# **Sacred Heart Parish Mildura**



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### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Sometimes we act and speak as though we have the monopoly on access to the power of God. We do not, and in today's gospel Jesus seems to be telling his disciples that God works through people of good will, irrespective of whether they are on the edge ("not one of us") or at



the centre of the kin-dom of God movement. Much the same message is found in the first reading (Numbers 11:25-29) which has Joshua, assistant to Moses, trying to exclude two men from prophesying on somewhat tenuous grounds.

Moses does not take Joshua's advice. On the contrary, he prays that the Spirit of God might "rest on" and, by implication, work through all God's people. Both the gospel passage and the reading from Numbers affirm the role of the community leadership and religious tradition in selection for public ministry. Both readings seem to be warning against attempts to control or domesticate the Spirit of God.

The second part of the gospel reading (9:42-48) brings a dramatic change of mood as it takes up the issue of scandalising the "little ones". The reference to "little ones" marks a return to the scene in the latter part of last week's gospel reading where Jesus takes a little child in his arms and instructs his disciples. The horror of harming the little ones is dramatised in a series of sayings that challenge the most vivid imagination.

These sayings are hardly intended to be taken literally. Cutting off offending limbs only deals with the symptoms. It may, however, offer some solace to those little ones who have suffered "scandal" or worse to know that there is no stronger condemnation in the gospels that that reserved for those who bring harm to children and to vulnerable others. We are impelled to do everything in our power to heal the hurts of the past and to create conditions that ensure the protection and safety of our children.

Today is Social Justice Sunday in Australian Catholic Communities. In the choice of title for their Social Justice Statement, the bishops remind us that Australia aspires to be "a place of welcome and inclusion". The cover image of a veiled woman holding her child evokes the plight of displaced women and children in so many parts of our world. It evokes the desperation of women and children in detention on Nauru who now face the prospect of being sent for medical treatment to Port Morseby in Papua New Guinea, a country whose resources are already stretched to the limit. We need to learn again what it means to be a good neighbour in our region and in our world. This document deserves our attention for many reasons, but particularly for the sake of the children who seek our protection.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

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Fr. Michael McKinnon PP Fr Peter Jose CMI

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B -26th & 27th September, 2015

## **Weekend Mass Times**

Sat: 6:00 pm Sun: 9:00 am, 5:00 pm Irymple: 8:30 am Werrimull 11:00 am (last Sunday of each month)

#### Weekday Masses

If there is a Funeral Mass on Wed, Thurs, the advertised Mass will be cancelled.



Mass will be cancelled. Tues: 7:00 pm Wed: 9:10 am Thurs: 9:30 am Fri: 5:40 pm Sat: 9.30 am

### **Weekly Prayer Opportunities**

Rosary: Monday 5:00pm

**Prayer of the Church**: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am **Scripture Reading**: Thurs 10:30 am - 20 Beasy Court **Christian Meditation**: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues 7:30pm in Church

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** held 1st Friday of each month in the Church from 12—5:00pm

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

**RECENT DEATH:** Gregory Braidie, Giovanni Gallace, Anna Tisler

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 

**Saturday 6pm:** Ljubica Begovic, Anton Grubisic, George Dobos, Mary Humphreys

Sunday Irymple 8.30am: Nick Cappola

**Sunday 9am:** Carmelo Taverna, Leon Odal, Vincenzo Roccisano (50 year anniversary), Maria Roccisano

**Sunday 5pm:** Leo Timpano, Vince Mammone (Only members of the deceased's immediate family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)



# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

Joan Appleby, Jock Fisher, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Justin Woodford, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Vince Manno

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

#### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Zhayden Robles & Natasa & Sabina Siladiwhose Baptism occurs this weekend.

#### **WEDDINGS**

We congratulate Carmelo Ganci & Stacey Niutta who were married this weekend.



RCIA—Meeting with candidates and sponsors Thursday October 8th in the Hillman Room commencing 7pm.

#### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Parish Sacramental Team has decided that the celebration of Confirmation and Eucharist will now take place in Grade Five. We will possibly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with children at the end of Grade Four.

