16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B
22nd July 2012

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a
new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church
may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in
compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us
new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms: Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.
Marriages: (6 months notice) Arranged by appointment. [Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]
Reconciliation: Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...
Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Sr Mary Austin and Vincent Kelly and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, especially Mary Dagge and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, especially Debbie Scanlon and Mick Webster and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

PRIVACY LEGISLATION
In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information, collected from individuals. The Parish of St. Ambrose is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation. A copy of the Parish’s Privacy Policy is available to any Parishioner by contacting Bernadette at the Parish Office.

CHURCH ROSTERS
Readers
- July 21st: Trish Cairns
- July 22nd: Ted Bartels
- July 28th: Joe & Jill Caruana
- July 29th: Ruth Delong & Michael Petruccelli

Special Ministers
- July 21st: Pat McHenry or Angela Grinton
- July 22nd: Patty McKibbin, Eileen French, Mary Welch
- July 28th: Pat McHenry or Angela Grinton
- July 29th: Any Special Ministers Present

Church Cleaning
- July 23rd: Michael & Karen O'Loughlin
- July 30th: Bernadette Petruccelli

Church Flowers
- July 27th: Bernadette Petruccelli
- August 3rd: Joan Davies

COLLECTIONS
Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
[This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.] $319

Church (envelopes) collection
[This collection covers the Church capital costs, and ongoing maintenance.] $548

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES
These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

Let God guide you in all your life. 1909
The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW
When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to “come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place.” Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God’s voice in an out-of-the-way place.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
Do you spend time listening to the Lord? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. You can give generously when you trust the Lord will provide all that you need.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
The Apostles rejoined Jesus after their mission of preaching and healing. He invited them to go with him to a lonely place, where they could be by themselves, rest and replenish their spiritual and physical energy. But the people were clamouring to hear Jesus and he chose to respond to their need. The apostles, too, must have been replenished by listening to his teaching, despite the crowd.

MONDAY AT THE MANOR
Call in at Judy and John Will’s house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a sandwich and a chat.
Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport can call Judy and John on 54272827.
ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP’S FEAST DAY
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre is having an open day Saturday 4th August 10am—4pm. Come and pray in the Chapel, take a tour of the Museum, and visit the gift shop. Light refreshments available.
362 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
Ph 03 99269300 or www.mmhc.org.au for more information.

BLESSING OF STATUE
The new statue of Mary MacKillop outside St Patrick’s Cathedral will be blessed on Sunday 12th August at 10.30 am followed by 11am Mass.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
This Sunday 22nd July there will be a Children’s Liturgy available in the Nun’s Chapel during the 10am Mass. We thank all those who have volunteered to run this liturgy.

* CAN YOU HELP*
Mrs Shirley Howard from Gisborne is in her 80’s and is looking for transport to this event. Please call her on 54283147 if you are able to assist.

ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR YOUTH (AOY) EVENT
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WYD Brazil – “One Year to Go” Celebration Friday 27 July, 6:30pm
All are invited to the 2013 World Youth Day “One Year to Go” celebration. Fr Robert Galea will lead a special praise and worship session at St Mary Star of the Sea Church in West Melbourne followed at 7:30pm by Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. After Mass, at 8:30pm, the celebrations will continue with a huge Brazilian Carnivale, giving everyone the chance to experience the amazing culture of Brazil.
This event is open to all those from around Victoria who want to start getting ready for World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, whether they will be able to attend World Youth Day or not.
More Info: www.cam.org.au/youth Contact: AOY Office 9412 3300 OR aoy@cam.org.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.
Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing.
Our weekends in 2012 are: 10-12 August 1nd 12-14 October in Melbourne.
For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 97330997 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

ST AMBROSE PARISH SCHOOL
The official opening and blessing of our new school building this Monday 23rd July, 2.30pm.
All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

NEWMAN COLLEGE
The Helder Camara Lecture Series - Fr Paul Murray op
Monday 6 August, 5:30pm
Fr Paul Murray op is a Professor of Spirituality and a poet who teaches at the Angelicum in Rome.
Fr Paul will present on the topic, “Falling towards God: Simple Prayer / Complicated Life”.
Where: The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville
RSVP: Suzanne Hermon 9926 5761 OR suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au

GRACEFEST
Beginning on the Feast of the Assumption (‘Hail Mary, Full of Grace’), the Catholic community of Melbourne is invited to contemplate the face of Christ and explore the meaning of ‘grace’ in prayer.

Opening Mass, Wednesday 15 August, 7pm
Join us on the Feast of the Assumption, Hail Mary “full of grace”... to be celebrated by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, Archbishop Denis Hart, Fr Paul Murray op. Where: St Patrick’s Cathedral,

CulturED Café, Thursday 16 August, 7.30pm
Come and hear from 28-year-old Nathan Halloran as he shares his experience of grace serving the poor and marginalised in Mexico. Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne

GraceFest Workshop Day, Saturday 18 August, 10.30am-4.00pm
With keynote presentations by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez and Australian filmmaker Khoa Do. Where: Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy

Closing Mass, Sunday 19 August, 3.30pm
First Reading  Jer 23:1-6
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading  Eph 2:13-18
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  Jn 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel  Mk 6:30-34
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

Fifty years ago the word ‘stress’ was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with ‘pressure’, it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they’re under at school! Perhaps it’s the ever-growing pace of life or an increase in awareness, but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilised world. Although he may never have used the words ‘stress’ or ‘pressure’, Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognised the importance of taking time out, if you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that see you meeting the needs of others, you need some time to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you’ve shared; time to simply recharge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself.

Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognised the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.
St Mary of Magdala was a disciple of Christ who was healed by him when he cast out seven devils. She stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died, and went to the tomb to anoint his body on the morning of Easter Sunday. She was the first witness to Jesus’ resurrection when she found his tomb empty. In St Mark’s Gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the risen Jesus first appears and further to this, in St John’s account, Jesus gives her a message to pass on to his brethren. Since the time of Pope Gregory the Great, a tradition in the Western church arose that identified Mary Magdalene as the unnamed sinner who anointed Christ’s feet, and Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. But since 1969 the new Roman calendar has rejected this belief entirely.

Why did Jesus feel sorry for the crowd? Join up the sheep in the correct sequence to spell out the answer

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