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SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2011
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Parish Blessing

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Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavour.
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Sat 10.00 a.m.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah. 49: 3. 5-6

Psalm: 39: 2. 4. 7-10

Response: Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

Second Reading: Corinthians. 1: 1-3.

Gospel: John. 1: 29-34.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

First Reading . Isaiah. 8: 23. 9: 3.

Psalm. 26: 1-4. 13-14.

Response. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading. Corinthians. 1: 10-13. 17.

Gospel Matthew. 4: 12-23.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Samuel Prendergast, Charlie Pongraz

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sat. 6.00 p.m. Giovanni Delorenzo.

Sun 9.00 a.m. Sara Leonardis.

Sun 5.00 p.m. Vincenzo Pollifrone (18yrs).

Only members of the deceased's immediate family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Antonio Chiavone.

If you want a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Prayer Group: 2.00-4.00pm.

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8.40am.

Christian Meditation: Sat – 11.30am. *Hillman Rm.*

- ❖ There will be a Funeral Mass on Monday at 10.00 a.m. for Mr. Charlie Pongraz.

CHURCH WINDOWS

We are indeed blessed as a faith community to have three new windows blessed following their installation last week. It was very pleasing to have the designers/creators/installers at the 9.00 am Mass last Sunday so we could meet them and hear the story of their involvement. There is obviously much more to church windows than one thinks. They undoubtedly enhance the church and will bring everyone much joy as they lead us in prayer. We sincerely thank all those who contributed to the cost of the project. May God continue to bless all involved and may Mary, Mother of all nations, continue to intercede for us and all her children.

FATHER MICHAEL MCKINNON

Beginnings in parishes always bring with them a sense of expectation as well as apprehension – for both priests and parishioners. I would like to say that I am delighted to have been appointed to Mildura, a Parish that throughout my thirty years of ministry has enjoyed a reputation for being alive and vibrant because of active lay participation, kindly clerical administration, well run schools and the presence of the Sisters of Mercy. The Parish on the edge of Lima in Peru where I have worked for the past six years has been a bit different to here, but my acceptance of the appointment to Mildura was strongly influenced by its multicultural character. I look forward to being enriched by the customs and traditions that such a variety of cultures bring to this Parish. Although my home Parish of Terang is in the heart of the Western District, I did spend two years in Hopetoun before my first mission appointment to Chile at the beginning of 1982, and I am well aware of the hospitality and wonderful humour of the people of the north. I look forward to further experiencing that and readapting to the pace of life that seems to accompany the gentle and steady flow of the Murray River. I know that if Jesus and His Gospel are the genuine focus of our endeavours, we will continue to grow in our mission to become the heart of God in this part of the world. Fr. Mick McKinnon

QUEENSLAND FLOOD APPEAL

As flood waters continue and yet to recede in some areas with communities being isolated for weeks to come. We are asking for donations to this Appeal which will be sent directly to Father Brian Noonan at St Patrick's Church in Toowoomba, there the parish can directly assist the *flood victims and not have to wait some period of time to recover insurance and for those many people who are actually without insurance protection.*

They will provide financial and material assistance, friendship and support, to the people in crisis directly. During times of disaster resources are stretched further than any normal.

Monies from the Parishes 1st Collection over the next two weeks will be donated to Fr Brain for distribution..

Others in our thoughts

While Queensland is at the forefront of the newspapers, television and radio coverage, there are other communities across Australia also struggling with their own challenges. Our thoughts and prayers also extend to the farming communities within Victoria, Canarvon (WA) who have also been ravaged by floods; the NSW affected areas, to the Sandhurst community who recently lost their much loved Bishop, Joe Grech. There are unnamed and unreported challenges that many communities and individuals across the nation are experiencing right now. Let's keep these communities in our prayers.

PRAYERS FOR SUDAN:

We are aware of the conflict in Sudan over many decades, resulting in loss of life, displacement of people, with many forced to flee. As the Sudanese referendum is taking place, their people will appreciate prayer support in this important time in their history.

Please join together in prayer for them.

Voting continues for the referendum which will determine whether Sudan is split in two.

More than 60 per cent of those registered have now voted, ensuring the outcome will be considered official.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) \$ 1,424.00

(This collection and the offerings go toward the cost of the Priests' stipends/ food / cleaning / fuel / car expenses/other living expenses/ phone / SEC and Diocesan expenses which are paid quarterly).

