

SOUTH OTAGO PASTORAL AREA
Parishes of Balclutha, Milton and Lawrence
Bulletin – 5 June 2022

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Weekend Masses:

Lawrence – 5.30pm Saturday
1st Sunday – 11am

Milton – 9am Sunday
Saturday

Balclutha – 10.30am Sunday
1st Sunday – 5.30pm Vigil

Weekday Masses:

Lawrence – 4pm Wednesday

Milton – 9am

Balclutha – 10am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Reconciliation - On request, or:

Balclutha prior to Vigil Mass @ 5pm, Milton after 9am Mass Saturdays, Lawrence prior to Vigil Mass

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE COMING MONTH – Year C

5th June – Pentecost – Acts 2:1-11, Romans 8:8-17, John 14:15-16.23-26

12th June - The Most Holy Trinity – Proverbs 8:22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

19th June – Corpus Christi; The Body & Blood of Christ – Genesis 14:18-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Luke 9:11-17

26th June – 13th Sunday Ordinary Time – Kings 19:16.19-21, Galatians 5:1.13-18, Luke 9:51-62

3rd July – 14th Sunday Ordinary Time – Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12.17-20

Dear Sisters and Brothers

It is just over a month since I took the responsibility of being a shepherd to South Otago Pastoral Area Parishes. I am happy that God has called me to serve you all. As I already said at my first Mass let's work together to continue to realize a Kingdom of God in our parish and local churches where only love and mercy prevails... "Take the boat into deep water and put your nets in the water to catch some fish" Luke 5:4-11. Let us take our boats of life into deeper waters to experience the presence of the Risen Lord and His promise of the Advocate "Holy Spirit" in our lives.

Pope Francis is trying to achieve this goal by inviting us to journey together in his effort: "TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH"

Pope Francis lists certain risks that could hinder the journey 1. Formalism. 2.

Intellectualism, where reality turns into abstraction 3. Complacency, the attitude that says: "We have always done it this way".

On the other hand, the Pope suggests that this is an opportunity 1. that of moving not occasionally but structurally towards a synodal Church, 2. to become a listening Church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen. 3. to become a Church of closeness.

The great outpouring of the Holy Spirit (PENTECOST) is being celebrated world over on this Sunday 5th June 2022. Hence let's ask the Lord to send forth his Spirit and renew the Face of the Earth. **The month of June is also a very special month.** The month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity and the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus are also celebrated during this month. All these feasts point to our Lord's unconditional love, union and sharing. I earnestly invite you all to keep praying to the Most Sacred Heart and imploring His blessings and mercy upon all of us.

God Bless You all. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any need.

Please keep me in your prayers.

Fraternally Fr Jacob

We pray for: the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time: **Chris Skinner, Val Dale, Willy Verheul, Raymond Churstain, Gilbert Philpott, Johannes Tamis, Patricia Restall, Mary Hale and Maria Lomas.**

We welcome in to our Church family three young baby boys Baptised in Balclutha since the beginning of the year and recently; Louis Cajeras, Steve Setu and Daithí Doherty. God bless them and their families at this special time of grace.

Fr Fredy Permentilla will be saying Mass again in St Mary MacKillop on the 2nd Friday of each month commencing Friday 10th June @ 7.00pm. All are welcome. Shared meal to follow.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour and Benediction will be observed again this month in St Mary MacKillop Church on **Thursday 23 June from 6.30 – 7.30pm**
This is Eve to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

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In 2022, the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants falls on 19 June

Pope Francis reminds us that we should be fostering relationships and welcoming all with open arms. We should no longer be thinking in terms of “us and them”, but rather as “we”, celebrating connections rather than concentrating on differences. We are one human family. *“Today’s migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person’s gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider “we” can come about”* (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees). How refugees and migrants are treated by those in their new communities greatly impacts their resettlement process, and how quickly they feel safe and at home. More than just being passive receivers of refugees and migrants, we should be actively working to welcome and embrace everyone, reaching out as a Church, and creating the wider “we” that God envisions for us.

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Friday 24 June 2022

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to Jesus and his love. It is a sign or a symbol of both the divine and human love that Jesus has for his Father and for us. It also symbolizes the interior life of Jesus which led to his willingness to lay down his life for us. It is a symbol based on our belief in the Incarnation—a firm belief that the second person of the Blessed Trinity became human with all the feelings, emotions, and desires we usually associate with the human heart. It is that human heart—directly united to the divine person—which expresses God’s love in a human way perfectly and purely since Jesus is free from sin. The heart is an apt symbol, but there is something more than a symbol at work here. There is the very real love of Jesus for the world, a love that wells up from both the divine as well as the human natures of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is grounded not just in symbol, but in real love.

