



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

**Fr. Michael McKinnon PP**

**Fr. James Kerr**

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo

Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull**

**St. Francis Xavier  
Elms Street, Irymple**

**2nd Sunday Ordinary Time / Year A  
14th & 15th January 2017**

## Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 6:00 pm

Sun: 9:00 am, 5:00 pm

Irymple: 8:30 am

Werrimull 11:00 am (last Sunday of each month)

## Weekday Masses

Tues: 7:00 pm

Wed: 9:10 am

Thurs: 9:30 am

Fri: 5:40 pm

Sat: 9.30 am

**Please note: The Funeral  
Mass of Mr. Mario Venneri  
at 9:30am this Tuesday  
will replace the 7:00pm  
Mass**

## Weekly Prayer Opportunities

**Prayer of the Church:** Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am

**Christian Meditation:** Sat 11:30 am

Parish Prayer Room

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10:00am



**RECENT DEATHS:** Joe Jeffries, Mario Venneri, Melanie Muller

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Charlie Pongraz, Mary & Andrew Matulin, Giuseppe Cavallo,



*Only immediate members of the deceased's family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

*If you want a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of one month after which family or friends can request more time.*

Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, Moataane Vatuvei, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

## PARISH FINANCE

### Last weeks collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1210.95</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (not including DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$1249.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 527.00</b>

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

To provide a reference for someone is a serious responsibility as well as a privilege because, more often than not, a good deal depends on the testimony one provides. John the Baptist took it upon himself to be a referee for Jesus. His testimony reverberates across the centuries, offering an introduction to Jesus, year in year out, for those who seek to understand this Jewish prophet and teacher who was and is more than a prophet or teacher. John wants his disciples to understand that the whole purpose of his water baptism is that Jesus "might be revealed" to God's people. He wants them to know that Jesus is "of God". He is the "lamb of God", the "chosen one of God". He is the one on whom God's Spirit descends and remains. Jesus comes before the Baptist and so ranks before him.

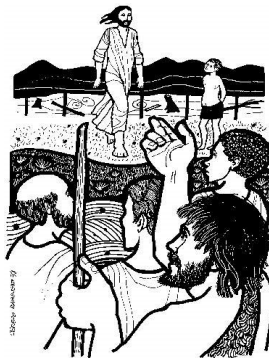


Is the author of this gospel using the character of the Baptist as a vehicle for his particular Christology or presentation of Jesus? That's what many scholars think, although some of the images in the Baptist's testimony are firmly grounded in Jewish tradition and could well come from a prophetic figure like John the Baptist. Maybe the answer to the question is "yes, but not exclusively".

Whether the images have their origin with John the Baptist or John the gospel writer, we might reasonably wonder what it means to say that Jesus is "God's lamb". Does the expression refer to the Passover lamb whose blood signifies liberation or deliverance? The imagery in John's gospel relating to the death of Jesus might point in this direction. Is "God's lamb" the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53 who takes on the sins of the many? Is it an image of the lamb that God provides for Abraham's sacrifice (Genesis 22)? Is it evoking the apocalyptic lamb of Jewish literature of the time, the powerful conquering lamb that destroys evil in the world? Is it intended to suggest vulnerability as in the prophecy of Jeremiah 11:19 ("I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter").

There is never a simple explanation when it comes to John's gospel, but it seems to me that the symbol of strength in vulnerability has potential for understanding the characterization of Jesus in this gospel. The Lamb of God of John 1:29 "takes away" the sinful condition of the world. Twenty-one centuries down the track there is still violence and hunger and exploitation on a massive scale. The work of the one strong enough to risk vulnerability so that others may have life, the work of God's Lamb, is never done. Witness to that is part of the gift that Pope Francis is offering to the world: despite opposition, even among those closest to him, he never wavers in his response to the distress of God's people, of God's Earth. **Veronica Lawson rsm**

***Our Parish Vision***  
***“Our Parish is a Eucharistic Community***  
***united by our faith in Jesus Christ.***  
***We work together in the power of the Holy***  
***Spirit to spread the good news of God’s***  
***Kingdom.”***



### **Our Parish Schools**

**Sacred Heart Primary School**  
**Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204**

**St Paul’s Primary School**  
**Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567**

**St Joseph’s Secondary College**  
**Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000**

**14th & 15th January 2017**

#### **NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10**  
**Response: Here I am , Lord; I come to do your will.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**  
**Gospel: John 1:29-34**

#### **EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

##### **SATURDAY**

##### **SUNDAY**

**6PM**

**9AM**

**5PM**

**6 Ministers required**

**7 Ministers required**

**6 Ministers required**

**Anita Naray**

**Nada Zudetich**

**Melanie Ransome**

**Maria Cirillo**

**Sara Visona**

**Bill Dolence**

**Christine Carmichael**

**Juliet Cresp**

**Jacqui Willis**

**Ellen Frauenfelder**

**Louise Belej**

**Barbara Bunting**

**Jacinda Deacon**

**Nancy Leonardis**

**Katrina Groves**

**Katy Quinlan**

**Elena Garreffa**

**Judy Hall**

**Volunteer**

#### **MUSIC**

**Youth Group**

**Tongan Choir**

**NO MUSIC**

**K Mafi**

**M Guthrie**

**21st & 22nd January 2017**

#### **NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14**  
**Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**  
**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

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**Maryanne Modica**

**Myrna Rodi**

**Irene Morello**

**Lyn Welsh**

**Maree Irvin**

**Anne-Maree Greville**

**Loretta Thompson**

**Sue Hermans**

**Taiana Fatai**

**Giuseppe Scopacasa**

**Danielle Mazzini**

**Margaret McDonald**

**Maria Scopacasa**

**Greg Johnston**

**Trish McNamara**

**Susan Lewis**

**Volunteer**

#### **MUSIC**

**Sacred Heart Group**

**Youth Group**

**NO MUSIC**

**Leader**

**K Mafi**

**M Faingaanuku**

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Please volunteer**

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#### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**2 Volunteers required**

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**Colin & Lyn Welsh**

#### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**2 Volunteers required**

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**Louise Belej**

#### **READERS**

**Jen Ditchfield**

**Cathy/Paul McErvale**

**Christine Slattery**

#### **READERS**

**Gary Huxtable**

**Narie Lewis**

**Barb Bunting**

#### **COUNTING TEAM 3**

**KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778**

#### **IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

**READER**

**EUCHARIST MINISTER**

**D Nichols**

**G Schmidt**

#### **COUNTING TEAM 5**

**JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759**

#### **IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

**READER**

**EUCHARIST MINISTER**

**K Modoo**

**K Night**