



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr Matthew 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 15th February 2009: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

THIS WEEK: : 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B		NEXT WEEK 7 th day in ordinary Time Year B
First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46 Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7 I turn to you, O Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1 Gospel Mk 1:40-45		First Reading Is 43:18-19. 21-22. 24-25 Psalm Ps 40:2-5. 13-14. R. v.5 Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. Second Reading 2 Cor 1:18-22 Gospel Mk 2:1-12

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Jan Storer (Swan Hill) & all those who died in the recent bushfires.

Anniversaries: Peter (Reg) Vanek, Rod Lacey, Cassandra Manners, Corey Dowling, Stevie Lee Weight, Shane & Abbey Hirst, Josephine Calvi, Mario Pantarotto, Juiseppe & Vincenzo Panetta & Frando Esteves(Philippines-br of Eva Lawn).

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

Mon: 6.00 p.m.

Tues: 6.00 p.m.

Wed: 9.10a.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Thurs: 9.30 a.m. & 6.00 p.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 & Brooklyn Thornton (child).

OUR PARISH RESPONSE TO THE BUSHFIRES.....

NOVENA OF MASSES.

The Sacred Heart Parish has been celebrating a Novena of Masses at 6.00 p.m. each day as of Wed Feb 11th and will continue to do so until Thursday 19th Feb. (On Sunday the Mass will at the usual time of 5.00 p.m.) These Masses are offered for all affected in any way by the bushfires.

Everybody is welcome to attend any of these Masses.

- The loose change from the 2nd collection next weekend will be given to the Archbishops Charitable Bushfire Fund.

A WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER

We look back with great sadness for the terrible loss of life and property that occurred over the weekend in Victoria.

I think we are all in a state of shock as the overwhelming reality of what occurred sinks in. We offer our support to people who make their way through this crisis and slowly rebuild their lives.

The large number of Fire-fighters, Police, SES, Army & Others who are also working hard to combat these fires and assist those families in need - our thoughts and prayers are also with them and their families at this time.

Archbishop Denis Hart has announced the creation of a special appeal to raise funds to assist victims of the bushfires.

- All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

Cheques or money orders should be made payable to:

Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund - Bushfire Appeal,

P.O. Box 146,

East Melbourne,

Vic 8002

- Archbishop Hart said the Church stands in solidarity with the community in this time of crisis.
- He encouraged those who can to respond generously to the appeals that have been established to assist fellow Victorians and communities to recover and rebuild their lives.
- He has again urged members of parish communities to pray for victims of the fires, especially those that have lost love ones, house, home or livelihood.

MASS CHANGES

The priests and parish leaders are appreciative of the reception given by parishioners to the Mass changes announced last weekend. To have such understanding enables us to face the future with confidence. Our thanks are also given to those who assisted in the discussions and formulations arrived at over the past few weeks. Copies of the Letter can be found in the Church foyers.

Fr. Matt deserves special mention as he put together many scenarios for us to examine.

N.B. From Sunday March 1st only one Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church in the morning -- 9.00 a.m.

NEW HAT FOR FR. MATT

Fr. Matt has recently been appointed as regional chaplain to the C. F. A. We thank him and assure him and the CFA of our prayers during his time of appointment.

NEW ROSTERS.

With there being only one Mass Sunday morning as of 1st March we need to review our rosters for Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, & Musicians. Could those involved *except* Readers please contact the parish office in person or by telephone 5021 2872 so we can draw up new rosters.

READERS could you please contact Trish Swincer Ph: 50231317 (wk) or 0417 231 318 and notify her of the changes to your preferences. We hope those already involved in these ministries will continue. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

TONGAN YOUTH GROUP

This weekend the newly formed Tongan Youth Group will be blessed following their foundation earlier this month. We wish them well & trust their involvement in the Parish will lead to stronger friendships & appreciation of our unity as a family.

WHAT'S ON

FINANCE MEETING: Tuesday 17th 12 noon.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting Tues 17th 7.30p.m. Hillman Room.

CATECHISTS meeting Wed 18th 9.00a.m. Hillman Room.

Grade 6 RECONCILIATION- PARENT MEETING Wed 18th 7.15 p.m. in the Church.

