



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 OCTOBER 5th 2008: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS THIS WEEKEND

<p>THIS WEEK: 27th Sunday First Reading Is 5:1-7 Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. Second Reading Phil 4:6-9 Gospel Mt 21: 33-43.</p>		<p>NEXT 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</p>
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Joy Engelfield, Frank Zsiga,
 Terry McKinnon (br of Fr Michael) & Sr. Kathleen
 Finnigan.

Anniversaries:

Sat 6.00p.m: Ileen Wright & dec. family members.

Sun 10.00a.m: Fr Luke Newington

Sun 5.00p.m: Tony Callipari

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: Mass of Anointing 2.00pm.

Wed: Funeral Mass 2.00p.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, Sr. Noella Farrell rsm. Dan O'Brien
 (USA) & Emilia Panetta.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome into God's family, and into our Parish
 Community **Tia, Lily & James Keam** who will be baptised
 after the 10.00a.m. Mass.

Wedding-

We congratulate Katrina Fox & Sean Kelly & Carla
 MacManard & Phillip Fox on their
 marriages this Saturday 4th October.

WELCOME

Being school holidays many visitors are among
 us. We welcome you & trust you enjoy your
 time in Sunraysia.

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.

Welcome Back.

We welcome back Fr Tom from his retreat hopefully
 all refreshed.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY **CATHOLIC BISHOPS CALL FOR ACTION TO ACHIEVE JUSTICE FOR THE POOR IN AUSTRALIA'S AFFLUENT SOCIETY**

Ideas for action

Across our country there are communities, organisations and initiatives committed to building respectful relationships with people who are in need and to working for change. Here are some suggestions about the ways in which we can help address and prevent poverty.

- **Give of your time.** Look for information about the work of your parish on the notice board at your church and ask your priest or pastoral associate what support you can give.
- **Consider how you can live more simply**, free of the demands of consumerism. Programs like the 'live simply project' show that, in reflecting on our lifestyles and choosing to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, we can help create a world in which human dignity is respected and everyone can reach their full potential. For more information, visit www.livesimply.org.uk
- **Make a donation.** Identify the amount you are able to contribute to an organisation that will maximise the good outcomes of the gift you offer. Catholic charities and social services can ensure your contribution is put to best effect.
- **Think of opportunities to contribute** in your diocese and the broader community. Visit the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website and follow the links to see the works of organisations in your diocese: www.acbc.catholic.org.au/dio/index.asp.
- **Become more informed** about the issues relating to poverty in Australia. Visit the websites of:
 - Catholic Social Services Australia: www.catholicsocialservices.org.au
 - Australian Catholic Social Justice Council: www.acsjc.org.au
 - Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office: www.acmro.catholic.org.au
 - Catholic Earthcare Australia: www.catholicearthcare.org.au
 - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council: www.natsicc.org.au
 - **Take action.** Contact your local Member of Parliament explaining your interest in addressing poverty. Express your concern that not all Australians have shared in the benefits of 15 years of economic growth. Inform them about this Social Justice Sunday Statement. Contact information for parliamentarians can be found at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/whoswho/index.htm>
 - These are just some of the initiatives to which we can lend support. By becoming informed and taking action against the poverty that remains amid the affluence of our nation, we are offering to each person the dignity and respect we ourselves hope to receive. Together we can show that this is an issue we care about deeply.

Social Justice Poverty

- Having inadequate access to resources and services;
- Unable to do certain tasks that are essential for fulfilling one's human potential and carrying out one's social responsibilities;
- Being shunned, denigrated, blamed, patronised and ostracised by others;
- Having little opportunity to participate in decisions affecting one's life;
- Being, and feeling, powerless, excluded, marginalised;
- Living in exile in one's own society.

The Bishops Challenge: One

Will we use our great wealth for the benefit of all?

Too many are bypassed by economic growth and prosperity, and live in poverty.

-Confusion between wants and needs

-Having, rather than being

-Yesterday's luxury items become today's necessities

The rich man and Lazarus

The rich man just did not notice the destitute man at his gate.

Bishops Challenge: Two

Do we notice our sisters and brothers in need?

- Indigenous families and communities
- Families in distress and the working poor
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- People who are homeless
- Are we a society in service to one another?

