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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th SEPTEMBER 2013

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS ON THE WAR IN SYRIA

(From the Vatican) — Pope Francis on Sunday condemned the use of chemical weapons, but he called for a negotiated settlement of the civil war in Syria and announced he would lead a worldwide day of fasting and prayer for peace there on 7th September.

Francis spoke entirely, and with anguish, about Syria.

"My heart is deeply wounded by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments" on the horizon, Francis said, in an apparent reference to the U.S. and France considering a military strike to punish the Syrian regime for a chemical weapons attack.

With great suffering and concern I continue to follow the situation in Syria. The increase in violence in a war between brothers, with the proliferation of massacres and atrocities, that we all have been able to see in the terrible images of these days, leads me once again raise my voice that the clatter of arms may cease. It is not confrontation that offers hope to resolve problems, but rather the ability to meet and dialogue.

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express my closeness in prayer and solidarity with all the victims of this conflict, with all those who suffer, especially children, and I invite you to keep alive the hope of peace. I appeal to the international community to be more sensitive to this tragic situation and make every effort to help the beloved Syrian nation find a solution to a war that sows destruction and death. **We have included a prayer for peace in Syria on the back page of this Bulletin.**

Cuppa after Mass today!

Come and have a chat and a coffee/tea in the Mercy Centre after Mass today before our hour of prayer for "Peace in Syria". A chance to get to know someone Just a little bit better.



CALL FOR GLOBAL PRAYER FOR SYRIA TODAY SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

In response to Pope Francis' call for the world to unite in prayer and fast for Syria prior to the meeting of the US Congress decision to strike Syria.

Sacred Heart Parish will host a time of silent prayer from 11.15am to 12.15am **TODAY** (Sunday) in Sacred Heart Church.

"May the cry of peace enter the hearts of everyone."

- Pope Francis

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY (8th Sept)

"Church Workers know, understand and respect the physical and emotional boundaries of adults, children and young people"

"Provide pastoral support in places that offer sufficient safe, open and visible environments"

Did You Know?

The above excerpts are from 'Integrity in the Service of the Church' - principles of conduct for any lay person who performs paid or unpaid work in the service of the Catholic Church.

The principles and standards in this document parallel those for religious and clergy in 'Integrity in Ministry'.

Both documents can be found on the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference website at:

http://www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=180.

We pray for



Those who have died recently	Genevieve Bunworth; Mrs Nell Clarke
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Nell Mulcahy
Our sick and their carers	Margaret Woodland; Mons John White *** Frank Pemberton; Isabel Slaughter; Tessa Stokes Glen Spicer; Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Backman; Gerard Berry;

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 9-15 SEPTEMBER				PLEASE COLLECT:
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	9	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	10	9.15am <i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>	No Mass	
Wednesday	11	9.15am	5.00pm <i>Intention of Therese Mulcahy</i>	
Thursday	12	No Mass	9.15am <i>Intention of Nell Mulcahy</i>	
Friday	13	9.15am	No Mass	
Saturday	14	6.00pm	No Mass	
Sunday	15	8.00am	10.00am	
ROSARY		Tues 9.00am Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		• Sandpiper • Australian Catholics • Along the Track "Jesus: A Mixed Response to an Unexpected Question" • Article re-Sexual Abuse in the Church • Petition re-Sexual Abuse in the Church
RECONCILIATION	14	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat Sept 14 th 6.00pm	Sasha Finlayson	Peter Kerrins	Paul Kerrins	J Cummins J Webster	A Hutchison, D Worm, D Bourke	Trish Warnett Denise Woodman
Sun Sept 15 th 8.00am	Ross Kelly	Betty Curtis	Brian Miller	K Stewart	L Cowan, S Cowan, C Reilly	

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless our two Parishes so that we may love you more.
Help our parents to give good example to their children
and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.
Encircle our families with your loving care.
To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity
and to those in sorrow, joy.
May each parishioner grow stronger in faith
and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League is planning to visit the Children First Open Day, Kilmore East on Sunday 20th. October 2013. The farm is open from Noon till 4.00 p.m., cost is \$5.00 per car. If you would like to join us please contact President Pat, Ph 58241137 or Secretary Gwen Ph. 58241251. See the flyer in the Narthex for further details.

