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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 ~ |

All of us have a memory of weddings, being a guest, being an observer, presiding,  or just happening by and seeing a photo op. This vignette of Jesus includes people indifferent to an invitation, carrying messengers away to violence, responding in surprise at being asked to come, and people excluded for how they look.  And where was the son and his bride in all of this? I feel the most empathy for the poor fellow who was brought in off the street by surprise, and then berated for not wearing the right clothes; for when he left home that morning, he never expected to end his day at a banquet. The king called him "friend," then criticized him for how he looked, using that to oust him, and assure no further entrance. We live in a time, world-wide, when so many are excluded from the "banquet" of safety, safe haven, consistent nourishment, equal rights under the law, meaningful  work, respectful and legal treatment, a homeland, a place to worship, the freedom to wear what is religiously and culturally appropriate, according to deeply held beliefs. Pope Francis challenged Colombian authorities, Church and civic, to care for all its citizens.  The UN challenged Myanmar's treatment, banishment(ethnic cleansing), of Rohingya men, women and children to Bengladesh, destroying their homelands.  The current US policy on refusal of admission of refugees is being critiqued here and abroad.  American communities of color have focused our attention on the protection and safety of families and neighborhoods in on-going deliberations with police and civic leaders, and the courts.  Particularly poignant is the DACA decision which puts 800,000 young people at risk for deportation; this is a culturally diverse group whose parents brought them here as youngsters. At this juncture in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is really being baited by the Pharisees and the Sadduccees.  It's happening in the public square.  How is he to know what people are "taking in" and how they consider what he has said as they walk away to the continuation of their own lives. In his integrity, Jesus answers their queries honestly and forthrightly, and they observe he treats all with great respect. As our own hearts embrace the issues of our day, do Jesus' efforts to face issues head-on,  out of his own prayer, energize us to assure wider doors for all, and loving response to those most in need, in crisis, in circumstances that would test all of us(hurricanes, war, assault, banishment). Are we being invited to a place we have not been before, to ask our hearts to open wider than they ever have? Who knows the personal cost of this? ***An excerpt by Sr. Marna Rogers***



**‘CLERGY’**

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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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***Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

***Responsorial Psalm***

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

***Entrance Antiphon***

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**October 15th 2017**

***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 14th & 15th October | | | |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm | Sunday 10am | |
| Acolyte | Tony Butler | Mark Hogan | |
| Reader | Dobbie Family | Claire Cole | |
| Commentator | Dobbie Family | John Power | |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | Kerrin Henderson | |
| Musicians | Maureen Norman | Anna Quinn | |
| Altar Servers | Ashleigh Oriel & Kayla Crane | Jack Stewart & Ella Lindley | |
| Church Care  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  LINEN Marie Ambrose | Group 2: Cathy, Anna, Pat, Cheryl & Rhonda | | |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 21st & 22nd October | | | |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | | 10am |
| Acolyte | Trish Matthews | | Peter Malone |
| Reader | Carmel Butler | | Barry Madigan |
| Commentator | Shirley Kenny | | Cathy Purcell |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | | Fran Butler |
| Musicians | Maureen Norman | | Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | New Servers | | Jessica & Emily Kelly |
| Church Care | Group 3: Yvonne, Lee, Mary, Colleen & Kath | | |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy Father’s Day**

R O S T E R S

**FEAST DAYS 7th October: Saint Ignatius of Antioch 18th October: Saint Luke**

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

**MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Natalie Baker, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Timothy Blakeney, Madeling Fenn, Jan Salan, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Norma Leyden, Russell Breward, Maria & Hans Van de Brug, Reg Millgate, Joan Liddell, Lois Shallow, Helen Corbett, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Edward, Marcy & Clem Malone, Frank Stanfield, John Callister, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, 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, Tom & Dorothy French and James Kelly.

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**‘My God will supply whatever you need’ Philippians 4:19**

**Be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.**

**~PARISH NEWS~**

**CLERGY APPOINTMENT** Archbishop Christopher Prowse has made the following parish appointments from Monday 1st January 2018 – Fr. Luke Verrell has been assigned to Bega and Fr. George Ogah will commence duties here in Tumut. **CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2017** our parish will conduct this appeal next weekend 21st and 22nd October.Donations to this appeal will help fund St. Luke’s Health Centre in Uganda where an ambulance is urgently needed to transport new mothers and babies to the Health Centre.Please give generously. **CATHOLIC VOICE** October edition is now available. **SONGS OF PRAISE** will be hosted by the Tumut Valley Community Church on Sunday 29th October 2017 at 7pm. We invite people interested in being part of our catholic choir group to join us for practice each Tuesday afternoon in October at 5.15pm in the Parish Chapel.  **COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR** order your calendar now for 2018 for only $8.20. Contact the presbytery on 69474599 to place an order. **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** would you like to be involved in the Parish Ministries by being a Reader, Commentator, Children’s Liturgy, Church Care or Linen volunteer, if so, please contact the Presbytery on 69474599 or call in and see Anna on Wednesday of Friday mornings. **MANY THANKS** to our faithful volunteer this weekend **~ Claire Cole ~**

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