

SACRED HEART PARISH , MILDURA

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

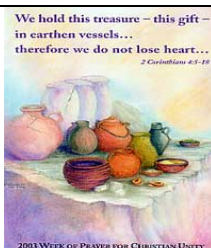
Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan, Sr Helen Murphy
 Mrs Mary Gobbo & Mrs Helen Findlay

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.00pm and Irymple 8.30am.
Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11.00am or by appointment.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 2, 2006 Year B

THIS WEEK:

First Reading: Wis. 1:13-15; 2: 23-24
 Ps. 28 **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**
 Second Reading: 2 Cor. 8: 7,9,13-15
 Gospel: Mk 5: 21-43 or 5:21-24, 35-43



NEXT WEEK:

First reading: Ez: 2-5
 Ps. 122 **Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**
 Second Reading: 2 Cor. 12: 7-10
 Gospel: Mk 6: 1-6

Deaths

Brian Clinch Maria Barcak
 Alby Hood - Castlemaine (Denise Lavery's father)
 Ana Habjan (Dubrovnik)
 Desmond Delahenty (Ballarat North, Fr. Meredith's brother)

Anniversaries

Grace Callapari (1st) 10.00 a.m. Sun
 Matthew Glen "
 Vincenzo, Carmela & Frank Cirillo "
 Evelyn May Smith 5.00 p.m. Sun
 Deceased Members of CWL 2.00 p.m. Tues
 Colin Haeusler, Jane Hunter, Grace O'Brien.

Note to Families requesting special Masses:

Please let the 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: Thur 2/177 12th Street, 10.30 a.m
 Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

We pray for the sick

Denis Donnellon, Pat Donnellon, Alice Novak,
 Peter Johnston, Robert Mutton, Betty Stirrat, Lloyd Reale, Clinton Salt, Irene Hunter, Maureen Irvine, Giuseppe Demaria.

Weekday Mass Times

If there is a Requiem Mass on Wed/Thu/Fri the advertised Mass will be cancelled

Tues: Mass of Anointing 2.00 p.m.
 Wed: 9.10 a.m.
 Thurs: 9.30 a.m.
 Fri: 5.40 p.m.
 Sat: In the Hillman Room 10.00 a.m.

Baptism

Louisa Poppy Clark

Welcome

We welcome from all over the nation members of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia who are gathering in Mildura for a conference this weekend. They would greatly appreciate your prayers.

What's on this week?

SUNDAY (today) – Farmer's Market at Irymple

TUESDAY – Baptism Team Meeting – Hillman Room at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – Social Justice Group to meet in the Fleming Room at 6.30 p.m.

THURSDAY – GodStart

Those interested in this programme are invited to one of the two gatherings with Carmel Densley on **Thursday, July 6 at 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.** in the Hillman Room. Please let Sr. Helen know if you are coming.

What's coming up?

FIRST EUCHARIST IN SACRED HEART PARISH

Parents wishing their child to receive First Eucharist this year are invited to register at Parent Information Meetings on **July 12 and 13 at 7.30 p.m.** Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation are a prerequisite. If you have not already received a letter and registration form, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

PASSIONISTS ROCCA FAMILY GROUP

to meet for Games Night in the Hillman Room on **Friday, July 14** beginning at 7.30 p.m. Please bring a plate for supper. Any further queries, please phone Jean Rocca on 5023 7561.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS – Wednesday, July 19

Mass is to be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 7.30 p.m. to mark the Golden Jubilee of Ordination of Bishop Ronald Mulkearns, Mons. Henry Nolan, Fr. Daniel Arundell, Fr. Leslie Sheahan and Fr. Damien Heath. All are invited to join the celebration and give thanks for the many years of priestly ministry these men have given to the Diocese. Father Dan Arundell will be presiding at the Parish Mass in Terang at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday **July 30, 2006.** There is an open invitation to relatives and friends to attend. A cup of tea will follow the Mass.

Other Notices

National Aboriginal And Islander Day

NAIDOC – National NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) celebrations are held annually around Australia in the first week of July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"In regard to the Aboriginal people of your land, there is still much to be achieved. Their social situation is cause for much pain. I encourage you and the government to continue to address with compassion and determination the deep underlying causes of their plight. Commitment to truth opens the way to lasting reconciliation through the healing process of asking for forgiveness and granting forgiveness – two indispensable elements for peace. In this way our memory is purified, our hearts are made serene, and our future is filled with a well-founded hope in the peace which springs from truth."
- Pope Benedict XVI's address to Australia's New Envoy, 18th May 2006

NAIDOC Week: Respect the past – Believe in the future

This is an edited version of an address presented by Patrick Dodson for the Samuel Alexander Memorial

Lecture. Patrick Dodson is an Aboriginal leader and Chairman of the Lingjari Foundation.