DIARY DATES

Mon	9	
Tues	10	Italian Rosary 2.00pm Church Ministers' Fellowship, Kyabram
Wed	11	Secretaries Training Day, Shep (Judith) 7.00pm St Aug's College School Board meeting
Thurs	12	Feast – Holy Name of Mary
Frid	13	SVDP Meeting 9.00am at the Centre
Sat	14	Baptisms - 11.00am Ashley Caldow's Ordination, Bendigo
Sun	15	11.00am St Patrick's School Fete
Mon	16	Crazy Whist 1.30pm Parish Hall
Tues	17	PPC Meeting 7.00pm Parish Hall
Wed	18	
Thurs	19	
Frid	20	Last day of Term 3
Sat	21	
Sun	22	

PASTORAL CARE

ST. PATRICK'S TONGALA SPRING FAIR

Sunday, 15th September 2013 11am - 3pm

Jumping castle, pony rides, face painting, food, BBQ, cow lotto, showbags, 2nd hand goods, drinks, lollies, plants and more.

ORDINATION OF REV ASHLEY CALDOW

Rev Ashley Caldow will be ordained at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, 14th September, at 11.00am. This is the culmination of many years of study and pastoral work and is a significant celebration for both Ashley and our Diocese.

All are most welcome to attend.

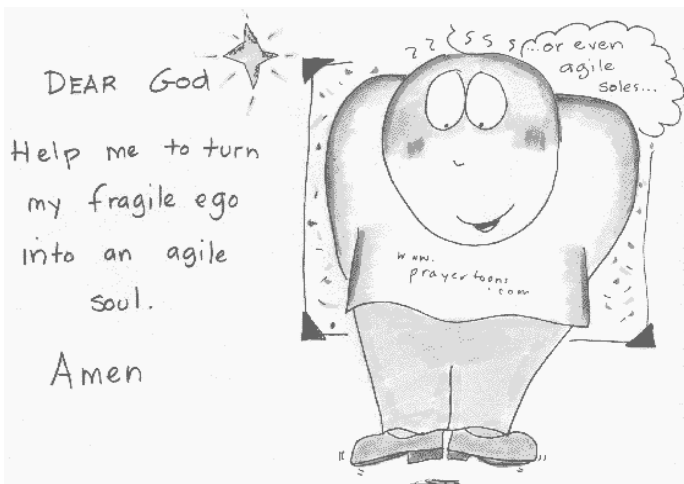
ST MARY'S MYRTLEFORD 90TH ANNIVERSARY

St Mary's Myrtleford 90th Anniversary celebrations. All are welcome to share a meal on Saturday 14th September in the Marian College Hall.

Celebrations continue on Sunday 15th September with Mass at 10.30am followed by guided tours of the school and convent. There will be lunch in the school quadrangle. Further details on the noticeboard.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - *"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



Financial Matters as at 31 July 2013

Amount Received July:	\$5,070
Amount Promised July:	\$6,100
Pledged per week:	\$1,525
Average since 19 June 2011:	\$1,392
Arrears since 19 June 2011:	\$15,222

Calculate the cost

Have you ever heard someone say something like: "I don't go to church or support a religious institution but I think Jesus is wonderful. He was a great man, perhaps the greatest that ever lived"? As our Gospel today begins: *Now large crowds were traveling with him* it seems Jesus ran into something of the same attitude when he was here in the flesh. What follows gives us a pretty clear picture of Jesus' response. Turning to them his challenge is a clear, honest offer saying essentially, "Unless you're with me 100 per cent you don't qualify for discipleship," as if this wasn't startling enough he went on to make his point still clearer. He said in affect, "If you intend to follow me you'd better calculate very carefully to see if you're ready to pay the price." Then he concluded with a tough, no-compromise sentence: "So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." That closing sentence must have cleared out the gathering very quickly! Jesus may seem harsh when he says, "Here's the price. Are you willing to pay it?" but we can be glad that he levels with us on this because we all decide what we're going to do with our lives, all of us live for *something* - recognition, success, wealth, family, material possessions or sensual satisfaction. Jesus is making it abundantly clear it is our relationship with God that is of the utmost value. Just as Jesus responded totally to the call of the Father, we too must give our total response to the call to follow

