



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
18th & 19th February 2017

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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

If there is a Funeral Mass on **Wednesday** or **Thursday**, the advertised Mass will be cancelled.



Tues: 7:00 pm

Wed: 9:10 am

Thurs: 9:30 am

Fri: 5:40 pm

Sat: 9:30 am

Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Rosary: Monday 5:00pm

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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Domenico Blefari

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Blance, Antonia & Mario Modica

Sunday 8.30am: Angela Spadaccini

(Only members of the deceased's immediate 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, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio



Today's gospel is a continuation of Jesus' teaching on the sort of righteousness, the right relationship and justice, to which his followers are called in their living of the Law. The law of Moses (Exod 21:24, Lev 24:20 and Deut 19:21) included a law of retaliation designed to make punishment for wrongdoing to persons or property proportionate to the offence. It was quite enlightened legislation at the time. In a series of striking images, Jesus invites his followers to go far beyond the strict application of the law and to embrace a new way of thinking about and acting towards those who injure them/us. Relinquishing your right to compensation is one thing. Giving more of your property to one who has stolen from you is quite another. Do we take this teaching literally or do we simply embrace the spirit of non-retaliation that seems to be at the heart of this teaching? A too-easy amnesty does not always bring justice. Last week's gospel reminded us that there is to be no place for uncontrolled anger or murderous thoughts in our hearts. Both that teaching and this seem to be about taking responsibility for how we live. Harboring anger can have disastrous consequences for oneself as well as for others. It tends to skew our capacity for right judgement. What happens to us may be beyond our control. What we do with what comes our way is for us to decide. Jesus makes it clear that we have choices in the face of life's struggles. The disciple is called to choose the way of assuming personal responsibility and refusing the way of retaliation.

The final example or antithesis in the list of six that Jesus offers in the Sermon on the Mount is the most confronting of all: there are to be no limitations on love. Loving one's enemies is quite a challenge, on a personal as well as a global level. We learn the hard way that we cannot change others. We can only change our attitudes and approaches to them. Venerable Catherine McAuley, founder of the Mercies, wrote that her sisters "never to let the sun go down on their anger". I used to wonder how they managed that. Over recent years I have found that praying quite deliberately for those who give us a hard time or cause us grief is by far the most effective way of retaining one's peace of mind and of expelling retaliatory thoughts. For me, it is a matter of gently bringing these people to mind, of breathing in the loving kindness or *chesed* of God that suffuses the universe and of breathing it out for them. That enables me to think of them in kindly ways and act towards them without rancour, even when the sentiments are not reciprocated.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please be advised that from the beginning of Lent our Weekday Mass times will be as follows:

Tuesday: 6:00pm
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9:15am
Friday: 5:40pm

Mass Times

Please note however, that the **Ash Wednesday morning Mass will be at 9:30am for the sake of St. Paul's Primary School who will be attending.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 22nd February 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

RCIA—The Catechuminate- The Season of Lent

Will be held on Thursday 23rd February, 7pm in the Hillman Room.



MARCH 1ST ASH WEDNESDAY

9.30am: School Mass
 5.40pm: Evening Mass

RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

All information is available from the Parish Office
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
 and enrolment of children Wednesday 22nd February at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church



Sacred Heart Parish

Mission

WITH

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

Sunday March 12th 2017

Friday March 17th 2017

The Family & How We Communicate
 Grief, Loss & the Mystery of Human Suffering
 Sharing Our Faith with Our Children
 Prayer, Solitude & Everyday Spirituality
 Reconciliation & Eucharist

Two volunteers are needed to help give communion to Regis Ontario while Lexie Gittins recuperates from an illness. If you can help out please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Family Group will breakfast at the Mildura Workers on Sunday 19th February 10.00am. Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions 50211918. All welcome.

SOUP KITCHEN

Seeking volunteers for the soup kitchen (Monday and Wednesday nights - 5.30 to 6.30pm). Chefs needed to cook meals (Stew, Soup, Lasagna, Pies and/or desserts) - often have food to use if required. Also needed are Waiters/ Waitresses to set up, serve, clean and pack up from 5.00 - 7.00pm. Please email Paula Cox pcox@sjcmda.vic.edu.au with your availability, or contact the Parish Office.

