



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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 Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matt Thomas,
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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.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2008: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

THIS WEEK: Twenty-Sixth Sunday	NEXT WEEK: 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading Ez 18:25-28	First Reading Is 5:1-7
Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6	Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7
Remember your mercies, O Lord.	The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Second Reading Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5	Second Reading Phil 4:6-9
Gospel Mt 21:28-32	Gospel Mt 21:33-43.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Srs. Sheila Fiscalini RSM & Valda Ward RSM(Ballarat), Giovanni Carusella & Patricia Maguire(Melb).

Anniversaries: Morgan Windsor, Muriel Bourke, Fr Con O'Sullivan, Gertie Brophy, Norman Yodgee.

Sat 6p.m: Anton Grubisic, George Dobos, and Ljubica Begovic.

Sun 8.30a.m: Nick Cappola

Sun 8.00a.m: Morgan Windsor.

Sun 10.00a.m: Peter Lunn, Fr Tito Cecilia, Leon Odal, Carmelo (Charlie) Taverna, Marianna Macri, Albert Dean & deceased members of the Dean & Macri family.

Sun 5.00p.m: Leo Timpona, Vince Mammone.

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 Cr-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 **Olivia Ienco & Angelo Parisi** who will be baptised after the 10.00a.m. Mass.

Being school holidays many visitors are among us. We welcome you & trust you enjoy your time in Sunraysia. A special welcome is extended to all those here for the Country Music Festival. It's great to have you here.

Wedding-

We congratulate Tony Romeo & Sheryl Jones on their marriage Saturday 27th September.

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.

Clergy Comings & Goings:

Please remember Fr. Tom in your prayers as he goes on retreat this coming week.

We welcome back Fr Matthew from his recent holiday, hopefully all refreshed.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A
 We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.

WELCOME

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

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1st Collection) \$ 1,299.00

Envelopes (2nd Collection) \$ 2,207.05

Loose Plate \$ 460.45

PRAY FOR RAIN

Lord Jesus,

We humbly beg you for rain with thankful and humble hearts. Amen

COMING UP

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

Mon-Italian Choir Practise 5.00PM. in the Church

Tues- Social Justice Meeting 6.30pm. Fleming Room.

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.

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.

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.

THANKYOU

Mike and Jill Joslyn thank the Parish for all their prayers and support during Mike's illness. He is recovering well. *Thankyou.*

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.

Quote

"The bread in your box belongs to the hungry; the cloak in your closet belongs to the naked; the shoes you do not wear belong to the barefoot; the money in your vault belongs to the destitute."

St. Basil the Great

Totalitarian ABORTION LAW requires conscientious disobedience

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The abortion debate has produced a standoff in Victoria over church-state relations and freedom of conscience. It is time to seek a resolution which respects the long held conscientious beliefs of some health providers within the context of the proposed state regime approving abortion on demand. Declining doctors asked to perform an abortion will be required by law to refer the patient to another doctor known not to have any conscientious objection to abortion. Some doctors think abortion is almost always wrong; others think it is almost never wrong. Some hold the conscientious belief that the abortion of a viable foetus is the deliberate killing of a child. This is not a matter of mere prejudice. It is a deeply held belief and understanding of the reality of the matter. They think they will be asked to refer a patient to another doctor just for the purpose of killing a child. Such doctors would regard this as being legally required to cooperate in an act that they consider immoral.

Unless the Victorian upper house acts to amend those provisions of the bill which presently negate the freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief of health professionals (without explanation to Parliament and without following the usual override procedure), the matter will need to be resolved by the courts.

Meanwhile the Catholic hospitals and conscientious health professionals opposed to abortion on demand are well justified in taking their stand against an unjust law which carries the hallmarks of totalitarianism. Any self respecting civil libertarian should support them, regardless of their views on the morality of abortion on demand. - *Frank Brennan*, Eureka Street

DECRIMILIZATION OF ABORTION

LAW REFORM BILL

The Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly is due to be debated in the Legislative Council on the 7th October.

