



SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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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 8th February 2009: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

THIS WEEK: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

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

Psalm **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**

NEXT WEEK: 6th Sunday 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**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recent Deaths: Owen (Oscar)Murrell, Fr. Jack Welsh P.E. (Melb.)

Anniversaries: John Donnellon, Eileen Moroney, Frs. Frank O'Farrell & Gordon Gebbie.

Sat 6.00 p.m. Giuseppina Rocca.

Sun 5.00 p.m. Edward Austin.

Fri 5.40 p.m. Luciana Carfora.

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: 7.00 p.m.

Wed: Prayer of the Sick 2.00 p.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.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome *Isabella & Chloe McDonald, Oliver & Andie Sharman* into God's family, and into our Parish Community to be baptised at 6.00 pm Saturday. Also Allegra Dwyer who will be baptised at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday.

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS:

Next Saturday Feb 14th during the 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass teachers from our Catholic schools will be commissioned and blessed as they begin the scholastic year.

THANKS SO MUCH JIM!

It is with sadness and deep gratitude that we acknowledge the great work Jim O'Donnell has done in the parish over many years. Jim is to retire from active work in the church gardens and from banking collections. To have a man of Jim's generosity and integrity in the service of the parish has been a blessing and we sincerely thank him for that and wish him well in the future. We also thank Mark Burrow for taking on the role of banker. May God bless both men.

A Little Bit of History:

HISTORIC CEREMONY – 30.01.1984

A Sunraysia born Sister of Mercy on Saturday night became the first nun in 70years to take her final vows in the area. In a colourful and moving ceremony, Sister Kath Tierney took her vow of commitment before 600 people at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She was the first nun to take her vow in the area since Sister Cecilia was accepted to the Order at Wentworth in 1914. Sister Cecilia, 88, the oldest nun in the area, is a close friend of the Tierney family.

Sister Kath said her final vow in front of a congregation five priests and the Bishop of Ballarat, Reverend Ronald Mulkearns. - *Sunraysia Daily 28.012009*

Sister Kathleen is now the Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy (Melb).

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

This past week saw two parishioners take their place on the Parish Pastoral Council following the resignation of members last year. We thank Theresa Thanh-Khuong Post and Rinni Op't Hoog for stepping into the breach and filling these positions when asked by the executive body of the Council. May the Lord reward them for their contribution to parish life.

We also congratulate one of our parishioners on his elevation to the role of Principal of Saint Joseph's College --- Mr Darren Atkinson. We ask God's blessing upon him and his role now and in the years ahead, as the first non-religious principal in the College's history.

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.

Watchem Milestone

"In 1885, **St Joseph's Parish Watchem** was born with the erection of a church followed by a presbytery in 1891. Watchem was the hub for what are now the parishes Birchip and Donald until c.1907 when the northern section of the parish was excised out to create the parish of Sea Lake. After 124 years as a celebrating faith community the time has come to farewell St Joseph's. Mass giving thanks to God for all that St Joseph's has brought to the life, faith and commitment of both past and present parishioners will be celebrated by **Bishop Peter Connors**, Bishop of Ballarat, on **Sunday 22nd February 2009 10.30 am** followed by a light lunch and refreshments in either the **Watchem Hall** or the **CFA Shed**. All are welcome to join us in celebrating this most significant milestone in the life of this community."

Many Thanks, Fr. Marcello Colasante P.P
St Mary's Parish Birchip & Donald Ph: 5497 1112

WHAT'S ON

CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

La Trobe University Benetook Avenue
Mildura Sun 8 Feb 2– 3 pm
In the Brian Grogan Lecture Theatre.

Anne Webster is the presenter. She is arguing against the ethics and the funding of abortion, and is well on the way to establishing a pregnancy support group as an alternative to abortion. She is an undergraduate doing her Bachelor of Arts, and was one of only 20 students from throughout Australia to be invited to the European Union Human Rights Summer School. She very bravely took anti-abortion as her subject, and presented her paper to an international audience of mainly masters and PHD students. As an undergraduate she was amazed to be given the award for the best presentation.

In recognition of her success in Canberra this Cultural Conversation has been arranged by the campus administration.

There are only three options to consider as resolution to an unplanned pregnancy: abortion, parenting or adoption (though in Victoria, we have an enigma called permanent care also). The EU has made efforts to ameliorate the injustices of oppression in Reproductive Rights through the Daphne Program, and the Hague Convention on Adoption implemented in 2008. However greater effort is required in prevention of unwanted pregnancy, implementation of welfare support for women, education, contraceptive access and maternity support and child care.

Many of these areas are sadly overlooked. There needs to be genuine effort to make access to adoption a friendlier option, which gives both mother and baby hope. Australia's position in this research is enlightening and troubling. I offer a vision of a local model in an attempt to answer what is a global social concern.

(Worth Attending.)

Knights of the Southern Cross- monthly meeting will be held in the Fleming Room 7.30pm Monday 9th.

