

## ~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~

It is not unusual for a crisis to function as the catalyst for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that we are living in the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognize that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church. The so-called “crisis of numbers” is also leading many priests and religious to rediscover the heart of their respective calls either to leadership in faith or to prophetic challenge. Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the formation of clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to “fill the gaps”, we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church.

In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses “seventy others” and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or “pairs” constitute a formidable resource for the mission. They are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God's kin-dom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them.

Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus' followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Emperor Claudius' expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an “accurate” but “incomplete” knowledge of Jesus.

In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the gospel mission.

*An excerpt by Veronica Lawson*

## Immaculate Conception Parish

P O BOX 600 Tumut

**Catholic Community**

### ‘CLERGY’

Fr. George Ogah (Administrator)

Fr. Namora Anderson (Assisting Priest)

### ‘PARISH SECRETARY’

Anna Quinn

Phone: 02 69474599

Email: [tumut@cg.org.au](mailto:tumut@cg.org.au)

Web: [www.cg.org.au/tumut](http://www.cg.org.au/tumut)

Office hours: Wednesday & Friday 8.30am -12.30pm

### ‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Talbingo: in recess during Winter

### ‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’

Tuesday: 6pm Mass in Chapel

Wednesday: 10am in Chapel

Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel

### ‘ROSARY’

Saturday: 8.30am Mass & exposition (1st Sat of month)

Sunday: 9.40am

### ‘RECONCILIATION’

Saturday: 5.15pm

### ‘LITURGY MEETING’

Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel

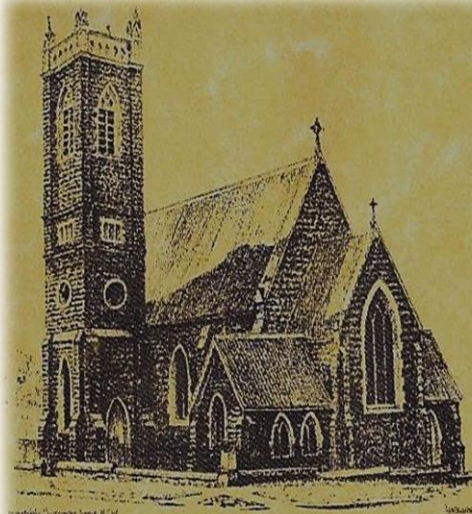
### ‘PRAYER GROUP’

(Rosary & Divine Mercy)

Still in recess

### ‘CONTACTS’

Care Group: Anne Huebner 69473406 or 0406490415



*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time*  
Year C  
**July 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**

### *Entrance Antiphon*

Your merciful love, O God, we  
have received in the midst of  
your temple. Your praise, O God,  
like your name, reaches the ends  
of the earth; your right hand is  
filled with saving justice.

### *Responsorial Psalm*

Let all the earth cry out to God  
with joy.

### *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace  
of Christ rule in your hearts, and  
the fullness of his message live  
within you. Alleluia!

# ROSTERS

## THIS WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Trish Matthews	Anne Huebner
Reader	Carmel Butler	Pat Spannagle
Commentator	Patricia Wilks	Mary Kelly
Children's Liturgy	-----	School Holidays
Musicians	Patricia & Monica	Anna Quinn
Altar Servers	Jude & Franz Moreno	Thomas Bond & Ian Kelly
Church Care	Group 3: Yvonne, Lee, Mary, Colleen & Kath	
LINEN	Jo Little	

## NEXT WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Anita Mason	Peter Malone
Reader	Barry Madigan	Monica Webb
Commentator	Maureen Cook	Cathy Purcell
Children's Liturgy	-----	School Holidays
Musicians	Anna Quinn	Patricia & Monica
Altar Servers	James Halloran & Zachary Brown	Xavier & Oliver Henderson
Church Care	-----	

**FEAST DAY** ~ 11<sup>th</sup> July: Saint Benedict

### Collection amounts for June 2019

**1<sup>st</sup>: \$1890.80 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$3528.15 D/D: \$1735.00 Talbingo: \$65.00 TAP: \$70.00**

**Church Restoration to date: \$4255.75**

*Morning Tea after 10am Mass on Sunday in hall – everyone welcome*

## ~PARISH NEWS~

**PARISH PLAN GIVING** please collect your new envelopes from the church foyer - an invitation is extended to any new or existing parishioner who would like to join the Plan Giving program to contact Anna at the presbytery on 69474599.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Fr. George on his 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of priesthood which he will celebrate on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**PARISH WORKSHOP FOR ACOLYTES** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 11am. Fr. George and Fr. Namore will both run this session for approximately 1 hour, please bring a plate to share.

**'DONATION POINT TAP'** we very much appreciate these contributions and again thank our community. To contribute to our church's fundraising for new paraments (altar clothes, lecture covers and chalice veils) you simply TAP your card once to donate \$5.00. Your bank statement can be used for taxation purposes.

**PARISH STREET STALL Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August.** Looking for assistance on the day. Please place your name on the roster provided in church foyer if you are able to donate an hour of your time. Cooking and saleable items would be appreciated. Any enquiries contact Pat on 0401472161.

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL** Winter Appeal envelopes are available from the church foyer for your kind donation. Conference meeting for July is Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

**SPECIAL THANKS** Fr. George and Fr. Namora would like to sincerely thank all our generous parishioners who have and are still continuing to support our Church Restoration.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED: Gavin Foley & Geoffrey Francis Carney**

**MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Eddie & Betty Mangelsdorf, Mary Tetris, Noel Patrick, Sr. Geneiva McRae, Neil Masters, Maree Fillery, Matt & Edith Downing, Andrew Sturt, Kitty Black, Paul Kelly, Harvey Evans, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Len McInerney, Pat Malone, Richard Green, James Brennan, Ken & Brian Gee, Brian Rosetta, Gus & Kath Clout, Ina Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Fr. Peter Quirk, Marie & Jim McInerney, Ted & Kath O'Sullivan, John Hourigan, Joan Malone, Max Butler, Eileen Flood, Filomena & Rudi Comai, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Steph Scott, John Marzol, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, Tom Sturt, Stan Kenny, Imelda, Bede and Francis McInerney, Fr. Geoff Lloyd, Wallace & Ron Agnes, William and Michael Blundell, David Bullock, Kathleen & Roy Wilson, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Jim, Mona & Michael Clifford, Joan & Bob Liddell, Teresa & Bert Butler, Anne Lawrance, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Thelma & Jack Cobden, Denise & Julie Cobden, Christine Welsh, Paul & Nick Young, Nicole Barby, Allison Brady, Ben Roddy, Gerard Norman, Mary & Reg Madigan, Chris Ballard, Frank Stanfield, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

