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|  **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~*****Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ |

Several years ago, I had the good fortune to meet Kamran Mofid, an Iranian-born economist who holds dual British and Canadian citizenship. For two decades, Mofid espoused and taught his students an ‘economy first’ approach to life. In a “search for life’s bigger picture”, he took up studies in pastoral theology and subsequently founded *Globalization for the Common Good*, an Oxford-based organisation dedicated to a global economics for the good of all rather than the benefit of the few. Mofid and his team believe that “the rich heritages of the world’s religions” are a key resource for the promotion of global peace, justice, and the well-being of all earth’s creatures. They invest their energies and resources in establishing dialogue at multiple levels, celebrating religious diversity, and seeking ways to overcome ideological divisions. They seek in these ways “to harness the wealth of the world’s diverse spiritual and ethical traditions to create a sense of common purpose that can enable us to build social and economic policies that are truly humane and life-enhancing.” Mofid turned his whole life around at considerable personal sacrifice for the sake of a “treasure” previously hidden to his consciousness. With like-minded people of diverse faiths, he now pursues a path that is named in Matthew’s gospel as the reign or empire of the heavens. Today’s gospel passage begins and ends with reference to treasure. It invites us to pause and name what constitutes the real “treasure” in our lives, to know our own hearts. What do we really want? Many of our contemporaries are asking that question in relation to a consumerist life-style that appropriates far more than our share of the world’s resources and leaves little time or energy for considering either the plight of our endangered planet or the needs and aspirations of those on the edge. There is a new realisation that standard of living and quality of life are far from synonymous. Like Matthew’s community, we need to be ‘scribes’ trained for or educated in the ways of God. We need to bring out of the treasury of our traditions ‘what is new and what is old’, wisely discerning what to keep and what to relinquish. Parables help to subvert our presuppositions, our ways of looking at the world. They disturb our complacency if we allow them to do so. The parables of the buried treasure and the pearl of great price remind us that gospel discipleship demands an all-embracing investment of heart and spirit. We don’t have to re-invent the wheel. We simply need to search our hearts to know where our treasure lies and join with others like Kamran Mofid who show us how we might claim it for the common good of the entire Earth community.

***An excerpt by Sister Veronica Lawson***



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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

 **Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

 **Sunday: 10am (Children’s Liturgy)**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

 **‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2pm in Chapel**

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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

 **Year A**

 **July 30th 2017**

***Responsorial Psalm***

Lord, I love your commands.

***Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 29th & 30th July   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Christine Kelly |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  Carmel Butler |  Barry Madigan |
| Commentator |  Shirley Kenny |  Cathy Purcell |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman  |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |  Jessica & Emily Kelly |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Marie Ambrose | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Maureen & Bev |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 5th & 6th August  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Christine Kelly |  Howard Young |
| Commentator |  Mary Kelly  |  Cathy Purcell |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Maureen Norman |
| Altar Servers | Jessie Raftery & Dana Parry | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |
| Church Care | Group 2: Cathy, Anna, Pat Cheryl & Rhonda  |

 R O S T E R S

 Feast Days

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

 **RECENTLY DECEASED: Allison Maree Brady**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Teresa Butler, Joan Stockwell, Emmet Donovan, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Hassel McGrath, Noel Cook, Leo & Elvie Holt, Lionel & Tereasa Holt, Hugh Oliver, Pat Malone, Jim Whitaker, Matt & Edith Downing, Con & Ennis Twomey, Pauline Shedden, Bob & Sheila Wortes, Robert & Gertrude Tuncks, Ron & Pauline Hamilton, John Hourigan, Brian Gee, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Artie & Dulcie Piper, Tom, Kevin, Ruben & Harriett Arentz, Kevin Hawthorn, Kevin, Marie & Ray Cowan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Ken Gee, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Tom & Sam Sturt, Harvey Evans, Chris Ballard, Anna Do, Stan Kenny, Tom & Dorothy French and James Kelly.

31st July: Saint Ignatius of Loyola 1st August: Saint Alphonsus Liguori 3rd August: Saint Dominic 4th August: Saint John Vianney

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR July 2017**

**1st: $2114.80 2nd: $7863.45 D/D: $1260.00 Talbingo: $53.00**

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**HOLY HOUR** Thursday 3rd August at 4pm in the church. Deacon Matt Ransom, Catechists Director from Canberra will be visiting our parish. His focus to the holy hour will be prayers in support of scripture teachers and their mission in our state schools. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend. **RESOURCES** there are a few copies ofthe new‘Discover Catholic Rome’ magazine in the church foyer, this publication is from the Archdiocese of Sydney who organise unique Rome Pilgrimages throughout the year. Feel free to take and read. **SAVE THE DATE** our next parish street stall will be held on Friday 18th August 2017. Helpers will be needed to man the stall. Donations of saleable items and home cooking will also be much appreciated. Please help make our stall a profitable one. **‘Marian Procession’ Sunday 8th October 2017.** Archbishop Christopher extends an invitation to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to attend the 2017 Marian Procession at St. Clement’s Monastery Galong. 9am: Youth Pilgrimage from Galong village. 10.30am: Confession 11.30am: Mass with Archbishop Christopher 12.30pm: Lunch 2pm: Procession to the grotto and sharing by Sr. Mary Rachel (OP). **MANY THANKS** this weekend to our Church Care ladies Claire, Anne, Maureen & Bev

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