Catholic Ladies Social Group will hold their Annual Meeting Tues 10th at 2.00 pm in the Hillman Room.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Wed 11th February - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church at 2.00 p.m. All parishioners welcome.

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.

Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

A special weekend will be held at Norval Conference Centre Halls Gap from Fri 27th –Sun 1st March.

"Love one another as I loved you" with Frs. Brendan Smith & John McKinnon. Cost \$140.00 inclusive.

For Registration & Enquires contact:

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

World Day of Prayer

Will be held on Friday March 6th from 9.00am-12 noon in the Church.

Guest speakers will be Luke Guthrie sharing their experiences of their time spent in Lima Peru.

Morning tea will be served after the morning service in the Church.

RADIO- **The Spirit of Things: 50 Years of Vatican II,** ABC Radio National, Sunday February 8 at 6pm.

This Week on Compass- ABC 1

TONY BLAIR'S LEAP OF FAITH: Sunday 8 February at 10.00pm.

Tony Blair led British Labour to an unprecedented three election

victories. But for him politics was always inextricably intertwined with his

faith. Now post politics he wants to make religion as significant to the

21st century as ideology was to the 20th. For the first episode of the

2009 season of Compass, Geraldine Doogue travelled to London to

interview Tony Blair about how faith has informed his politics and what

he hopes his new

"Faith Foundation" will achieve on the world stage.

Quote

"Life is a succession of crises and moments when we have to rediscover who we are and what we really want." **Jean Vanier**

APOLIGY- Mr. Bob Pollock has not retired as stated in last week's Bulletin; he is still very actively involved in St. Vincent de Paul and Vinnies Budget Grocery Store. Our apology for this misprint and any alarm this may have caused.

Dear Sunraysia parishioners,

Last December, Bishop Peter Connors sent us a Pastoral Letter for Advent. In this he wrote, *'In the coming months, a number of the priests of the Diocese will be retiring, which will require various other priests to move to new appointments ... I regret that at this time it will not be possible to replace all of the retiring priests ... These changes will impact on many, for a pastoral change in any of our communities reaches far beyond the individual community initially affected.'*

We, in the Sunraysia parishes of Merbein, Mildura and Red Cliffs, are about to be affected by the changes our Bishop mentions as he has now asked us to take on responsibility for the sacramental life of the Ouyen parish. This requires us to look at the needs of our parishes as well as those of Ouyen, the welfare of the priests involved and the practical issues of a new Mass timetable.

The present situation is that Mass is celebrated eleven times at various communities in Sunraysia and Ouyen on the first and third Sundays of the month, and seven times on the second and fourth Sundays. We are able to cope with this at the moment as we have four priests with the presence of Fr. Michael Madigan SVD here on a visit. His last Sunday with us is February 22nd.

Diocesan and Roman directives inform us that priests are not to celebrate more than three Masses on a Sunday (including the vigil) and we are not to have Lay-led Assemblies of the Word and Communion in the same church in which Mass is celebrated on that day.

The priests and parish leaders have met, the respective Parish Pastoral Councils have been consulted and we have come up with the following arrangements, conscious we have three priests, increased travel and wish to have as little disruption as possible to our present timetable:

The 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Masses of a Sunday in Mildura will disappear and be replaced by one at 9.00 a.m. The other Masses will remain the same i.e. Mildura 6.00 p.m. vigil and 5.00 p.m., Irymple 8.30 a.m., Merbein 10.30 a.m. and Red Cliffs 10.30 a.m. **This change will be effective from Sunday March 1st.**

On the first and third Sundays of the month, one of the priests will celebrate three Masses in the parish of Ouyen -- Ouyen itself and either Underbool & Patchewollock or Walpeup & Tempy. (The return trip from Mildura last weekend was 355 kms!) The other priests will celebrate the Masses in Mildura, Irymple, Merbein and Red Cliffs. There will be nine masses celebrated all together.

On the second and fourth Sundays, Masses will be celebrated in Mildura, Irymple, Merbein, Red Cliffs and Werrimul --- a total of seven Masses. Lay-led liturgies will be held in Ouyen and it's out churches.

On the fifth Sunday, six Masses will be celebrated in Sunraysia --- Mildura (3), Irymple, Merbein and Red Cliffs as there will be no Masses in Ouyen or Werrimul on that day.

This proposal is designed to enable the priests to cope with the extra work load and the people to continue their lay-led assemblies in the parish of Ouyen. It will also enable us to partly cover for each other when one of the priests is on holidays, including Fr. Paul at Wentworth. With a smaller number of available priests, it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to get a holiday supply. At such times, lay-led liturgies of the Word and Communion will also be offered.

We are fortunate to live in an area where we have choices as to which Mass we can attend, unlike most parishes in the Diocese, for Mildura itself will still have three Masses and there will be a number of Masses nearby --- Irymple (8.30 a.m.), Red Cliffs (10.30 a.m.), Merbein (10.30 a.m.) and over the river at Wentworth (6.00 p.m. Vigil), Dareton (8.00 a.m.) and Buronga (10.00 a.m.).

