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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 ~** |

After our lengthy detour over the past six weeks into the gospel of John with its focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life and the Bread of Wisdom, we return to Mark’s gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity. The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. [It is worth noting that Mark’s non-Jewish readers, at a later time and in another place, need to be given detailed information about certain Jewish traditions].

At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus’ disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not “walking” according to the tradition of the elders. For the Markan Jesus, “the command of God” is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it. He offers a hard-hitting counter-critique of their attitude to law. He calls them “hypocrites” and informs them that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so distorted God’s law, substituting their own observances for the “commandment of God” that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service. Their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless! For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk. 1:41-45). *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*

 ***PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER***

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. Saint Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



**‘CLERGY’**

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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

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

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

 **‘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**

**22ndSunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

 **September 2nd 2018**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**the just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

 ***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 1st & 2nd September   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Barry Madigan |  Tony Butler |
| Reader |  First Eucharist  |  Kath Rosetta  |
| Commentator |  First Eucharist  |  Howard Young  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Anna & Maureen |  Patricia & Monica  |
| Altar Servers |  |  |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Bev & Sophie |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 8th & 9th September  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Sue Bulger |
| Reader |  Kathy Shanahan |  Pat Spannagle |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook |  Howard Young |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |   |  |
| Church Care | ----------------------------------------  |

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 **Feast Days 3rd Sept: Saint Gregory the Great 8th Sept: Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary**

HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL OUR SPECIAL DADS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**FAREWELL** we say goodbye to Fr. Sijo this weekend, he will celebrate his last Mass in our parish on Sunday, followed by a morning tea in St. Marys Hall. We wish Fr. Sijo all the best for his new appointment as Parish Priest in Temora. **WELCOME TO FR. MICHAEL MULLEN** who will be residing at the parish house for the month of September until Fr. George returns. **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** Fr. George has been appointed for this role when he returns in October. **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** we congratulate and pray for the candidates and their families who are receiving this special sacrament this weekend.  **FATHERS DAY APPEAL Collection for retired priests:** please make your kind contribution at next weekends Masses in the envelope provided, all gifts are tax deductible. **BAPTISMS** we welcome into our community this weekendCody Wayne Barton son of Christopher and Jordon,Leyarnah Dawn Margaret Freeman daughter of Bradley and Jenelle and William Terrance Mech son of Daniel and Kali. We pray for all baptism families. **THANK YOU** to our dedicated church care group this weekend.

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

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Jim Lynch, Paul Kelly, Chris Ballard, Van de Brug families, Breward families, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Louis Shallow, John Callister, Maude Kelly, Leo Aarts, Maria Tran, Andrew Leyden, Sr. Nolan R.S.M. Mick Bristow, Maureen Court, Andrew Sturt., Brian Rosetta, 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, Max 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, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Natalie Baker, Bert & Teresa Butler, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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