



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:
 Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matt Thomas,
 Gladys Abriani, Jen Ditchfield, Rebecca Hogan
 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 SEPTEMBER 21st 2008: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

THIS WEEK: Twenty-Fifth Sunday

First Reading **Is 55:6-9**
 Psalm **Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v. 18**
The Lord is near to all who call on him.
 Second Reading **Phil 1:20-24. 27**
 Gospel **Mt 20:1-16**

NEXT WEEK: Twenty-Sixth Sunday

First Reading **Ez 18:25-28**
 Psalm **Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6**
Remember your mercies, O Lord.
 Second Reading **Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5**
 Gospel **Mt 21:28-32**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Glen Levey, Geoffrey Jones.
Anniversaries: Fr. Kevin O'Brien, Eileen Torney.
Sun 8.30a.m.: Kalena Husak
Sun 10.00a.m.: Carmela & Vincenzo Manno, Vincenzo & Maria Roccisano. .
Prayers:
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: 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, Joy Englefield, 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 Madison Rose Crouch, Remy Charles Baumgurtel & Amelia Petrolo who will be baptised at the 5.00p.m Mass.

WEDDING

This weekend we congratulate:
 Sherree Jamar & Brad Biddle and
 Megan Hare & Matthew Wilkes on their
 marriage Saturday 20th September.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We thank you for your service and care of parishioners and ask God's blessing up on you and your ministry. Thankyou and congratulations to our new members Matthew Joseph, Talia Fainga Anuku, Melina Conte, Kapeli Mapapalangi, Talianga(Michael) Fainga Anuka & Anne-Marie Dimasi joining our existing Eucharistic Ministers.

CEREMONY OF COMMISSIONING & RECOMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST.

At all Masses this weekend after the homily all new and present Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are asked to come forward to the steps of the sanctuary.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, our brothers and sisters are to be entrusted with administering the Eucharist during Mass and with taking communion to the sick. In this ministry you must be examples of Christian living in faith and conduct; you must strive to grow in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love. Remember that, though many we are one body because we share the one bread and cup. As ministers of communion be, therefore, especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbour. For when he gave his body as food to his disciples, he said to them: "This is my commandment that you should love one another as I have loved you."

Are you resolved to undertake the office of giving the body and blood of the Lord to your brothers and sisters, and so serve to build up the Church?

R. I am.

Are you resolved to administer the holy Eucharist with the utmost care and reverence?

R. I am

Dear friends in Christ, let us pray with confidence to the Father; let us ask him to bestow his blessings on our brothers and sisters, chosen to be ministers of the Eucharist. Merciful Father, creator and guide of your family, bless + our brothers and sisters. May they faithfully give the bread of life to your people. Strengthened by this sacrament, may they come at last to the banquet of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following a suggestion of some parishioners and after discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council it was decided that of a First Friday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the main altar would take place.

This will be from 12.00 noon until 5.00 p.m. and shall be a time of quiet prayer.

There will be a trial period for the next three months to see if it is answering the needs of the parish. It will be a chance for private prayer and reflection. For this devotion to be a success we need to have parishioners who will be prepared to spend time in the church e.g., 30 minutes or an hour.

We need to do this so the Blessed Sacrament is always attended and not left alone. Parishioners will need a break and security is maintained. There must be at least four parishioners in attendance at all times.

If you would like this devotion to be available please sign your name on the roster to be found at the central porch of the church. If there is a funeral or a wedding rehearsal on the Friday, the devotion will be shortened or cancelled.

MEETING DATES

Central Walnuts BBC

BBC members, family & friends are invited to get together at the home of Alan Chalkley 233 Walnut Ave on Sunday 20th 12.30pm.

BYO finger food & drink.

Baptism Preparation Evening: Wed 24th at 7.30pm.

Please note that the last two preparation evenings for Baptism for 2008 will be Nov 26 and Dec 10.

NO RCIA GATHERING Thursday 25th September – sorry for the inconvenience

MARK IN YOUR DIARIES.

The Passionist Family Group will be holding a games night at the Vines Retirement Village on Sunday Sept 28th at 7.00 pm, Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Marian Devotions for Parishioners of the Sub-Continent (India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh)

On 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.

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.

16th October Please read the following Topics:

The Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist and the Structure of the Mass. Fr Pat Flanagan/Fr Frank Monaghan

RECONCILIATION IN SACRED HEART PARISH

The Sacrament of First 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.

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.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

THANKYOU

To those parishioners who have volunteered to help out with visitations to the sick & elderly the response has been wonderful. We are so very fortunate to have such special people in our parish.

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.

Reflection

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...
It's about learning to dance in the rain.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL report;

All members appreciated the review spent with Vin Dillon and his comments.

It seems we need to work with three main issues

1. A time of retreat for Pastoral Councilors
2. The formation of a Pastoral plan
3. A study of our processes and decision making

Pastoral Plan will be worked on in earnest in February and March 2009

Brian Grogan reported on the Birchip Diocesan Meeting.