Bishops Challenge Three

See the face of Christ in the poor,

Release your hold on what the poor need to survive,

Believe in God's love for you

and the possibility of change,

Be converted to a demanding

and radical discipleship

Rebuild relationships damaged by poverty & the division of wealth & opportunity

Celebrate Eucharist as sisters and brothers

Live simply, aware of what we need

rather than what we want

Make Poverty History

Jesus is the good news to the poor.

As his followers, we are called to be the same.

Poverty and Justice

People who are homeless

The hardest thing about leaving home was not seeing my mother every night ... Just not seeing her and being able to talk to her if I needed it ... It's gonna take me a long time to rebuild my relationships with my friends and family. And until I do, you know, I'm the one who's gonna suffer the consequences of not being able to turn to people that I'm supposed to be loved by and that I love.¹

– Barry, 19

*Poverty is my mother
and oppression is my father.
I was suckled in shadows.
I am the face of poverty,
remember me well
for my features are universal
and your soul represents my dreams
so close yet out of reach.
I am strong in spirit
Yet weak in body
My cry for the eradication of poverty
is universal.
Forget me not in your fight against
poverty.*

From 'Forget not my Face'

COMING UP

- **IRYMPLE FARMERS MARKET** –this weekend after Mass, all welcome.
- **YOUTH MASS MEETING:** Wed 8th Oct 7.30pm. Hillman Rm.
- **SACRAMENTAL TEAM MEETING:** Thurs 9th 4.15pm. Hillman Rm.
- **NEXT RCIA GATHERING.** 9th October 7.00pm Hillman Room Please read the following Topics:
The Life of Faith – Rebecca Hogan and **The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation** – Trish Swincer/Fr Pat Flanagan.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY-

Minifield of Women at Henderson Park - Deakin Ave
11th Oct 11am.-1pm.
Pink ladies for the procession available:
Contact 50235979.

Marian Devotions for Parishioners of the

Sub-Continent (India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh)

Next Sunday October 12th we will celebrate Mass to honour Mary.

Parishioners from the Sub-Continent will be responsible for the celebrations as they will share with us some of their traditions and customs.

RED CLIFFS CATHOLIC PARISH

The committee of Our Lady of the Rosary would like to extend an invitation to join in the celebrations on Sun 12th October. Mass commences at 11am followed by a procession within the Church and School grounds. Celebrations will continue in the afternoon with a Fete atmosphere. Come along and enjoy the fun.

October 19th - World Mission Day

October 22nd - Children's Mission Day

SACRED HEART PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

OAKS DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday 6th November

Cost \$15 includes a 2 course lunch
Lucky door prize, Raffles, sweep, Afternoon tea and FASHIONS ON THE FEILD –
12 noon - at St Joseph's Stadium. For more details
Ph: Kath Girke 50230919 / Pat Astbury 50221135.

WYD Halls Gap Pilgrims Weekend

A weekend for catching up and reflection on WYD08 will be held for pilgrims from **Friday November 28-Sunday November 30** at Camp Acacia, Halls Gap. The camp is sponsored by the Diocese. Get in quick to reserve your spot as places are limited. For more information email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ring 03 5337 7172.
Stacey Atkins World Youth Day Coordinator-Diocese of Ballarat.

Also WYD08 DVDs are now for sale through St Pauls Publications Ph: 03 93943400

-A set of 8 DVDs covering in full all of the World Youth Day events, namely:

- Highlights of the Journey of the Cross and Icon through Australia
- Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Pell
- Papal Arrival including Boat-a-cade, official welcome at Barangaroo and Motorcade through Sydney's streets
- Stations of the Cross
- Dedication of the Altar at St Mary's Cathedral with the Holy Father
- Evening Vigil with

the Holy Father •Final Mass celebrated by the Holy Father •Highlights Package.
Or you can buy a highlights package or the Stations of the Cross.

Can you help?

Parish Sponsors - to be a Baptismal sponsor for those new members to our parish, assisting in the ceremony occasionally at Masses when required.

Counting Team Members to count and sort money from the weekend collections once every 10 weeks.

Teams requiring new members are:

Team 10: Brian Grogan

Team 5: Jim Farrelly

Team 9: George Dolence

If you feel you would be able to help please contact the Parish Office on 50212872.

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.