In every civilised society all members have the right to develop their gifts and skills; to seek a greater understanding of their social, spiritual and physical environment; and to have their contributions to society recognised as worthwhile.

Prior to the arrival of the First Fleet, this was not only the responsibility of the Native Tribes of this continent; it was regarded as central to the survival of our civilisation. The arrival of Arthur Phillip and successive generations had devastating consequences for the Aboriginal people.

While the 1788 invasion was unjust, the real injustice was the denial by Phillip and subsequent governments, of our right to participate equally in the future of a land we had sustained and managed successfully for millennia. Instead, the land was stolen, not shared. Our political sovereignty was replaced by forced servitude; our spiritual beliefs denied and ridiculed; our system of education undermined.

The introduction of superior weapons, alien diseases and a policy of racism created dispossession, a cycle of slavery, and attempted destruction of our society.

The 1997 Bringing Them Home report, which documents the experiences of Indigenous children stolen from their parents, highlights that according to the UN definition, genocide took place in Australia. The Report called for a national apology and compensation to those Aboriginal people who had suffered under valid laws which destroyed Aboriginal societies.

Despite the horrors exposed in the report, as a nation we proved unwilling to confront our past and deal with its consequences. That failure alone should have seen us condemned for a lack of courage and a denial of justice.

Aboriginal leadership must convince our governments that an agreement between us is not about division, but about bringing the nation to a greater enhancement of its own values and worth.

For some time now we have had clear evidence that many Aboriginal people have been abusing alcohol, drugs and amphetamines. The consequences of this abuse are violence, sexual abuse, premature deaths, suicides, and corruption of what is decent.

Before jumping to solutions, we need to ask the question, 'why?' Do we recognise that these same abuses are happening in mainstream society? Generally, we recognise that depression and hopelessness are strong factors and that intervention is required. In the case of Aboriginal people, police presence and imprisonment might provide a short-term fix, but it won't answer the question: 'why is this happening?'

Without serious consideration, populist responses will only increase arrests and imprisonment rates, neither of which has been a solution to the underlying issues. We do come from different cultures and have different laws, but ultimately, we possess a common humanity, and it is our respective uniqueness that offers us the opportunity for reconciliation, if we have the courage to engage in dialogue.

We must delve further to discover why we have not achieved better outcomes to such challenges, and in doing so, come to a deeper understanding of why reconciliation is necessary and beneficial.

The opportunity remains for both our peoples to be a nation at peace with itself and our past. If we avoid the issues of national reconciliation, then the monster of racism and the denial we have created will engulf us and our children will be left a flawed legacy.

This NAIDOC Week, let us undertake together to build a better Australia.

Help support Aboriginal Catholic Ministry by purchasing raffle tickets from Sr. Helen in the gathering space of the church after Mass.

THANK YOU from Maureen Irvine –

I want to thank everyone for your prayers and best wishes during my stay in hospital recently. They were greatly appreciated. The surgery was successful and I am recovering well but slowly.

NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Making poverty history.

The Millennium Summit held in 2000 agreed to goals, which aim to halve world poverty by 2015. 189 U.N. members, including Australia, signed the agreement. By signing the Declaration, our Government made a promise on our behalf to halve world poverty by 2015. We need to keep our word.

YOUR OLD CD PLAYER and CASSETTE DECK

Sacred Heart Church needs a new or second-hand CD player (just CD part, not one with speakers) and Cassette Deck (separate items). If you now use a DVD player to play CD's and would like to donate your old CD and Cassette components to be used in the Church, please contact Fr. John for me to check if these would be suitable for our Stereo System in S H Church.

CHILDREN'S MASS BOOKS

Suitable for children preparing for First Eucharist available from the church kiosk for \$5.50 each.

FOR SALE Parish Centenary Souvenirs

Centenary Books \$20, Post Cards \$1 set or 30c each, and St. Joseph's College DVD/CDs \$15 are available from Church Kiosk & Parish Office.

"TOGETHER IN GALILEE"

Fr. John McKinnon's 200-page book on Mark's Gospel. \$10.00 each at kiosk or parish office.

SACRED HEART & ST. PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS ENROLMENTS 2007

Interviews will be held during July 2006. Please phone for an appointment.