REPEAT - FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Please allow us to bring to your attention a book and a petition that have been launched in an attempt to identify and eradicate any factors within the Church that may have contributed to this scandal, for the only real solution is prevention.

Yours sincerely –

Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Bishop Pat Power and Bishop Bill Morris

In responding to sexual abuse within the Catholic Church we must do three things:

- **deal firmly and openly with offenders,**
- **reach out compassionately to victims and**
- **identify and eradicate all factors within the Church that may have contributed either to abuse or to the poor response to abuse.**

It is the third field – eradicating the causes of abuse - that now needs attention. The Royal Commission cannot do it for us and it is the Church itself that must take up this task and carry it through.

The pope and bishops have lost a vast amount of credibility over the issue of abuse, and statements by them alone, even in council, would not be convincing. It is only the laity who can restore credibility to them, so they must have a truly significant role in the council.

It is an online petition and may be accessed at www.change.org/forchristssake. Copies of this article are available for you. **Also petition sheets for your signature are in the Narthex.**



*Readings for
this week:* Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



*Readings for
next Sunday:* Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32



On Peace in Syria

Pope Francis has proclaimed for the Church on 7 September, the eve of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace, a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East and throughout the world.

Prayer for Peace in Syria



God of Compassion, hear the cries of the people of Syria and comfort those who suffer violence. Console those who mourn the dead.

Give strength to Syria's neighbouring countries to welcome the refugees.

Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms and protect those who are committed to peace.

God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with their enemies. In flame the Universal Church with compassion for the people of Syria and give us hope for a future built on justice for all, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Light of the world. Amen.

Looking at the Readings

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem and the cross. Many of those travelling with him did not know where he was going; they were enthusiastically following him. Jesus knew what was awaiting him and that life would not be easy for his disciples. Jesus used vivid language to illustrate the gravity of this calling, one requiring total commitment.

When Jesus speaks of hating one's own family he is not contradicting what he previously taught: that we are to love everyone, even our enemies. (6: 27). It was a Semitic way of understanding priorities. A comparison of extremes is used, with hatred meaning a lesser degree of love.

In the two parables Jesus uses these stories to further explain what is needed of his would be disciples. He wants them to understand that following him is a way of life that needs to be carefully considered. It is not a passing fancy, brought on by a sudden burst of enthusiasm. In each situation careful thought is needed before rushing into action. Jesus wants those who are following him into Jerusalem to count the cost and so be able to finish what they have started.

Jesus summarises the conditions he has laid down for true discipleship as detachment from anything that will deter people from making a wholehearted commitment to him and his values.

Memorial Feast Day

Today is the birthday of Our Lady (8 Sept). The Divine Office tells us that when Mary was born, the world was filled with light. With joy let us celebrate the nativity of blessed Mary, that she may intercede for us with the Lord, Jesus Christ. Happy birthday Mary!

Quotable Quote

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia.' Charles M. Schulz

On the Lighter Side

Teacher: Bobby, what is the chemical formula for water?

Bobby: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: Bobby, what are you talking about?

Bobby: yesterday you said it was H to O.



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Quote:

'All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.'

St Francis of Assisi

Humour

Asking directions

A man was walking along the street when he saw a crowd of people running toward him. He stopped one of the runners and asked, 'What's happening?'

The runner replied breathlessly, 'A lion has escaped from the city zoo.'

'Oh no! Which way is it heading?'

'Well, you don't think we're chasing it, do you?'