To help you appreciate these changes and their effects on parishioners, the priests will speak about these at each Mass this weekend and invite your questions and comments after Mass.

Bishop Peter concluded his Advent Letter, *'Change is difficult for everyone as it always brings sadness and regret. But we have much to be grateful for and celebrate. As I travel around the Diocese I see evidence of the wonderful work of the laity who contribute to the day to day life of our parish communities and beyond ... (and) I am heartened by the on-going commitment of the clergy who serve the people of the Diocese so generously, spreading their energies and presence wider and wider ... As we celebrate Advent and the Christmas season, may our following of Jesus be a time of peace, hope and trust in God's future for us. May God bless you all abundantly in the coming year.'*

Thank you for your understanding and support at this time.

Srs. Marion and Joyce, Frs. Pat, Matthew & Tom,

**Gospel Reflection- (Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39)
First Reading (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).**

The Book of Job is a reflection on human suffering. It ponders the age-old mystery, 'Why does the just person suffer?' Job's so-called 'comforters' are locked into a mindset that considers human suffering to be God's punishment for sin. Job's experience dictates otherwise. Sadly, millions of good people across our planet know the experience that Job describes: hard labour, little return for hard work, a sense of emptiness, sleepless nights. What can this little vignette offer us? Job complains, but does not lose faith in God. Sometimes we need to complain, even bitterly, and to unburden our hearts in safe places. Simply naming the pain can bring some relief.

Second Reading (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23).

In the verses preceding this passage, Paul has made it clear that those who preach the gospel have a right to financial support from the community. In his concern to 'win' all for the sake of the gospel, he is prepared to forego this right and make a living as a tentmaker. In various parts of his correspondence with the Corinthian community, there are hints that some of his readers are more mature in their faith and moral development than others. Paul does not condemn 'the weak'. Rather, he accommodates their lack of maturity and at the same time challenges them to grow in their faith and moral commitment. He also challenges the more sophisticated who think they have all the answers. It is sometimes the less well off in our communities who contribute most in financial terms and subsidise those who take the gospel ministry for granted.

Gospel Reading (Mark 1:29-39). Today's gospel presents Jesus healing a woman who is identified only in relation to her son-in-law, Peter. She may not be named, but she is the first human character in the Markan gospel story who is said to 'minister'. In other words, the love of God working through Jesus draws her beyond herself to engage in a ministry of bringing the bread of life, of caring for God's people. A little earlier in Mark's gospel we hear that angels ministered to Jesus in the desert: in other words God looked after Jesus as he embarked on his mission of bringing God's healing love to a broken world. Now this woman is caught up in the same mission. The many people healed by Jesus come a little closer to knowing the happiness that is the goal of all being, the realisation of God's 'empire'. -Veronica Lawson RSM

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND

READERS

6.00 pm Sr Patricia
8.00 am L Welsh
10.00 am R op't Hoog
5.00 pm B Kelly

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

<u>6.00 pm</u>	<u>8.00 am</u>
J Hall	M Mazza
P Kelleher	A Vartuli
M McDonald	N Zudetich
K Quinlan	K Mapapalangi
M Roper	S Visona
S Tisler	
K Girke	

<u>10.00 am</u>	<u>5.00 pm</u>
E Mazza	R Antony
G Raiti	M Zema
F & T Chiavone	J Zema
A Chalkley	S Walker
S Op't Hoog	J Ribarits
E Opie	

COUNTING TEAM

Team 10 Brian Grogan 50212099

NEXT WEEKEND - MUSIC

6.00 pm M Hammond, L Crouch
10.00 am Pacific Islanders.
5.00 am M Sullivan, K. Loison

Last Week's Collections

Priests Support – (1 st Collection)	\$ 914.00
Envelopes (2 nd Collection)	\$ 2,271.00
Loose Plate	\$ 309.05

SOME BE – ATTITUDES

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves;
they will have endless amusement.
Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a
molehill;
they will be spared a lot of trouble.
Blessed are those who can go to bed and fall asleep
without looking for excuses; they will become wise.
Blessed are those who know when to shut up and
listen;
they will learn new things thereby.
Blessed are those who are intelligent enough not to
take themselves seriously;
they will be appreciated by those around them.
Blessed are those who are attentive to the call of
others without thinking themselves indispensable;
they will be sowers of joy.
Happy are you if you know how to take small things
seriously and large things peacefully; you will go
far in life.
Happy are you if you can admire a smile and forget
a frown; your path will be sunlit.
Happy are you if you can keep quiet and smile,
even when someone cuts you off in mid-sentence,
when someone contradicts you, when someone
treads on your toes;
the Gospel is beginning to penetrate your heart.
Blessed above all are you if you can recognize the
Lord is in everyone you meet; you have the true
light and true wisdom.
Dear God, open our hearts so that we have the
courage to do your *work*.

*Lets salute the turtle – it moves forward by sticking out it's
neck.*