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

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and re-creation. With so much pain and suffering in our world, the demands of the mission can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today’s gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us. The apostles have been busy-preaching, healing, and driving out the demons as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. ‘Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while’ is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. Their rest is short-lived, for the crowds pursue them. Jesus’ response to the suffering of the people is a physical one: he is ‘moved with compassion’. The Greek verb suggests a ‘gut’ reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people, who are ‘like sheep without a shepherd’ and is ready to do something about it. As the narrative unfolds, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of God’s people in the desert of life. ‘*You* give them something to eat’ is his instruction to those who would turn the people away. Like the Israelites of old, afflicted humanity in any age needs good leaders or ‘shepherds’ who will ‘practice justice and righteousness in the land’, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice, translated ‘honesty’ in our lectionary, refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness, translated ‘integrity’, is about right relationship at every level. The Markan Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness mean. As the gospel story continues, we find that Jesus’ disciples are well-meaning but slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with a compassionate heart of the good shepherd, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice of unconscionable disparities.

*An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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**Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

**Sunday: 10am**

**‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**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: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**Care Group: Anne Huebner 69473406**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**July 22nd 2018**

***Entrance Antiphon***

**See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

***Responsorial Psalm***

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**

***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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| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm | Sunday 10am | |
| Acolyte | Trish Matthews | Peter Malone | |
| Reader | Monica Webb | Barry Madigan | |
| Commentator | Lana Turner | Patricia Wilks | |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | School holidays | |
| Musicians | Patricia & Monica | Anna Quinn | |
| Altar Servers | Abby Crampton & Olivia Dean | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles | |
| Church Care  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  LINEN Marie Ambrose | Group 3: Yvonne, Lee, Mary, Colleen & Kath | | |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 28th & 29th July | | | |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | | 10am |
| Acolyte | Anne Huebner | | Mark Hogan |
| Reader | School Mass | | Sue Bulger |
| Commentator | School Mass | | John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | | Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians | Anna Quinn | | Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott | | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |
| Church Care | ---------------------------------------- | | |

Feast Day**Wishing all our**

R O S T E R S

**FEASTS DAYS**

**25th July: Saint James 26th July: Saints Joachim and Anne**

**When the rights of just one individual are denied, the rights of all are in jeopardy. *Jo Ann Roach***

**~PARISHNEWS~ PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES** for 2018-19 are now available. Please collect your package from the church foyer. If any family or individual would like to join our plan giving please contact Anna at the Presbytery. We sincerely thank all our generous givers for their continued support.  **SERVICE OF FAREWELL** Representatives of our Catholic Community are invited to attend a farewell for Rev’d Peter and Jannette Blundell at 10am in All Saints’Church on Sunday 29th July 2018, followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. RSVP to 69471155 by 25th July. **INVITATION FROM PAMBULA PARISH** to join them and Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he leads a pilgrimage from the Eden Whalers Football Ground to ‘Our Lady Star of the Sea’ Church on Saturday 11th August 2018. Mass will commence at 12 noon followed by a provided lunch. This pilgrimage will commemorate Australia’s first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop at the site she visited on two separate occassions. Contact [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au) to reserve your place. **SPECIAL THANKS** to our Sunday Altar Servers **~Jude & Hunter~**

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially: RECENTLY DECEASED: James (Jim) Lynch**

**MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Sr. Mary Joan Smyth, Kathleen Ehmsen, Eva Kwiatkowski, Andrew Sturt., Chris Ballard, Brian Rosetta, Paul Kelly, Sr. Valerian, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Pat Malone, Joan Malone, Frank Delany, Ken & Brian Gee, Mazx Butler, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Cecilia Haddad, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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