This means there will be no celebration of Confirmation or First Eucharist in the Parish until 2017. This applies to all children who are presently in Grade Three this year and their parents. More information to follow.





## **PARISH FINANCE**

Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1258.55
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2309.65
Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$ 142.00
Loose Plate	\$ 347.90



## BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT Fund

**Collection for Sick and Retired Priests** Last year our parish contributed \$1575.70 to this collection, which raised nearly \$67,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1642.50 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to ena-

ble it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. *CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY* 

## **COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH**

#### **BUPA AGED CARE—MASS**

Will be held on Tuesday 29th September at 10.30am.

## **ANOINTING MASS**

Will be held on Thursday 1st October at 9.30am. All welcome.

## SACRED HEART YOUTH

Will hold a BBQ sausage sizzle on Saturday 3rd October at Cheap as Chips.

#### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Will gather at the Edge Hotel for the Poets Breakfast on Sunday 4th October at 7.00am. Intensions to John & Helen 5023 2425. All welcome.

## <u>Corpus Christi</u> <u>College Building</u> Appeal



Please support our

seminarians. They are our priests of the future. Next weekend the Archdiocese of Melbourne and dioceses of Ballarat, Sale & Sandhurst will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of building 8 additional rooms urgently needed for Corpus Christi College.



Envelopes now available in church foyers. If you would like further information please contact the Development Office: 9926 5731

#### SENIORS EXPO

Wednesday and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October At Mildura Church of Christ, On the corner of Tenth Street & Deakin Avenue. There will be presentations all day on a variety of topics. Please see the noticeboards for further information.

#### THE UNIVERSE IS REVEALING GOD TO US

A presentation by Sr Mary Dennett rsm BSc MA. A talk on the presence of God in the Universe and in our lives.

#### Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein Monday, October 5th 2015

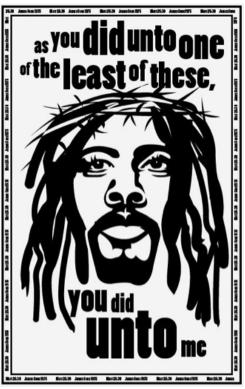
6.30pm Light meal. Presentation 7pm

Please RSVP by October 1st to Sr Marion at Merbein Parish 5025 2716. All welcome.

#### Any excess home grown

vegetables can be donated to the Soup Kitchen and Vinnies. Please contact Arnold on 0417 311 556 for further information.





# SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Each year the Bishops issue а major statement for the coming year on Social Justice Sunday (the last Sunday in September). The theme for 2015-2016 is For Those Who've Come Across the Seas Justice for refugees and asylum seekers.

for the processing of asylum seekers claims onshore and for the limitation of

detention in immigration facilities to the shortest period possible to undertake identity, health and security checks. The Bishops say that no child should be detained solely on the basis of their immigration status and affirm that all children are entitled to a healthy family life with the support and nurture of their parents.

What practical steps, as a community of love and service, could we take?

Recently there have been dramatic developments in the Syrian refugee crisis. These developments have raised public awareness and prompted some welcome action by governments, including our own. But the fundamentals of the worldwide problem and the response from us it demands remain the same.

In our peaceful, well-fed life here, it is difficult to imagine the physical and emotional distress that these people have been through and continue to suffer. The sheer size of the disaster tempts us to look away, so helpless do we feel about helping its victims and amending its causes.

We cannot lift all the suffering, or deal with its causes easily or quickly, but that does not mean we can do nothing. In the simple advice of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: "Never see a need without doing something about it".

May God bless the generosity of all those already working to care for refugees, wherever they are on the journey. May our prayers be accompanied by our works.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS** Remember to turn your clocks forward 1hr next Saturday night for the beginning of daylight savings!



"Social Justice - A Basic Introduction" You have been told, O man what is good and what Yahweh asks of you, simply this: to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.'Micah 6:8

# Some Definitions

In order to define social justice, let us begin, by taking a look at what social ministry is:

## Social Ministry has two main aspects: social service (also known as Parish Outreach) and social action

*Social Service* is giving direct aid to someone in need. It usually involves performing one or more of the corporal works of mercy. That is, giving alms to the The Statement calls poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick or imprisoned, taking care of orphans and widows, visiting the shut-ins etc. Another name for it is charity.

