



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matthew Thomas,
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 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 1st February 2009: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

THIS WEEK: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading **Dt 18:15-20**

Psalms **Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v. 9**

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

Second Reading **1 Cor 7:32-35**

Gospel **Mk 1:21-28**

NEXT WEEK: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

First Reading **Jb 7:1-4. 6-7**

Psalms **Ps 146:1-6. R. v. 3**

[Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.](#)

Second Reading **1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23**

Gospel **Mk 1:29-39**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Alojz Zagar, Leo Leyden (Strathmore--
 nephew of Fr. John (dec.); Joan Walsh (Brighton sister of Fr.
 Kevin Murphy), Joe Olden (Adelaide).

Anniversaries: Matteo Zema, Norma Window, Jim Murray,
 Fr. John Kelly.

Sat 6.00 p.m. Jolene Davis, Ella Chiera, Mary Natale.

Sun 8.00 a.m. Jack Quinlan.

Sun 10.00 a.m. Maria & Michael Surace, Joe Surace,
 Margaret Lunn.

Tues 2.00p.m. Mon & Len Setford.

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: Funeral Mass – Alojz Zagar 9.30 a.m.

Tues: 7.00 p.m.

Wed: 9.10 a.m.

Thurs: 9.30 a.m.

Fri: 5.40 p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

We pray for the sick

Peter Adair, June Harper, Phil Smith, Susan Gaylard (Melb,
 sister of Pam) & Joshua Herrick.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS:

We sincerely congratulate the following on their recent
 Australia Day awards as Citizens of the Year

— Mr. Bob Pollock of Red Cliffs who has been heavily
 involved in St. Vincent de Paul for many years and who did
 so much to get Vinnies Budget Grocery Store off the
 ground. He was the founding manager of the Store and
 only retired from that position recently.

— Mr. Luke McManus, a former student of St. Joseph's
 College, was named Young Citizen of the Year in
 recognition of the work he did as the youngest President of
 the Millewa Football League:

— the Members of the Red Cliffs St. Vincent de Paul
 Conference for setting up and running Blockies and Cockies
 Day that supports those hit hard by the drought;

— Miss Jessica Gerstenmeyer who was named Young
 Citizen of the Year in Irymple.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Sacred Heart Parish Council will hold an extraordinary
 meeting this coming Tuesday in the Hillman Room at 7.30
 p.m. to discuss the provision of Masses and sacramental
 care in the parish of Ouyen by the priests of Sunraysia in
 the light of our present commitments.

The outcome of these deliberations will be made known as
 soon as possible, for our Mass times may change.

The priests are now taking responsibility for Masses in
 Ouyen as from this weekend.

N.B. Fr. Michael Madigan svd will be here until the end of
 February.

Schools Begin for 2009.

School begins this week for the primary and
 secondary students across the Diocese of Ballarat.
 Fifty three primary and eleven secondary schools
 opened their doors for the arrival of the 2009
 students.

St Paul's & Sacred Heart Primary schools both
 report increased numbers attending this coming
 year.

Musicians

A Reminder to collect your copy of the music roster for 2009. You'll find them either on the Organ or back table.

WHAT'S ON

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Special meeting has been called for Tues 3rd Feb 7.30pm in the Hillman Room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

The 1st gathering for 2009 will be held in the Fleming Rm on Wed 4th Feb in at 6.30 pm.

RCIA Gathering Thursday 5th- Hillman Room.

Topic: Church's Year & Catholic Practises –Sr. Rosemary.

Adoration EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT The next adoration will be **Friday 6th Feb- 12 noon-5pm.** and shall be a time of quiet prayer.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Will begin the year with a *supper* at Denise & Gerry Lavery's 6 Wanera Way, Mildura, Friday 13th Feb at 7.30pm. A plate to share please.

- Rite of Election

In a few weeks Lent will be upon us and that important event in the RCIA calendar, the Rite of Election, will be celebrated on Saturday, February 28, at 11am in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

Gospel Reflection- (Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28)

First Reading (Deut 18:15-20). The term 'prophet' appears eight times in this short passage. Moses tells the people that God will respond to their request at Sinai (Horeb) and raise up from among them a prophet like himself, a mediator between God and God's people, one who will speak God's word. The prophet does not appoint or authorise himself/herself (we know of four women prophets in Israel and countless male prophets). God calls and authorises the prophets to speak God's word. Failure to heed the prophets carries its own consequences as does the attempt to assume a prophetic role without God's authorisation.

Second Reading (1 Cor 7:32-35). Some of us are anxious about secular matters, others about religious affairs or church matters. Paul tells the Corinthians that anyone, whatever their state in life, can experience anxiety. The Greek terms used for 'anxious' or 'without anxiety' can have the neutral sense of 'concerned about' or 'without concern for'. The context of this passage seems to suggest that, for Paul, anxiety is not a desirable state for anyone, irrespective of its source. All members of the community are called to be free from constraint or anxiety and utterly devoted to God.

Gospel Reading (Mark 1:21-28). Just as the prophets of old speak the authentic word of God only when they are authorised by the God of Israel, so Jesus of Nazareth, later to identify himself in this gospel as God's prophet, speaks and acts 'with

authority', in other words with the authority of the God of Israel. In this first account of his divinely authorised activity, Jesus makes holy the Sabbath by casting out an 'unclean spirit' and making a seriously troubled person whole. God's reign or empire is made real through a healing action that is perceived as 'a new teaching'. Jesus is demonstrating to his newly formed group of followers that the gospel they are to proclaim is grounded in the ordinary struggles of ordinary people. It carries the power to lift the burdens that inflict both human bodies and human spirits. We might want to identify the 'unclean spirits' that take hold of us from time to time and open ourselves to the power of God mediated through God's teacher-healers in our time. - *Veronica Lawson RSM*

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 pm	J Ditchfield
8.00 am	P O'Donnell
10.00 am	P/E Opie
5.00 pm	T Finn

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

<u>6.00 pm</u>	<u>8.00 am</u>
H De Jong	G Scopacasa
M Capogreco	M Scopacasa
L Gooch	B Dolence
K Burns	M Flinn
A-M Greville	Sr Grace Rogers
M Sheahan	
M Meredith	
<u>10.00 am</u>	<u>5.00 pm</u>
T McNamara	W Finn
R Byra	T Finn
M Grivec	P Cox
F Caldarelli	M Ransome
C Carmichael	F Virgona
R & R Op't Hoog	

COUNTING TEAM

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NEXT WEEKEND - MUSIC

6.00 pm N. Armsden, Filipino Group,
10.00 am M. Guthrie, B. Lewis, J. O'Bryan.
5.00 am M. Hammond, J. Ljubic, K. Loison
All welcome

Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1 st Collection)	\$ 1,283.00
Envelopes (2 nd Collection)	\$ 2,185.00
Loose Plate	\$ 472.20