YOUTH MEETING 7.30 Wed 18th Hillman Room.

RCIA Thurs 19th - Hillman Room
Topic: Importance of Lent & Easter – Fr Frank.

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVED YOU”

With Frs. Brendan Smith & John McKinnon

Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal.
A special weekend will be held at Norval Conference Centre Halls Gap from Fri 27th –Sun 1st March.
Cost \$140.00 inclusive.
For Registration & Enquires contact:

Joan Devoy Ph: 55700558.
Registrations close 23rd Feb 2009

LENT & OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Fr Elio Capri will be visiting our Parish Saturday 28th Feb. so keep this date free.

He would like you to join him on Saturday as he speaks on Lent and our Parish Community. Further details will be published in next week's Bulletin.

Diocesan Youth Council: Diocese of Ballarat

An Invitation

The Ballarat Youth Council is a new initiative of the Diocese. Bishop Peter Connors invites expressions of interest from individuals who believe they have the necessary commitment, skills and experience to be a member of the Council. In his Council Members, the Bishop is seeking a group of people who can assist him in planning for the present and future needs of young people in the Diocese. The majority of members will be between the ages of 16-35. The Council will meet four times a year with each member asked to commit to 2 years. An Invitation, with further information, and an expression of interest form can be collected from the Parish Office.

-NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Titled “Called to be the Good News”, we will, during the coming weeks, be highlighting points of Catholic Social Teaching:

The permanent principles of the Church's social doctrine are – the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity. On the Dignity of the Human person, John Paul II said “God has imprinted his own image and likeness on human beings, conferring on them an incomparable dignity. In effect, beyond the rights which one acquires by one's own work, there exist rights which do not correspond to any work performed, but which flow from one's essential dignity as a person.”

Reflection on the Reading-6th Sunday Lev 13:1-2.45-46.

Leprosy is the clear theme of the First Reading and the Gospel. In biblical times lepers were treated as pariahs. Leprosy was the ultimate uncleanness. It made the victim an outcast not only socially, but also in the religious sphere.

Jesus broke through all the religious and social taboos and reached out a loving and healing hand to the leper. In this way we see a Christian community should deal with sinners and people society rejects.

Besides, a Christian is one who has ‘cleansed’ by Christ in baptism, and who ought to spread the ‘good news’.

In the Gospel we have an early instance of what scholar's call Mark's ‘Messianic Secret,’ whereby Jesus seems to hide his identity as the Messiah and Son of God until is made apparent after his death and resurrection. - *Flora McCarthy, SDB.*

How you can help victims of the Victorian Bushfires <>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA

The weekend bushfires, Victoria's worst natural disaster, have caused widespread loss of life and of homes.

A beacon of hope that has shone out from this tragedy is the way that the Australian community has rallied to offer support: schools, parishes, families have been among those keen to assist, and relief and assistance agencies have been flooded with offers of help.

The Australian Catholic community has been a significant part of this response. Schools, agencies, parishes, dioceses across the country have been keen to offer assistance. In a number of cases we are already aware of welfare agencies supporting staff in their willingness to make a contribution. Several agencies have also offered assistance by way of skilled personnel to those agencies who are making a direct contribution.

The following notes provide an update on the assistance that is being provided, and on what is required. Please let CSSV know if there is further material that we should include in a later update.

Within the Catholic community, immediate spiritual assistance and intercession is a priority. Clergy and pastoral assistants in the fire-affected areas continue to be very active, and are receiving support from colleagues from other areas. Moral and spiritual support for those affected, and also for their friends and relatives who live in other areas, is a top priority. Grief and worry are widely spread throughout Victoria.

The initial front line material assistance to affected families and communities is being provided by the Red Cross and Salvation Army, supported by Commonwealth and Victorian Government funding - .

St Vincent de Paul Society is active in all geographical areas affected by the fires. Their emergency recovery structure is providing immediate assistance, and assessing needs for recovery. They have a presence in each Parish, and information is being gathered at that level, to ensure effective support for the recovery phase.

Funds are currently required. You can donate to St V de P's bushfire appeal on their website: www.vinnies.org.au; by phone: 13 18 12; or at any Vinnies store.