2nd Collection (Support of Parish & Diocese) \$3,197.50

Loose Plate \$ 490.15

REFLECTION

To provide a reference is a serious responsibility as well as a privilege because, more often than not, a good deal depends on the testimony one provides. John the Baptist took it upon himself to be a referee for Jesus. His testimony reverberates across the centuries, offering an introduction to Jesus, year in year out, for those who seek to understand this Jewish prophet and teacher who was and is more than a prophet or teacher. John wants his disciples to understand that the whole purpose of his water baptism is that Jesus 'might be revealed' to God's people. He wants them to know that Jesus is 'of God'. He is the 'lamb of God', the 'chosen one of God'. He is the one on whom God's Spirit descends and remains. Jesus comes before the Baptist and so ranks before him.

MINISTERS' ROSTERS

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST. 16th

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6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.	6. 00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00	6.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
M.Cirillo	A.Chalkley	M.Joseph	P.M.			N.Armsden	M.Sullivan	Sacred Heart
M.Capogreco	A.Vartuli	J.Matthew	Sr. Patricia	P.Maloney	B. Kelly	B. Lewis	J. Macri	Choir
L. Gooch	N.Zudetich	J. Macri	COUNTING TEAM 2. Joe de Jong 5023 7802			J. O'Bryan		All welcome
A-M.Greville	S.Visona	A-M.Dimasi						
M.Sheahan	B.Bunting	M.Conte						Anuku.
M.Meredith	M.Haynes							
J. Hall	L. Belej							

Is the author of this gospel using the character of the Baptist as a vehicle for his particular Christology or presentation of Jesus? That's what many scholars think, although some of the images in the Baptist's testimony are firmly grounded in Jewish tradition and could well come from a prophetic figure like John the Baptist. Maybe the answer to the question is 'yes, but not exclusively'.

Whether the images have their origin with John the Baptist or John the gospel writer, we might reasonably wonder what it means to say that Jesus is 'God's lamb'. Does the expression refer to the Passover lamb whose blood signifies deliverance? The imagery in John's gospel relating to the death of Jesus might point in this direction. Is 'God's lamb' the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53 who takes on the sins of the many? Is it an image of the lamb that God provides for Abraham's sacrifice (Genesis 22)? Is it evoking the apocalyptic lamb of Jewish literature of the time, the powerful conquering lamb that destroys evil in the world? Is it intended to suggest vulnerability as in the prophecy of Jeremiah 11:19 ('I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter'). There is never a simple explanation when it comes to John's gospel, but it seems to me that the symbol of strength in vulnerability has potential for understanding the characterization of Jesus in this gospel. The Lamb of God of John 1:29 'takes away' the sinful condition of the world. Twenty-one centuries down the track there is still violence and hunger and exploitation on a massive scale. The work of the one strong enough to risk vulnerability so that others may have life, the work of God's Lamb, is never done. - Veronica Lawson RSM

EXODUS JOURNEY

It is a blessing to anyone to get a chance to visit the places where Jesus lived and walk through the ways of his passion and experience Calvary and Holy Sepulchre. Here is an opening for you to make this dream true. **'FAITH EXPERIENCE JOURNEY through BIBLICAL LANDS'**, an Exodus journey, is arranged from Sunraysia. It covers the areas like **Cairo** (3 nights), **Mt. Sinai** (1 night), **Red Sea** (1 night), **Petra** (2 nights), **Dead Sea** (1 night), **Sea of Galilee** (3 nights) & **Jerusalem** (6 nights). This journey commences on 13th March, 2011 and will return on 2nd April, 2011. This journey, without any doubt, will deepen one's faith and will give new understanding of Gospel settings. This is an opportunity to be touched by Jesus' life, death and resurrection. This pilgrimage is perfect for yourself or a gift package to your dear ones - your parents, children or friends. This trip is with Harvest Pilgrimages, the leading pilgrimage operator in Australia. If you are interested please contact Father Paul, Wentworth, (Mob: 0428624287) for details.

FOUND: 2010 Reading Glasses 1 pr Ladies, 1 pr Mens please connect form the Office.

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