Archbishop Denis Hart has issued a pastoral letter to the Catholics of Victoria – this is available at the Church doors. The Archbishop has called a Day of Intercession throughout the Archdiocese on 5 October 2008 dedicated to the defeat of the Abortion Law Reform Bill. He has invited the people of the Archdiocese to join in prayer and asks you to make your concerns known to your members of the Legislative Council. We shall unite ourselves in prayer next Sunday from 12 noon – 1.00 p.m.

ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the main altar will take place. Friday 3rd October, this will be from 12.00 noon until 4.45 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.

We are still looking for more volunteers, 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.

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.

Gospel Reflection- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 21:28-32)

What do you do with passive-resistance? This is a question that most parents, teachers, employers and leaders of organizations have to confront at some time because there are people in every walk of life who make an art form of saying yes and failing to follow through with action. They can seriously undermine the most worthy of projects or people. We meet them in today's gospel.

And what do you do with the slow starters, those who take time to come on board? They also appear in today's gospel. Changing one's mind is not greatly valued in our society. It is seen as a sign of weakness. One has only to listen to the taunts in the parliament when one of our political leaders changes course in the light of new information for evidence of this. I suggest that changing one's mind can be an act of great courage and humility, even heroism. This is particularly so if it involves abandoning a self-serving direction for the sake of justice or compassion or the 'common good'. Voluntary change comes invariably from a change of heart, from the 'metanoia' of the gospel. Stories abound of those who change course and make of their whole life, retrospectively, what they opt for as their future. There are also sad stories of those who recognise the need to change behaviour patterns but refuse the necessary help for fear of a loss of face.

Jesus addresses most of his parables to the disciples. In this instance the chief priests and Jewish elders are his audience.

Earlier in the chapter, this same audience is allied against Jesus (21:15). They are angered by the 'amazing things' he does and by the public recognition he receives from the children in the temple. The parable is part of his response to these temple authorities.

Like the second son, they profess to do the will of God, but their actions belie their words. Jesus spells out the meaning of the parable as it relates to the disjunction between what they say and what they do. They rejected the prophet John who came to them 'in the way of righteousness'. The tax collectors and prostitutes, 'sinners' from the perspective of the authorities, accepted John's message, albeit belatedly like the first son, and are making their way into God's empire 'before' the guardians of the religious institutions. Today's parable invites us to be who we are and to bring our actions into line with what we profess as Christian disciples. *-Veronica Lawson RSM*

You may have heard the comment: *"It's easy to be a Christian because you know that when you die the only question you will be asked is 'Did you feed the poor?'"* Searching the internet to find the author, I came across this striking comment from **Archbishop Oscar Romero**, friend of the poor who was martyred in 1980:

"Inside the heart of every person there is something like a small intimate cell to which God comes down for a private conversation. And it is there where a person decides their own destiny, their own role in the world. We live too much outside of ourselves. Very few people really look inside themselves, and that's why there are so many problems...If all of us who are burdened by so many problems were to go into that little cell right now, and from there, hear the Lord's voice speaking to us in our conscience, how much could each of us do to improve the environment, society and the family we live in?" - Parish Secretary

THIS WEEKEND	6.00P.M.	8.00A.M.	10.00A.M.	5.00P.M.
READERS	C Sheahan	K Schultz	C/P McErvale	I Sullivan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	S Girke L Roden J& H DeJong M Capogreco L Gooch K Burns	E Panetta D Pemberton L Welsh E Frauenfelder L Belej	M Grivec F Caldarelli C Carmichael R & R Op't Hoog E Mazza G Raiti	W Finn T Finn P Cox M Ransome F Virgona
COUNTING TEAM	Team 1 Captain Gerry Lavery 50211918			

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 Joe DeJong	Ph ;	50237802	