Blood is also needed. Although the Red Cross Blood Service is not presently calling for emergency donations, they are encouraging all Victorians who want to assist in this way.

Other Catholic agencies that are centrally involved include the Centacare agencies in each of the Dioceses, all of which are impacted by the fires. Their professional expertise in counselling is very important, and will become more so over the coming weeks and months, as the recovery phase takes off.

At this time, assistance in kind is not a priority. Donations of money are of much more use right at the moment that giving goods as it is very difficult to manage the supply of food and household goods on the ground – in particular the sites where the bushfire has ravaged the local infrastructure. If a need for specific goods is identified, this will be publically announced.

Accommodation is still needed in some areas. The Department of Human Services is coordinating donations of billeting/housing and accommodation. Please call the

Department on 9096 0000 or 1300 650 172 within Victoria. Information available on assistance priorities is regularly becoming available, from each of the main agencies that are involved, and through the media. CSSV will do another round up on this as the situation evolves.

In solidarity with those who have died, and with those who are mourning or in distress of any kind,

Denis Fitzgerald- Executive Director

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

Victorian Disaster Appeal has been launched. To donate, people can go to www.vinnies.org.au/vic or phone our Donation Hotline 131812.

Also at Vinnies Centres, counter donation boxes are provided or through your local members or Conferences. Please mark donations – *Disaster Appeal*. Receipts will be issued to all.

OTHER BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DONATIONS:

The Red Cross, NAB, ANZ, Commonwealth Bank, Coles Supermarkets and Bunning's have made their respective branches and stores donation points for Australians who wish to make a contribution to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund.

HOW DO I SEND A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE OR SUPPORT? Fairfax and News Ltd are running on-line condolence and support message books. Websites are:

http://blogs.theage.com.au/yoursay/archives/2009/02/condolence_book.html

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,25024926-661,00.html?from=communities>

THE KNIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CROSS

Our Parish Knights of the Southern Cross have generously donated \$1,000.00 toward the Bush Fire Appeal.

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 pm L Crouch
8.00 am R Collins
10.00 am J O'Bryan
5.00 pm B Chaplin

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

<u>6.00 pm</u>	<u>8.00 am</u>
S Girke	E Panetta
J De Jong	D Pemberton
H De Jong	L Welsh
M Capogreco	E Frauenfelder
L Gooch	L Belej

10.00 am

P Kerr
B Bunting
C Maugeri
C McErvale
L Rowe
N Leonardis
M Speed

5.00 pm

Mary Joseph
M Joseph
J Macri
A-M Dimasi
M Conte

COUNTING TEAM

Team 1 Gerry Lavery 20211918

NEXT WEEKEND - MUSIC

6.00 pm N Armsden, B Lewis, J O'Bryan
10.00 am M Guthrie
5.00 am Youth Group

Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1 st Collection)	\$ 1,158.00
Envelopes (2 nd Collection)	\$ 2,359.40
Loose Plate	\$ 391.00



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Dear People of the Diocese of Ballarat,

I am certain that you will be remembering all who have suffered so much in recent days from the bushfires that have devastated so many communities and families and individuals in various regions of our State.

At our Masses and Assemblies let us pray for these people and for the many hundreds of people who are providing them with comfort and practical assistance at this time.

Many bishops around Australia have expressed the solidarity of their people with the victims of the bushfires in our State.

I recommend that you support the appeals that have been launched by the Australian Red Cross and by Archbishop Denis Hart, the Archbishop of Melbourne.

Donations to the Archbishop of Melbourne's Charitable Fund are tax deductible and will be distributed by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

+ Peter J. Linnane

Prayer for those affected by bushfires and floods

All things look to you, O Lord,
to give them their food in due season:
look in mercy on your people,
and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions have been lost,
or are threatened by fire and flood.
In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land.
Protect those who fight the fires, and those who care for them.
So guide and bless your people,
that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth
and give you thanks with grateful hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (APBA, p.205)

ASH WEDNSDAY DAY MASS TIMES
Wednesday 25th February.
Merbein 9.15am
Mildura 9.30a.m. & 5.30 p.m.

Australia's new ambassador to the Vatican, former Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer on Thursday 12th Feb 2009.

Pope welcomes Ambassador Fischer
Pope Benedict personally welcomed