COMMISSIONING OF SCHOOL STAFF

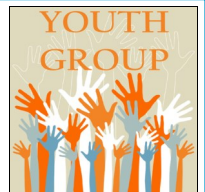
During the 5:00pm Mass this weekend we include our annual commissioning of the staff of our catholic schools. We remember them in all of our celebrations this weekend, and ask God to continue to bless their ministry. We also pray for all students and families, that this year will be one that brings many blessings upon them all.

RELIGIOUS MOSAICS FOR SALE

Along the entrance way of the Monaghan Centre you will have noticed a number of Religious Mosaics and other art works from St. Joseph's College. If you are interested in purchasing an item, you can do so by making a donation to The Shared Table (supporting Fr. Mick's previous Parish in Lima Peru.) Donations can be left in the sacristy or at the Parish Office.

SACRED HEART YOUTH

During the Season of Lent The Sacred Heart Youth Group will be meeting in the Monaghan Centre every Friday from 6.30pm. New members most welcomed to join. The next meeting will be held on Friday 3rd March.



The Youth group will also be organising morning tea on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month after the 9am Mass. Cuppa after 9am Mass NEXT Sunday.

FRANCISCO – THE MAN BEHIND THE POPE

A very enjoyable evening was had by all who watched the movie at the Cinema Deakin on Wednesday evening. Over 100 people attended the screening. 80 tickets were sold online. Part of the proceeds from tickets sold online will be given back to the Parish as a fundraiser which will go towards the Monaghan Centre.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1218.65
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2622.00
Loose Plate	\$ 447.20



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017 Am I being Unfair to You

The annual World Day of Prayer for 2017 will be held at **St Andrew's Uniting Church, Deakin Ave, Mildura on Friday 3rd March at 10am** followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Lenten Donation Envelopes are now available. Donations to Project Compassion support Caritas Australia's community development and emergency relief programs in partnership with marginalised communities around the world.



UPROOTING TOXIC INEQUALITY

Andrew Hamilton Eureka Street 13 February 2017

Almost all listings of our present discontents include inequality. I believe that gross inequality is the greatest threat to building a just and peaceful society. It is worth reflecting on why this may be so.

In itself inequality is not harmful. It is part of the diversity proper in any human society. But the inequality that is now in question is toxic because it is extreme when measured by any scale, and because it is programmed to increase. It is self-perpetuating and self-intensifying. The increase of wealth of the few entails the marginalisation and impoverishment of others.

Fortunately, it is now notorious and is rightly resented. The cultural beliefs that have previously allowed radical inequality to be accepted as acceptable in a society have frayed. The religious understanding that each person has their God appointed station in life is no longer persuasive.

The ideological substitute — the belief that all in society benefit from unregulated economic competition — is now seen as the self-serving nonsense it has always been. Its fruits are rotten. Economic growth is now tested for fairness. It is no longer accepted as a good for which people can be sacrificed.

Resentment at the injustice inherent in an economy governed by greed ought to lead to the recognition that wealth has a social bond and is at the service of the common good, particularly to help the disadvantaged. That cooperative vision alone will lead to actions that redress increasing disparity of wealth and the resentment that its effects generate.

Much current evidence, however, suggests that resentment prompts behaviour which will intensify inequality, and so will increase resentment itself.

Resentment focuses attention on the wrongs done to oneself and not on the claims of others. So it strengthens the belief, fostered by neoliberal economic theory, that society is made up of competitive individuals and groups, and that consequently the political process is concerned with furthering one's own interests at the expense of others. It encourages a sense of entitlement.

The wealthy believe they are entitled to increase their wealth and dispose of it as they wish. Politicians believe they are entitled to the perks of office and retirement. Sectional groups believe they are entitled to have their interests served.

Each group regards others as self-interested and tries to strip away their entitlements. Reference to such concepts as the common good and the disinterested service of the community are seen as purely rhetorical: they are deployed in order to persuade but lack conviction. Ultimately the clash between competing interests is not to be resolved by reflection on the good of society but by the decisive use of power.

