



## SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

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St Francis Xavier Church, Elm Street, Irymple

### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr Tom Brophy, Fr John Monaghan,

Mrs Mary Gobbo, Mrs Helen Findlay & Mrs. Jen Ditchfield

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.

## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 8, 2006 YEAR B

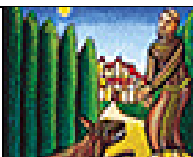
### THIS WEEK:

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24

Ps. 127 May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Heb. 2:9-11

Gospel: Mk. 10:2-16



### NEXT WEEK:

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Ps. 89 Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Second Reading: Heb. 4:12-13

Gospel: Mk. 10:17-30

### Recent Deaths

Charlie Taverna

Francesco Morello

Mary Thrum (Ivanhoe/Ouyen)

### Anniversaries

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Kevin Kean, Ruth Torpy, Frs. John Rogan &

Maurice Moloney, Patsy Scott, Norman Yodgee.

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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 10.30 a.m

Devotional Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3.00 p.m.

### We pray for the sick

Thelma Hendy, Annie Lambert.

### Weekday Mass Times

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

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.

### This week we thank:

Our Gardeners

### October is Catholic Mission Month And the Month of the Rosary

### Weddings

Frank Costantino & Rachel Mammone

Robert Chiswell & Joanne Capogreco

Maxwell Edwards & Phia Power

### What's on this week

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP** will meet on **Tuesday, October 10, at 2.00 p.m.** in the Counting Room in the Church. **Please note change of venue.** Please don't forget to bring contributions towards the Oaks' Day Raffle.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING** will be held this coming **Wednesday, October 11, at 6.30 p.m.** in the Fleming Room.

**NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY** Leaders' Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 11 at 7.30 p.m.** in the Hillman Room.

**R.C.I.A.** will meet on **Thursday, October 12 at 7.30 at the Red Cliffs Presbytery.**

### What's coming up

**CENTRAL WALNUTS B.C.C.** will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 19 at 7.30 p.m.** at the home of Alan Chalkley, 233 Walnut Avenue, Mildura.

**CATHOLIC LADIES GROUP OAKS DAY LUNCHEON.** This will be held on **Thursday, November 9** starting at 12.00 noon at 15 Ribarits Court, Mildura. Cost ~ \$15.00 and BYO drinks. For further information phone 5023 1229 or 5022 1135.

## **Northern Zone Meeting**

On Monday night of this week Sacred Heart Parish are hosting a dinner for all the priests and parish leaders from the Northern Zone of the Diocese. On Tuesday the Northern Zone meeting will take place in the Hillman Room.

## **PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

Following a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee this week, it was noted that only a third of our current givers have returned their green and yellow forms indicating their financial and/or other contribution to the ongoing maintenance and growth of our parish. We sincerely thank those members of our parish and ask that those who haven't returned them, please do so as we need to plan our next steps in allocating new sets of envelopes and drawing up a budget. Your co-operation would be appreciated. Otherwise, at great expense, you shall be getting material in the mail that you have already seen and had explained. The PGP form is printed on the next page as it may be easier for you to fill out and place in the collection plates. We greatly appreciate the thirty-nine parishioners who have joined the new PGP. There is space for more! Thanks a million and God bless. *Fr. Tom.*

## **REMINDER!!**

Please note that the end of the current quarter for Planned Giving is coming up on October 22. Please make sure that your contributions are up to date as the new programme will be starting after that. Envelopes for the current programme are available until November.

For your information, the quarter dates for the coming year are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 29.10.06 – 21.01.07
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 28.01.07 – 22.04.07
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 29.04.07 – 22. 07.07
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 29.7.07 – 21.10.07.

## **NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 2006**

Every five years more than 20 denominations participate in the National Church Life Survey. The Survey provides Australia's Christian churches with the opportunity to reflect upon their experiences of church life and provides each church with information which will assist with pastoral planning. We will be conducting the survey at all masses on the **14th and 15th of October**. The survey will take the place of the homily at the masses that weekend. The survey is a tool designed to enhance the life of our parish. Each parishioner will be able to take time to reflect on how the parish is meeting their needs, how they participate in parish life and how their

faith impacts on the wider community. It is completely anonymous and will provide us with valuable data so we can better plan for our future. From a practical point of view we would like to remind you to bring your glasses and a pen to Mass on the 14th or 15th of October. We look forward to your participation in the survey.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION 2006**

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our Parish on the November 15 and 16. Preparations will commence in October and are necessary for children currently in Grade 2 (or higher) so that they will be eligible to prepare for and celebrate First Eucharist in 2007. **There will be two Parent Information Nights in the Church – Thursday, October 12 at 7pm and Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm.** Parents of intending candidates must attend one of the meetings. Please mark these important dates on your calendar. For more information please refer to the Parish weekend notice sheets or contact the Parish Office.