> *Social Action* is correcting the structures that perpetuate the need. Another name for this is Social Justice. Through the lens of social justice, we begin to take a look at the problems and issues facing us in our own communities, the nation and finally the world, and we begin to ask questions such as, "Why is there so much unemployment in our area?" "Why are there so many poor in our community?" "How will the deforestation of our rain forests affect our global climate?" etc.

> Very often when you are performing social service, you also become involved in solving the problem which created the need in the first place, and the two are closely related and often blend together. An example of this would be, someone comes to your food pantry, and tells you he/she has no food, because he/she lost their job recently. You may know of an employer looking to hire someone right away for a job requiring little or no skills. You give that person food, then place that person in touch with the employer.

You then would have solved both problems for that person. (a) the immediate need of food through an act of charity (social service) and (b) you would have corrected the problem which created and perpetuated the need. (social justice)

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY For anybody who may be interested in a home visit from Fr

Cagna who will be here for the missions from Monday 4 Oct, you are welcome to attend the missions commencing with the rosary each evening at 7pm followed by mass at 7:30pm, and have a chat with Fr Cagna to arrange a suitable time.

# FESTA DAY SUNDAY OCT 11TH AT **1PM**

All welcome

Our Parish Vision "Our Parish is a Eucharistic Community united by our faith in Jesus Christ. We work together in the power of the Holy Spirit to spread the good news of God's Kingdom."

**Marty Smith** 

Wendy Smith



## **Our Parish Schools**

Sacred Heart Primary School Principal: *Des Lowry* 5023 1204

St Paul's Primary School Principal: *Vince Muscatello* 5023 4567

St Joseph's Secondary College Principal: *Anthony Banks* 5018 8000

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26th & 27th September, 2015			3rd & 4th October, 2015		
THIS WEEK'S READINGS			NEXT WEEK'S READINGS		
First Reading: Num 11:25-29 Resp Psalm: Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v. 9 Response: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. Second Reading: James 5:1-6 Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48		First Reading: Gen 2:18-24 Resp Psalm: Ps 127. R. v. 5 Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11 Gospel: Mk 10:2-16			
EUCHARIST MINISTERS		EUCHARIST MINISTERS			
SATURDAY SUNDAY		SATURDAY SUNDAY			
6PM	9AM	5PM	6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Linda Henderson	Maureen Speed	Wendy Finn	Ellen Frauenfelder	Nada Zudetich	Sasha Banks
Irene Morello	Alicia Tindall	Tony Finn	Maria Cirillo	Sara Visona	Katrina Groves
Katy Quinlan	Lily Tindall	Melanie Ransome	Anne-Maree Greville	Juliet Cresp	Judy Hall
Taiana Fatai	Peter O'Donnell	Bill Dolence	Anthony Henderson	Robert Tindall	Myrna Rodi
Trish McNamara	Filomena Carbone	Jacqui Willis	Christine Carmichael	Louise Belej	Sue Hermans
Morris Henderson	Gina Raiti	Barbara Bunting	Volunteer please	Nancy Leonardis	Danielle Mazzini
	Anna Vartuli			Elena Garreffa	
MUSIC		MUSIC			
Singing Group	Sacred Heart Group	Youth Group	M Guthrie	Italian Choir	M Hammond
M Sullivan	Leader	Leader	All welcome		J Ljubic
	M Faingaanuku	K Mafi			J Macri
ALTAR SERVERS		ALTAR SERVERS			
2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required
Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer
OFFERTORY PROCESSION		OFFERTORY PROCESSION			
2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Baptism	Joy Morvell		Catherine & Paul	Laura Fisher
				McErvale	
READERS		READERS			
Daniel Nemtsas	Julie O'Bryan	Clare Sheahan	Gary Huxtable	Jill Joslyn	Lisa O'Connor
COUNTING TEAM 6		COUNTING TEAM 7			
JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939		BRIAN BLEESER 5021 1828			
	IRYMPLE - SUNDAY		-	IRYMPLE - SUNDAY	
READER	EUCHARIS	T MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	

**Robin Hill** 

Joe Kearney