It is a commonplace that disaffection and alienation lead to political fragmentation and weakness. Politicians who are not trusted cannot take the bold actions required to make the economy serve people equitably. People who are resentful look for a strong leader who will represent their interests. But those who offer themselves as strong leaders usually look after their own interests while perpetuating and further deepening the inequality that brought them to power.

They also redirect the resentment at gross inequality against such minority groups as refugees or Muslims. They demonstrate their strength by the use of power against these groups in the interests of national security. The belief in innate human rights and the rule of law which are central in democratic societies are eroded. This further puts minority groups and their interest groups at risk.

History suggests that authoritarian leaders ultimately protect and extend inequality, whether in the interests of the existing beneficiaries or of the revolutionary cadres and their families. They also act to the detriment of individuals and groups who seek protection of their rights or freedom from discrimination. In a competitive society these groups have little power.

Social democracy is based on trust that, through their representatives, citizens will consider the good of the whole nation and of its people. The disillusionment caused by governments extending inequality and ruling for the few imposes great strain. Democratic processes and the respect for the dignity of each human being on which they rest are threatened by increasingly authoritarian practices to divide the community and stifle dissent.

That is why inequality matters. It is the enduring root and not the transient blossom of the plant of social division.

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

PROJECT COMPASSION 2017

From Ash Wednesday through to the final day of Term One, St Joseph's College Mercy Action Groups from both Campuses raise both awareness and funds for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. During this five week period, the students and staff endeavour to support Caritas Australia's aims of justice, peace, equality and hospitality for all. Both the Mercy and Enright Campus' Mercy Action Groups raise awareness of Project Compassion through bulletin notices, posters, Morning Prayer and Assembly presentations. While in Religious Education classes students visit the Caritas Australia's website to learn about its work in Australia and abroad through real life case studies.

The theme for Project Compassion 2017 is "Love your neighbour". This year, Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives. For more than 50 years, Caritas Australia has been privileged to work together with our neighbours — our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in First Australian communities and in many other countries. Working with our partner agencies in those communities, we have developed the strength to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person. Throughout Project Compassion 2017, inspiring stories from the Philippines, Timor-Leste, Australia, Vietnam and Fiji will be shared, highlighting the importance of working hand in hand with communities around the world.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Matt 22:39

Throughout the Lenten Program, staff and students are also encouraged to donate money each morning through the project compassion money boxes.

Philip Opie Religious Education Domain Leader

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

18th & 19th February 2017			25th & 26th February 2017		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 Resp Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8 Response: The Lord is kind and merciful Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23 Gospel: Mt 5:38-48			First Reading: Isa 49:14-15 Resp Psalm: Ps 61:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6 Response: Rest in God alone, my soul. Second Reading: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Gospel: Mt 6:24-34		
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM	6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Jacinda Deacon	Peter O'Donnell	St Joseph's College	Margaret McDonald	Sara Visona	Maree Irvin
Katy Quinlan	Filomena Carbone	St Joseph's College	Trish McNamara	Juliet Cresp	Sue Hermans
Margaret Sheahan	Gina Raiti	St Joseph's College	Morris Henderson	Louise Belej	Danielle Mazzini
Irene Morello	Anna Vartuli	St Joseph's College	Anita Naray	Nancy Leonardis	Greg Johnston
Anne-Maree Greville	Nada Zudetich	St Joseph's College	Maria Cirillo	Elena Garreffa	Volunteer please
Taiana Fatai	Volunteer please	St Joseph's College	Christine Carmichael	Maryanne Modica	Volunteer please
	Volunteer please	St Joseph's College		Volunteer please	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Youth Group	Tongan Choir	St Joseph's College	Singing Group	Youth Group	M Guthrie
K Mafi	M Guthrie		M Sullivan	K Mafi	All welcome
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVEN RS		
Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer
OFFERTORY PROCESSION			OFFERTORY PROCESSION		
2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Colin & Lyn Welsh	St Joseph's College	Baptism	Cathy McErvale	
READERS			READERS		
Tricia McNamara	Sr Rosemary	St Joseph's College	Christine Carmichael	Lyn Welsh	Jancy Thomas
COUNTING TEAM 9			COUNTING TEAM 10		
GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993			BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
G Schmidt	D Knight		G McCracken	W Smith	