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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 today’s gospel reading we encounter a good scribe, while in next week’s we find some not so good scribes. This seems to fit the pattern of the Markan gospel. There are faithful disciples and not so faithful disciples. There are honest Jewish leaders like Joseph of Arimathea and not so honest leaders like those who try to entrap Jesus. There are principled Romans like the centurion who witnesses the death of Jesus, and not so principled Romans like Pilate who condemns him to death. Goodness and fitness for the ‘kingdom’ or ‘empire of God’ are never guaranteed, according to the Markan schema, by status or position or call or ethnicity or gender or by any other contingency of existence. Everyone has choices, as Andrea is constantly reminded by her boyfriend Nate in ‘The Devil Wears Prada.” For a Jew, the first and best choice is to love the God of Israel with one’s whole being and then to love one’s neighbour as oneself. Jesus and his questioner are agreed on that. Jesus is presented in today’s gospel as a Jew who knows and observes the Law of Moses. He wins the respect of the scribe, a specialist in the Law, who has overheard him debating with the Sadducees. Jesus recognises the sincerity of the scribe and takes seriously the question that this teacher of the Law puts to him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ He responds in the words of the ‘Shema Israel’ from Deuteronomy 6, today’s first reading. Love of God comes first. It is a love that derives from gratitude for God’s liberating action in the lives of God’s people. Israel has known the unconditional love of God. Those who know anything about human behaviour would probably agree that the experience of unconditional love engenders an increased capacity for love. For the Jews, including those who throw in their lot with Jesus the Jewish Galilean, to love one’s neighbour is to keep the second commandment of Leviticus 19:18, ‘…you shall love your neighbour as yourself’.  *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.



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**Saturday Vigil: 6pm**

**Sunday: 10am**

**Talbingo: 9am Communion Liturgy 1st & 3rd 8am Mass 2nd & 4th**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am**

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

**Saturday: 9am**

 **‘ROSARY’ Saturday: 8.45am**

**Exposition 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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**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

 **November 4th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**I love you, Lord my strength.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. 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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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th November   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Anita Mason |
| Reader |  Claire Cole  |  Trish Matthews  |
| Commentator |  Liz Boxall  |  Pat Spannagle  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Herrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn  |
| Altar Servers |  New Servers |  New Servers |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Maria Cobden | ---------------------------------------- |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th November  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Trish Matthews |  Sue Bulger |
| Reader |  Patricia Wilks  |  Kirsty Beavan  |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook |  Mary Kelly |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |  Jessica & Emily Kelly |
| Church Care | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Bev & Sophie |

Feast Day**Wishing all ouFEASTS DAYS**

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 **Feast Days 9th Nov: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 10th Nov: Saint Leo the Great**

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR OCTOBER 2018 1ST: $1807.60 2ND: $1940.35 D/D: $1360.00 I sought God and God I did see. I sought my soul but it eluded me. I sought my neighbour and I found all three. ~Old Adage~**

**~PARISH NEWS~**

**CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL** thank you for your generosity and support in this years appeal. Through your kind gifts and prayers, we are happy to forward $617.00 to this years ‘Myanmar’ program. **COMBINED PRAYER NIGHT** as part of the International Day of Prayer for the ‘Persecuted Church’ the Tumut Community Church will be hosting the night this Sunday 4th November at 7pm. All welcome. **BAPTISM** we welcome into our community this weekend **Georgia Paige** **Brown** daughter of Robert and Mercedes. We pray for all baptism families. **MARRIAGE** We extend our congratulations and prayers to **Grace Hargreaves** and **David** **Hooper** who will be receiving this special sacrament this weekend. **ST VINCENT DE PAUL** John Vance – conference support person from Canberra will be in Tumut this Saturday 3rd November to speak about recruitment. **MASS REQUEST** yellow envelopes are available for your ‘Holy Souls’ November Masses in church foyer. **LOW** **GLUTEN HOSTS** are available upon request. Please speak to Acolyte or Priest before Mass service. **MANY THANKS** this weekendto our NEW Altar Servers and to Anita Mason for her preparation time.

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

 **RECENTLY DECEASED - MARIE McINERNEY**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Joan Malone, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Pearl & Ted Bawden, Natalie Baker, Col Baker, Eric Harris, Tom Sturt, Andrew Sturt, Fr. Peter Quirk, Sr. Dorothy Bray RSM, 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, Mick Bristow, Maureen Court, Andrew Sturt., Brian Rosetta, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Pat Malone, Frank Delany, Ken & Brian Gee, Max Butler, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Peter Bush, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Edward Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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