Sacred Heart Primary School

Olive Grove, Mildura Phone 5023 1204

Mr Greg Lane, Principal

St. Paul's Primary School

14th Street, Mildura Phone 5023 4567

Mrs Cornelia Conway-Weel, Principal

Please see notice boards in church foyer.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Please note that there are three umbrellas in the lost property cupboard in the church, waiting for their owners to claim them.

Last Week's Collections

<u>Priests' Support</u>	\$1,177.00
<u>Parish Support</u>	
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	577.53
Envelopes	1,467.40
Loose Plate	369.50
Total:	<u>\$2,414.43</u>

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Due to an error, the collection for the Holy Father was not taken last weekend but will be collected this weekend. This collection will go to help the many new organizations established to carry out the recommendations of the Second Vatican Council and to internationalise the consultative procedures of the Church. All loose change from the second collection over this weekend will go to this work. We would appreciate very much your generosity in this very worthwhile appeal.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT MASS – PART II

'The liturgy of the Word is a constitutive part of the Eucharist. We gather together in the liturgical assembly to listen to what the Lord has to say to us. He speaks here and now to those of us who listen to him in faith, believing that he alone has the words of eternal life, that his word is a lamp for our feet.'

Pope John Paul II – Mane Nobiscum Dominum (2004)

STEPS FOR EFFECTIVE PREPARATION:

Read the Scriptures on a regular basis in a small group or as a private study with resources.

Pray! Visualise the congregation. Ask God to touch their hearts. Be a witness to God's word.

Consider how your assigned reading relates to the Gospel. The lector workbooks, which are available, will be helpful for this preparation. **Read your text silently** several times, getting a sense of the pace and flow.

Identify the type of passage you are to read, e.g. a story, a prophecy, a parable, an instruction, a song or poetry.

Consider the meaning: What does the text mean? Where is the climax? What is the tone and spirit: comforting, warning, informing, intimate?

Check pronunciations and words of emphasis. Decide important phrases or words to emphasise. (Verbs are a good choice).

Practise reading aloud. Several times! Read to another person or into a tape recorder for feedback.

Pray again for personal growth and for your ministry as reader of the Word of God.

On your assigned day arrive ahead of time on the day you are scheduled so that you can enter into a spirit of prayer before the liturgy begins. Make certain that the Lectionary is correctly marked and that the microphone is adjusted properly.

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.

Reflection

The last sentence of today's gospel makes it clear how the story is not to be interpreted. It is a mistake to see Jesus as someone who during his public ministry wishes to prove something by the use of his supernatural powers. Rather today's gospel is first an invitation to its original hearers

to have faith. That same invitation is extended to us here and now by the Christian community. Jesus is presented in the gospels as having raised three people from the dead. In this he is not unique as other biblical characters are similarly portrayed. Certainly there are echoes of his equality with God as it is God who gives life. Such gospel events point to the new life which Jesus now possesses if only to suggest that his new life is different from that of the people he has raised from the dead. And it is faith in this new life of the Risen Lord that today's hearers are invited to be open to.

Scripture Notes

In today's Gospel we have two more of the miracles referred to in the Scripture Note for last Sunday.

These miracles show that Jesus' saving power can overcome sickness and even death. The reading from Wisdom serves as a backdrop to this message. God did not create human beings in order to destroy them, but that they should enjoy a blessed immortality.

Both the woman with the haemorrhage and the daughter of Jairus were beyond the help of any earthly power. The great faith of the woman and of Jairus is stressed. Both believed that Jesus possessed a supernatural power to heal. Both miracles are signs of God's power, restoring life and health through Jesus. The raising of the little girl is a foreshadowing of Jesus' gift of eternal life to all who believe in him.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Have you visited our church website lately?

www.milduracatholicchurch.org.au

Please check out the new format of our website!

If you have any suggestions for changes or additions, please contact the parish office.

W/end July 8/9	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Readers	M. Wellington	B. Dolence	N. Lewis	A-M. Laubscher
Eucharistic Ministers	V. Kidd J. Hall M. Roper S. Tisler K. Girke S. Girke L. Roden	S. Cyril L. Welsh M. Gobbo T. Panuccio D. Brown P. O'Donnell F. Carbone	R. Barbary I. Barbary T. McNamara R. Byra M. Grivec F. Caldarelli C. Carmichael E. Mazza	P. Rocca J. Rocca F. Virgona W. Finn T. Finn P. Cox
Counting Team	Team 5 – Captain Lois Glen – 5023 2648			