



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 1ST 2008: Twenty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

FATHER'S DAY

THIS WEEK: Sunday 7th September –

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 14th September

First Reading Nm 21:4-9

Psalm Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

Remember the words of the Lord.

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Jn 3:13-17

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Stan Hensgen, Bishop Peter Quinn (Bunbury), Frank Delahunty (Murtoa).

Anniversaries: John Hall, Michael Gorman, Elsie Saunders, Frs. Jack Russell & Edward O'Bryan.

Sun 10.00a.m: Rosa Marie Mandica.

Sun 5.00p.m: Edwin Perera, Edward Wolczek.

Prayers: Giuseppe Mandica & Joe Mandica.

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 2/177 12st -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

Peter Jones (Melb), Bob Pemberton (Adelaide), Daniel Roden, Joy Englefield, Maureen Quaine, Fr Brendan, Smith, Glen Levey, Domenico Ficarra, Michael Joslyn, Peter Adair, Sr. Noella Farrell rsm. (former Principal of St. Paul's).

BAPTISMS

This Saturday, we welcome into God's family, and into our Parish Community Carissa Stewart, Toby & Riley Wise who will be baptised at the 6.00pm Mass.

WEDDINGS

This weekend we congratulate Rebecca Argiro & Charlie Campisi, Anthea Lavery & Steven Wilmann on their marriages Saturday 6th September.

Father's Day – Prayer

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting.

Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce who are parenting their children alone.

Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

CHANGE IN PARISH TEAM

This week we say farewell and thanks to Mrs Jen Ditchfield for her work as a member of the Parish Team and Parish Sacramental Co-Ordinator for the last two years. Her commitment to the programmes and to all involved has been much appreciated. We shall miss her cheerful presence, her ideas and her support as she moves into full time teaching. Through the grace of God and connections we have been able to employ Miss Lys Crowe as a Pastoral Associate. Being employed as a teacher at St Paul's means Lys will work on a part time basis in the parish. Further details have yet to be confirmed. So we welcome Lys and thank her for accepting this position.

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.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND **Collection for Sick and Retired Priests**

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for thirteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised over 1.2 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$90,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$50,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. The loose change on the 2nd collection will be given to this appeal.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus you are the bread of life.
Thankyou for nourishing me.
Jesus, bless my family and friends.
Give them your life and your love.
Help us Jesus to be thankful for
The gifts we have received and to share
With others who are in need.

MEETING DATES

The **Knights of the Southern Cross** monthly meeting will be held in the Fleming Room 7.30pm Monday 8th September.

St Paul's Primary - School Meet & Greet

Wed 10th Sept, at 9am in room 12 we invite all interested parents to come along and have a cuppa and listen to our guest speaker. Catherine Pullen will be speaking about developing practical skills for family living.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS FOR PARISHIONERS OF THE SUB-CONTINENT (India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh)

A meeting of interested parishioners will be held in the Hillman Room on Wednesday September 10th at 7.30 p.m. to arrange the celebrations.

MASS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE MILDURA NURSING CENTRE (Ontario Avenue)

On Tuesday September 16th at 2.00 p.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in one of the gathering areas at 2.00 p.m. This Mass will be attended by Mrs. NESTA Pardo, who has been taking the Eucharist on a weekly basis to the residents for many years. We wish to recognise her fidelity and care of residents. Besides residents being invited, their relatives, friends and parishioners are also urged to attend and say thanks to NESTA.

MARK IN YOUR DIARIES.

GOD START- There will be a meeting of all interested in assisting the God Start team distribute birthday cards to our new parishioners at 4p.m. Thurs 11th Sept in the Hillman Room.
If anyone is able to assist please attend.

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. .

A VOCATION VIEW:

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - A
How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

Finance- Last Week's Collections

Priests Support –	\$ 1,471.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,980.55
Loose Plate	\$ 511.10

FOUND: A fine silver bracelet and earrings belonging to a young lady were found in the Church last weekend. If you know the owner please contact the Office.

CENTENARY BOOKS/ DVD-CDs still available.

We still have some Mildura Catholic Centenary books DVD & CDs are available from the Parish Office if anyone would like a copy.

Eucharist Minister Please Note:

The new rosters have been completed many thanks to Ellen Frauenfelder hard work coordinating it all. You should receive these early this week.