- Lessons can be learned from smaller parishes without priests
- Need for plenty of lead in time to introduce lay led ministries
- Need for the reintroduction of the Third Rite of reconciliation
- Transference of Governance of Parish Primary Schools becomes an issue when there is no parish priest.
- Need for the diocesan web site to become interactive.
- Lys Crowe was welcomed as a new member of Parish Pastoral Council.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Margaret Hammond is our new member joining the Finance Committee
- Parish has operated with a surplus for the last twelve months
- The loans have been paid out
- Final pricing for the paving will be \$20,000 and job will commence shortly.
- Chairs in the Hillman Room are to be recovered in vinyl
- Planned Giving Program is down \$11,000 on what was pledged.
- **A Contribution Day** will be held in **October** where parishioners will be asked to change their pledge or if they are experiencing difficult financial times to do something else which will benefit the Parish
- Sacred Heart Hall is in need of some repairs and further discussion and research will be needed as to how or if we should proceed with this venture
- Terry has had discussions with Paul Avers (architect/parishioner) with regards to kitchen area at the back of the Church to provide facilities for catering for parish gatherings. Discussions also with those who staff the piety stall. Prices will be obtained and presented to the Finance Committee.
- We need to consider the possibility of providing a mission / retreat for parishioners in general.

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support –	\$ 1,308.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,199.00
Loose Plate	\$ 370.70

ARTWORK ON DISPLAY

There is currently an exhibition of children's artwork and writing from Sacred Heart School, St Paul's Primary and other local schools in the Access Gallery (down the stairs) at the Mildura Arts Centre.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

Tuesday 23rd of September Bishop Peter flies out of Melbourne to Peru where he will spend his annual leave seeing the work of Father Michael McKinnon and that of Marion & Luke Guthrie.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT:

A RICH YOUNG NATION

The challenge of affluence and poverty in Australia

In the statement, *A Rich Young Nation: The challenge of affluence and poverty in Australia*, the Bishops have issued an urgent call for action to achieve justice for those afflicted by poverty in our affluent society.

Although Australia has experienced great prosperity, "there are many who are wealthy, but live in spiritual poverty, and there are those who have been bypassed by the economic growth and live in material poverty," the Bishops say.

The Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, Bishop Christopher Saunders of Broome, said that no matter how well the economy performs, the health of our society can be judged by the treatment of its most vulnerable citizens.

"Following years of prosperity, Australia has the means to act for the common good and with a special concern for the poor. How we use the world's resources and foster human development are concerns for every Australian.

"What values characterise our daily lives: Have we become obsessed with economic success and material acquisition? Do we recognise those in need and our obligation to do something about it?"

In 1992, as Australia emerged from global recession, the Catholic Bishops warned of higher levels of serious poverty and the emergence of an underclass of gravely disadvantaged people. With the 2008 Social Justice Statement they are renewing that call for justice for those afflicted by poverty in our affluent society. Some who are particularly vulnerable include Indigenous families and communities, single-parent families, low-paid workers, refugees and people who are homeless.

The Statement also includes practical ideas for action to help people from all walks of life begin to address and prevent poverty in the community around them. The whole statement can be downloaded from: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au Social Justice Sunday is celebrated on 28 September 2008. After Sunday 10.00a.m. Mass Light Refreshments will be served using Free Trade Tea & Coffee, ladies a small plate please.

‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ Matt. 25:37-39

REFLECT AND PRAY

(Matthew 20:1-6a)

In the mid 1970s, I spent two years as a student at the Ecole Biblique in East Jerusalem. Early each morning, I crossed the road from my home at the Chaldean Patriarchate to the grounds of the Ecole. I used to see the Palestinian day labourers lined up beside their vehicles and waiting for employment. In the wake of the Yom Kippur War, they were living through hard times. In the morning, they were chatty and cheerful. Those who found work no doubt remained cheerful: they had the means to support their families and could find some meaning in their lives. Those still waiting for work at midday or later were dejected and shamed, not least by the prospect of returning home without their daily bread. Those who were hired found honour in the society and the means to sustain themselves and their families. Those who missed out on work suffered hunger, indignity and a sense of powerlessness. Confronted by this spectacle day after day, I began to understand the parable of the labourers in the vineyard.

In Matthew’s parable, those who have worked all day grumble because the underemployed

are made ‘equal’ to them. They are in fact equal as persons. Jesus makes it clear that people’s worth is not to be measured in terms of their capacity for economic production. Those who cannot find work and those who cannot work because of sickness or disability or visa restrictions know something of the experience of the Palestinian workers. Their needs are no less urgent than the needs of those who have productive and well paid employment. Social security benefits might address their basic material needs but are less than effective in addressing the underlying issues of human dignity.

Parables yield meaning differently in different contexts. The debilitating effects of ‘envy’ or the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the landowner may be issues in certain contexts. Others may have questions about ‘generosity’ offered from a base of power over against equal access to the world’s resources. In the face of climate change, many of those who used to be ‘first’ in economic terms now find themselves with huge debts. They may not be quite as desperate as the Palestinian day labourers. They nonetheless find themselves ‘waiting in line’ as never before. There’s an invitation in today’s story for us all to live in ways that promote quality of life for every one of earth’s inhabitants.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

THIS WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
READERS	B Blessner	J O'Donnell	B Bunting	I Russell
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	P Kelleher M McDonald J McDonald K Quinlan M Roper S Tisler K Girke	M Mazza A Vartuli N Zudetich S. Visona	S Opie N Lewis S Hermans T FaingaAnuku M FaingaAnuku T McNamara R Byra	Mary Joseph Michael Joseph J Marci A.M Dimasi M Conte
COUNTING TEAM	Team 10 Captain Brian Grogan 50212099			

NEXT WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
MUSIC	M Hammond L Crouch M Schmidt		N Armsden Filipino Choir	Youth Group
RCIA DISMISSAL LEADER		Isabel Russell		
COUNTING TEAM	Team 1 Captain Gerry Lavery 50211918			