## **Catechists**

Thank you to our catechists who do a wonderful job working with children in our ministry schools. We are, however, in need of more people to help with our catechetical program. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a helper or to go on our emergency roster we would be most grateful. If you are interested in joining this valuable parish program please contact Jen Ditchfield at the Parish Office.

## **THANK YOU**

We are very sorry to lose the services of Maureen Nolan, who has been a housekeeper at the Presbytery for a number of years. We want to thank her for all the hard work she has put in during that time and wish her well in her future ventures.

## **COUNTING TEAMS**

As we are very short of people for the Counting Teams, we would very much like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to volunteer and join a team. It involves about two hours every ten weeks. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 if you would be able to help in this way.

## **NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MAKING POVERTY HISTORY**

Developing nations have already paid back their debts many times. The debt crisis set in when interest rates skyrocketed and compound interest made repayment impossible.

**Nigeria borrowed \$5 billion, paid \$16 billion and still owes \$32 billion!!**

## Last Week's Collections

<b><u>Priests' Support</u></b>	<b>\$1,402.00</b>
<b><u>Parish Support</u></b>	
Direct Debit and Credit Cards:	577.53
Envelopes	2,785.95
Loose Plate	408.45
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,771.93</u></b>

### REFLECTION

There is a point during the Eucharistic prayer at which the priest prays that the Holy Spirit may make holy the gifts of bread and wine. The Holy Spirit's role is to sanctify. At this point we ask the Spirit to carry out this work. Remembering the great mystery which the Lord left us and thanking God, for it engenders confidence in the present. Therefore this petition is saying to God: what you did then, do now.

Today's gospel reading from Mark contains Jesus' teaching on the question of divorce and remarriage. Perhaps because of the connection with family life this passage is followed by an account of Jesus' dealing with children. There is a sharp contrast between the way they are treated by the disciples and the manner in which Jesus relates to them. As with many of his practices we can take it that the respect and love that he showed them was not in keeping with the spirit of his time.

### SCRIPTURE NOTE

Genesis has two accounts of the institution of marriage. The first sees marriage as a means of procreation. The second – our First Reading – sees marriage as meeting the human need for companionship and equality.

On the basis of Deuteronomy 24:1-4, the Pharisees allowed a husband to divorce his wife because of 'an indecency in her'. Appealing to Genesis 1:27; 2:24, Jesus stressed the unity created by marriage, which would forbid breaking the marriage bond, so that remarriage after a divorce would constitute adultery. Jesus leaves no doubt as to what the ideal marriage ought to be. But this doesn't mean he wasn't aware of, and sympathetic towards, the problems that can arise in living out that ideal. The Gospel also shows Jesus' love for the little ones, and tells us that we must receive the kingdom the way children receive a gift. From today until the Thirty-third Sunday inclusive, the Second Reading is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews presents Christ as the Perfect Priest.

### WEBSITES

Have you visited our church and diocesan websites lately?

[www.milduracatholicchurch.org.au](http://www.milduracatholicchurch.org.au)  
and [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

Add them to your list of "Favourites" and keep up with the news!

*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.*

W/end Oct 7/8	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
<b>Readers</b>	G. Huxtable	J. Hill	P/S. Opie	M. Ransome
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A-M. Greville M. Sheahan M. Meredith V. Kidd J. Hall M. Crimmins M. Joseph	S. Foster S. Visona E. Panetta D. Pemberton L. Welsh M. Gobbo N. Zudetich	A. Chalkley P. Kerr B. Bunting C. Maugeri P. Reddy C. McErvale L. Rowe	W. Finn T. Finn P. Cox M. Ransome F. Virgona
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 8 – Captain Trevor Aust – 5023 6597			
W/end Oct 14/15				
<b>Readers</b>	M. Wellington	K. Schultz	J. O'Bryan	A-M. Laubscher
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	P. Kelleher M. Roper S. Tisler L. Roden J. De Jong H. De Jong M. Capogreco	S. Cyril E. Frauenfelder L. Belej T. Panuccio D. Brown P. O'Donnell F. Carbone	M. Speed E. Garreffa M. Modica L. De Iesi M. Haynes U. Williams P. Opie S. Opie	M. Zema J. Zema S. Walker J. Ribarits J. Rocca P. Rocca
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 9 – Captain George Dolence – 5023 7993			