BAPTISM

Through baptism we willingly enter the community dedicated to Christ, and set ourselves to live out this commitment every day of our lives. It is the decisive and only act of initiation; there is no higher dignity in the Christian life than to be baptised.

*So what has this really to do with water?
The heart of the celebration of baptism is to be immersed under the water and to come up out of it. A mere sprinkling of a few drops or a couple of pours from a jug do not capture the power and intention of the ritual. For the Christian, the waters of baptism are the waters of life. To enter the water is to enter into a new life. To be immersed in the water is to be cleansed and refreshed. It is to have our wounds bathed and our life-weary bones rested. - Gerard Moore*

Australian Catholics Magazine

FAILING OUR YOUTH

Fr Wally Dethlefs has been working on the margins for many years

One faith, many faces

Pilgrims share experiences of Sydney

A monk out of the box

Abbot Christopher Jamison on making faith real today

2008 Young Journalist Award

And the winners are...

✚ See what else is in our Spring 2008 edition .

ROSARY BEADS

If anyone has Rosary beads that require mending please contact the Office for more details.

REFLECT AND PRAY

Gospel Reflection on Matthew 18: 15-20

What does a just society or community do with its persistent offenders, with those whose behavior continually disrupts or even destroys the unity of a group? This is an age old question that has no easy answer. Timor Leste's Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation (CAVR), set up to deal with 'lesser offences' committed over the period from 1974 to 1999, struggled with this issue and provided the world with an object lesson on how to balance forgiveness with accountability. The Vatican has recently affirmed its support for the implementation of CAVR's recommendations. The Timorese recognise that a too easy amnesty is no solution for unacceptable behavior. Offences need to be named and acknowledged by their perpetrators for the sake of community reconciliation.

The process followed by CAVR in Timor Leste is very close to that proposed in today's gospel for members of the 'church' community. The power to deal with transgression is firmly in the hands of the community members. All care must be taken not to shame a person, but to allow her or him to acknowledge the offence in private. If that fails, the matter is referred to a group of two or three witnesses, according to Israel's ancient legal practice (Deuteronomy 19:15). The next step is referral 'to the church', or in other words to the assembled community. A person who refuses to listen 'to the church' is to be treated as a Gentile or a tax-collector. The meaning here is not at all clear. Some scholars suggest that the Matthean Jesus is proposing exclusion from the community. Others consider that he is advocating the sort of compassionate approach he has personally shown to 'outsiders', to those in need of conversion.

The responsibility for maintaining right relationship in the community lies with the community members. If our personal efforts to resolve conflict are unsuccessful, we do well to seek the wisdom of others. Jesus, God-with-us, is present in the assembly. We have that assurance. We also have the assurance that our failure to deal with

transgression can leave a person unreconciled. It is very easy to hold on to past hurts. We need to 'loose' the sins of those who acknowledge their offences. In other words, we need to forgive them and thus set them free from the burden of their sins against us. There is much we can learn in this respect from our Timorese neighbours. -
Veronica Lawson RSM

**Happiness comes through doors
you didn't even know you left open.**

Sant' Antonio Committee **Financial Report 2007/08**

Income

Statue Donations	\$2,100.00
Raffle Tickets-36 Books sold	\$ 720.00
Mission Collection	\$ 494.90
Donations	\$ 110.00

Total Income	\$ 3424.90
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Expenses- Festa

Warburton Butchers	\$ 524.45
One Stop Wholesalers	\$ 380.13
Mildura Printers	\$ 200.00
Deakin Hot Bread Shop	\$ 120.00
Mixed small expenses	\$ 60.00
Priests Expense	\$1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$2,784.58

SECOND ANNUAL BISHOPS FORUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Friday, September 19, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at the Mulkearns Theatre, Australian Catholic University, Mair Street, Ballarat. Bishop Peter Connors will launch the Australian Bishops Statement on Social Justice –

A Rich Young Nation: The Challenge of Affluence and Poverty in Australia.

Guest Speaker on the Statement: Michael Gourlay, Jesuit Social Services. More information is available in the Social Justice section of the Diocesan Website at <http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services/default.cfm>.

