and make the barren land come alive again.

We wait and watch for the gift of salvation
to free us from hatred, greed and fear
so that we may live again as people of faith, hope and love.
We make this prayer in the name of our Saviour who comes to be with us. Amen

**Gospel Reflection- Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
(Matthew 22:34-40)**

Until fairly recently, the Jewishness of Jesus was often downplayed, even ignored. Today's gospel passage has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the Shema (so called from the first word in the statement meaning 'hear'). The words of the Shema are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the Shema is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that still functions like an overture to Jewish life and practice. The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a mezuzah. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the Shema. Those who enter touch the mezuzah with the greatest reverence. When I first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of the symbol to link one with the deep story of a people, in this case with the Jewish people.

In Matthew's story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less than honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and evokes the text of the Shema. He thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the Shema on wholehearted love

of God with a second commandment taken from the book of Leviticus 19: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. The lawyer's unfair 'testing' of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.

For Jesus, the whole of the Torah and the teaching of the prophets can be summed up in the commandments to love God with all one's being-heart, soul, and mind, and to love one's neighbour as oneself. Not just love, but intensity of love is the issue here. We see such intensity of love in the lives of Catherine and Ray Hamlin whose fistula hospital in Addis Ababa has, for 50 years, restored health and dignity to the most marginalised of women. I see it in the heroism of my own friends who pour out their lives for the sake of those in remote communities, in Timor and elsewhere. The witness of their commitment functions like the mezuzah in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love. It also helps us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

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ST PAUL'S P.S ANNUAL ART SHOW

Thursday 30th October 2008

In main school building

From 5.30pm to 9.00pm

Fantastic Children's Art on Display

Including large canvass for auction to highest bidder

During the evening children will be giving performances for visitors

ALL WELCOME!!

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!!

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING:

Receipts are available for collection at back of church. 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

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1st Collection) \$ 1375

Envelopes (2nd Collection) \$ 3020.60

Loose Plate \$ 936.75

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Report

Meeting held on October 22nd. Issues raised included:

- A days retreat for members of PPC to be held end of January 2009.

- Paving of section in church grounds underway.
- Further information sought on audio visual material for the Church.
- Greater contact to be made with parish groups to understand their purpose, ideas and future needs.
- Retreat in daily life to be held May 3rd to May 23rd 2009. A great opportunity for parishioners to deepen their spiritual life. More details will follow.
- Re- covering of chairs in Hillman room.
- Both parish schools going well and helping families through difficult economic times.
- More work to be done on forming a Parish Pastoral Plan.
- Next meeting November 18th

REFLECTION Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.

Living with Grief

Practical Ways of living with the experience of grief:

- be gentle and take time for yourself: have a longer bath/shower, go on walks, sit in a warm nurturing space, visit special places you connect with your loved one, breathe deeply.

- give yourself time to remember, to look at photos, to share stories, to laugh and cry
- create a memory book or a memory box; create or build a special memento to your loved one: a garden, a CD, photo album or DVD
- be with people you are comfortable spending time with in conversation or in silence
- involve yourself in some light activity: golf, walking, fishing
- prepare for special days and holidays with your family/friends. Christmas, birthdays and anniversaries can be difficult times. Plan a visit to the cemetery, light a candle or maybe spend some time at the person's favourite place
- make resolutions for new and renewed directions in your life and in the life of your family
- keep a journal. Fill it with your thoughts and memories. Take time to reflect and think
- avoid increased use of alcohol, smoking, prescription medication and other drugs; avoid too much coffee and tea to help you sleep at night.

From the website "Support After Suicide" at:
<http://www.supportaftersuicide.org.au>

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

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QUESTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why would Jesus' answer have been challenging to the Pharisees?

Q. How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life?

Q. In your local situation, who are the 'neighbours' not loved as we love ourselves?

Q. What actions can you take to better love your neighbour as you love yourself?

Questions for Adults

Q. How might bystanders have reacted to Jesus' encounter with the Pharisees?

Q. How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life?

Q. What actions can you take to better recognise the importance of God in your life?

Q. In your local situation, who are the 'neighbours' not loved as we love ourselves?

Q. What actions can you take to better love your neighbour as you love yourself?

THIS WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
READERS	G Huxtable	L Welsh	R Byra	M Tobin
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Hall P. Kelleher M. McDonald J. McDonald K. Quinlan M.Roper S.Tisler	E. Panetta D. Pemberton L. Welsh E. Frauenfelder L. Belej	T. Faingaanuku M.Faingaanuku T. McNamara R. Byra M. Grivec F. Caldarelli C. Carmichael	R. Antony M. Zema J. Zema S. Walker J. Ribarits
COUNTING TEAM	Team 5 Captain Jim Farrelly	50215646		

NEXT WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
MUSIC	N Armsden Filipino Choir		Italian Choir	M. Hammond J. Macri A. Treloar
RCIA DISMISSAL LEADER			D Pemberton	
COUNTING TEAM	Team 6 Captain Peter Adair	50235193		

"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