A VOCATION VIEW: An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1st Collection) \$ 1,52.00

Envelopes (2nd Collection) \$ 1,231.10

Loose Plate \$ 480.55

Quote

"The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing... not healing, not curing... that is a friend who cares." **Henri Nouwen**

PRAYER FOR RAIN

For the people of rural Australia:
That the Spirit of God will be with them,
Renewing their parched earth
As they deal with the opportunities and setbacks that challenge their faith
And test their confidence in the future,
We pray to the Lord
For Australians engaged in agricultural and related industries:
That they will be encouraged
By the personal and communal support they receive
In this season of their greatest need.
We pray to the Lord
For the people of Australia:
That the community as a whole will work collaboratively
In a spirit of decency, fairness and compassion
To maintain the morale of those most in need of understanding and support
We pray to the Lord

**Gospel Reflection- 27th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A
(Matthew 21:33-43)**

An absentee landowner with slaves to do his bidding is not a very attractive hero for a story, at least not from a 21st century perspective. The chief priests and elders, Jesus' audience, make him even less attractive than Jesus may have intended. They complete Jesus' story by making the landowner a murderer like his tenants. They also unwittingly condemn themselves as the unworthy tenants who will be supplanted by others, probably others whom they currently despise. Jesus takes up their response and turns it back upon them. In Jesus' summing up, the vineyard becomes God's empire or reign and the grapes become the fruit of God's way of being in the world. Whether or not Jesus intends the landowner to be an image of God remains an open question, especially as it is not Jesus but his opponents who depict the owner as a murderer.

Jesus' refashions a story first told by the prophet Isaiah, and Matthew reworks Mark's version of the story from Isaiah. In its present context and form, the story evokes and foreshadows the fate of Jesus, the last in a long line of persecuted prophets and God's executed son. The careful preparation of the vineyard and the quality of the harvest form the all important sub text.

God's people can reasonably expect to be safe in the hands of trusted caretakers or 'tenants'. When the tenants resort to violence, even if they have legitimate demands, they find themselves replaced by more worthy tenants. The parable continues the theme of last week's gospel: society's outcasts are entering God's arena before the temple authorities.

Maybe Matthew is reminding his generation of Christian leaders to handle their sacred responsibilities with the utmost care and attention to the values of God's reign or

they too will find themselves replaced by others. This gospel story continues to function as a reminder that we are tenants or caretakers, entrusted with the sacred mission of bringing God's compassionate love to a fractured world. We can do this effectively if we listen to the voices of the prophets in our midst. There is no place in God's vineyard for the sort of destructive self-interest that persecutes or silences the prophets. *-Veronica Lawson RSM*

Thoughts on the Gospel Matthew 21:33-43)

'Today's Gospel is about, among other things, power and the abuse of power. The vineyard is the House of Israel, the servants are the prophets who were sent to Israel; and the sending of the landowner's son, refers to the coming of Christ. The tenants stand for those who mistreated them, Christ and the prophets, even to the point of death.

'However, the merest reflection should be enough to remind us that the themes of this story of violence and abuse of power remain very much part of our present day world. Part of this contemporary story are the power struggles going on across the globe, as well as the violence we encounter in our neighbourhoods and towns.

'But we must also look within, at our own tendencies towards the abuse of power. It is so easy to shift the attention onto others, as though these issues are not part of our lives. They are. All our lives are littered with the consequences of this: broken and damaged relationships, a loss of ability to hear what others are saying to us, and a deafness to the voice of God in our lives.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. John O'Connor OP

LADIES A PLATE

We have a large number of plates, platters & trays that have been left here after parish functions. If you are missing any please call into the Office and look over them, as they will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at the end of month.

THIS WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
READERS	L Crouch	M Hickey	C Carmichael	L Ward
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	A-M Greville M Sheahan M Meredith J Hall P Kelleher M & J McDonald	T Panuccio D Brown P O'Donnell F Carbone B Weightman	F&T Chiavone S Op'tHoog E Opie A Chalkley P Kerr B Bunting	R Antony M Zema J Zema S Walker J Ribarits
COUNTING TEAM	Team 2 Captain Joe DeJong 50 237802			

NEXT WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
MUSIC	N Armsden Filipino Choir		Italian Choir	M Sullivan J Ljubic All welcome
RCIA DISMISSAL LEADER			Andy Rossvandt	
COUNTING TEAM	Team 2 Captain Vince Fundak 50245774			