This weekend	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	C Ellis	H Curran	Sr Patricia	L O'Connor
Eucharistic Ministers	M Roper S Tisler K & S Girke L Roden J DeJong H DeJong 7	T Panuccio D Brown P O'Donnell F Carbone B Weightman 5	A Chalkley P Kerr B Bunting C Maugeri C McErvale L Rowe N Leonardis 7	W Finn T Finn P Cox M Ransome F Virgona 5
NEXT WEEK: 13/14th - Music	M Sullivan B Lewis J O' Bryan Talia Fainga' Anuka		Italian Choir	M Hammond J Ljubic All Welcome
RCIA		David Pemberton		
Counting Team	7 th Sept	Team 8: Trevor Aust	5023 6597	
Next Week	14 th Sept	Team 9: George Dolence	5023 7993	

Bring back some humour

It is worth thinking for a moment of all the people who bring fun into our lives. They give us life, and we should thank God for them.

What we laugh at we can rise above. Humour and hope are inseparable companions.

Some who profess to be Christians believe, mistakenly and sadly, that there is no place for fun in religion. So steeped in their attachment to sin are these unfortunates that they overlook religion as our connection to God and others. Fun connects us. Sin disconnects. It's the wrong focus and it shows in their demeanour. Instead of coming to Communion to partake joyfully in the Hospitality of God the Host, their faces reveal the sort of misery and gloom that envelops constant watchers of television news. They have forgotten that Christians are meant to be people of the Resurrection, incurable optimists who keep on believing, trusting, hoping, and working for the possibility of change. - Fr Chris Gleeson,

Humour to to-day.

A young executive was leaving the office late one evening when he found the General Manager standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the GM, "this is a very sensitive and important document here, and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing work for me?"

"Certainly," said the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the GM, as his paper disappeared

inside the machine. "I just need one copy..."

About Fathers

- He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it. - *Clarence Kelland*
- The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them. - *Confucius*
- He who is taught to live upon little owes more to his father's wisdom than he who has a great deal left him does to his father's care. - *William Penn*
- By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. - *Charles Wadworth*
- A man's desire for a son is usually nothing but the wish to duplicate himself in order that such a remarkable pattern may not be lost to the world. - *Helen Rowland*
- Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about small boys. - *Anonymous*

ABC TV -- MUSLIM EDUCATION

10:10pm, ABC TV Sunday 7 September

After recent opposition to a proposed new Islamic school in Sydney, Compass continues its series examining faith and values in our education system by turning up for class at two Muslim schools to find out how their teaching and curricula differ from other schools.

Around Australia today there are about 30 Muslim schools. More are planned, but raucous opposition to a proposed new one in Sydney's south-west again exposed a deep-seated fear of Islam by some in our community.

So, what goes on in an Islamic school? Who are the students and teachers? How do their curricula differ from other schools? How much focus is on religious instruction and how does Islam influence what is taught? Compass visits two Muslim schools in Sydney to find out. Al Zahra College, a prayer from the Koran begins each school day. Students learn Arabic and teachers are encouraged to give lessons an Islamic context. But just like students across NSW, its pupils study the state's school curriculum.

In the western Sydney suburb of Greenacre is the Malek Fahd Islamic School. Both a primary and high school, it has more than 1700 students. In 2007 its Year 12 results placed it in the top ten schools in NSW.

Here, like at Al Zahra, the students learn Arabic. Prayer is also a daily ritual, and there's a weekly sermon by a Year 11 boy. Between Years 7-10 girls and boys have separate playgrounds. And it's compulsory for high schools girls to wear the headscarf.

Compass follows students and teachers at work to present an inside view of a Muslim education.

SBS TV DOCUMENTRY.

Every year millions of refugees escape civil war and human rights violations in search of a new homeland. Roughly 13,000 are accepted into Australia. But what happens once they arrive? This SBS TV *Cutting Edge* documentary provides some answers. This intimate documentary, filmed with the cooperation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Australian government's resettlement agencies, looks at two refugee families who escaped civil war and violence in their homeland, hoping for a fresh start on safer shores. *I'll Call Australia Home*, SBS TV, Tues Sept 9 at 8.30pm

COUNTING TEAMS

New rosters are in the process of being printed up. Before they are distributed could all Captions contact the Office, to verify and update any changes to your team and their contact details please.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Fr. Tom Brophy 50212872, Terry Murphy 50233056, Mary Gobbo 50234621, Marita Jensen 50237208, Fr. Matt Thomas 50212872, Jean Rocca 50237561, Brian Grogan 50212099, Cornelia Conway-Weel 50234567, Sr. Rosemary Graham 50231841, Peter O'Donnell 0429104225, Chris Slattery 5022 0565, Veronica Chong 5023 13