

SOUTH OTAGO PASTORAL AREA

Parishes of Balclutha, Milton and Lawrence Bulletin

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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 A

4th June – **The Most Holy Trinity** – Exodus 34:4-6,8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

11th June – **The Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** – Deut. 8:2-3,14-16, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

18th June – **11th Sunday Ordinary Time** - Exodus 19:2-6, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8

25th June – **12th Sunday Ordinary Time** – Jeremiah 20:10-13, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33

2nd July – **13th Sunday Ordinary Time** – 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16, Romans 6:3-4,8-11, Matthew 10:37-42

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Catholics dedicate the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in veneration and in gratitude for His merciful heart and His redeeming love for mankind. Holy Masses, novenas, and the recitation of devotional prayers in honour of the Sacred Heart are traditionally observed by the faithful devotees.

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary said, devotion to the Sacred Heart “is an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ’s mercy and our way to express our gratitude for His mercy and love.” Characteristic acts of devotion include almsgiving, consecration, and reparation.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a French Catholic nun, was instrumental in spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart after she had visions of Jesus beginning in 1673, when Jesus asked her to have a special feast established in honour of His Sacred Heart.



An Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Most sweet Jesus, humbly kneeling at your feet, we renew the consecration of our family to your Divine Heart. Be you our King forever! In you we have full and entire confidence. May your Spirit penetrate our thoughts, our desires, our words and our deeds. Bless our undertakings, share in our joys, in our trials, and in our labours. Grant us to know you better, to love you more, to serve you without faltering.

We also celebrate on the first two Sundays this month, the Feasts of The Most Holy Trinity and The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ before returning to the Sundays of Ordinary Time. The Birth of St John the Baptist and the Feast Day of the great Saints, Peter & Paul conclude our June celebrations.

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.**



Dear Sisters and Brothers, in our Pastoral Area, on the 20th May we witnessed an eventful ceremony to the permanent Diaconate, of Iosefa Setu. Let us thank the Lord for His calling.

It is also timely to thank you all for your generous support in holding this spiritually uplifting celebration. Pauline Dodds and her great team of helpers were instrumental in organizing this ceremony.

Thank you all so much.

Let us continue to pray for Iosefa and Fania as they completely depend on God's grace to live out their great responsibility of serving. (Fr Jacob)

And from Iosefa: ***'Thank you to each and every one for prayers and support throughout the years in supporting us especially in our ministry. We are so grateful for all the love you have given us. Praise be God.'***

Monthly Mass - Please join Fr Elie Sangco from the Gore Parish for Mass the second Friday evening of each month at the St Mary MacKillop Church at **6.30pm. This month 9th June.** A chance for all the Filipino community specially, to gather for Mass and a shared meal afterwards in the Mary MacKillop Centre behind the Church. All are welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour – concluding with Benediction, will be observed in St Mary MacKillop Church, Balclutha, now on the First Friday of the month.

For next month 7th July from 6.00-7.00pm

Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants 2023

The Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants on **June 18th**, 2023 is an opportunity to reflect on how we can work towards Building a Future for All. Pope Francis encourages us to take some time to think about those who may have been forgotten, and how they can be part of the future that is being built. The resources this year focus on the Rohingya crisis, a situation that may have faded from many of our minds but is the terrible reality for hundreds of thousands of people. On this Sunday, remember to pray for refugees and migrants around the world.

Situation Vacant: Please consider if you would be willing to take over the once-a-month compilation of the Pastoral Area Bulletin. A 'new look' maybe; local news, interesting articles, prayer, devotions and upcoming events. Working with Fr Jacob and each Parish, computer compilation & presentation experience will be necessary. Let Fr Jacob know or email the parish address if you would like to share your gift in this way. Commencing for the August edition.

Winter ills and health care – “Looking after ourselves and our parishioners.” And especially as COVID-19 continues in be in our midst **If you are feeling ill and have the flu, please stay at home, keep warm, get better so as not to pass the flu, or other ills, on to others.**

To help prevent passing colds and the flu on to others, when you need to sneeze or cough, please cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your bent arm (but not your hand). Put your tissues into the rubbish. And always clean your hands after coughing or sneezing. Use soap or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.

