Sacred Heart Parish Mildura



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

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Fr. Michael McKinnon PP **Fr Damian Styles Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo** Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

6th Sunday of Easter / Year C -30th April & 1st May 2016

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 Wed, Thurs, 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 Scripture Reading: Thurs 10:30 am - 20 Beasy Court Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues 7:30pm in Church Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Maureen Lauder

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Carmela & Vincenzo Cirillo, Peter Manno Sunday 5pm:

Wednesday 9.10am: Ljubo Zvonar (birthday remembrance) Thursday 9.30am: Helen Grivec (birthday remembrance)

(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.

Lourdes Stanislaus (Fr Neville's mother), 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, Sid Robinson, Judy Hunt, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan, Harlan Garner, Siliako Lolesio

Keeping one's word is a mark of honour in any society. To be asked to keep someone else's word, as in today's gospel reading, calls for a shift in our usual patterns of thinking and acting. In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the Logos who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God's communication The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, with the world. Jesus also speaks God's word. The disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and articulates. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God's name. Each will thus become a dwell-

Our Lady of Lourdes

Werrimull



St. Francis Xavier

Elms Street, Irymple

whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. John 14.26

ing place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. It seems to me that if we truly believed and "kept" the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might understand that God dwells with us, and so consistently treat each other with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God's Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as "advocate" carries a range of meanings. It literally means "one called alongside to help" whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John's gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to "keep the word" of Jesus.

Once again, Jesus gifts his friends, this time with the gift of peace, a peace "that the world cannot give." In John's gospel, the "world" is first and foremost the tenting place of God's Word: it is God's creation. Occasionally, as in this passage, it refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God's Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew shalom: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in the Triune God. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also "coming to them" since the "Father" will send the Spirit to be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to reflect on the unfathomable mystery of God.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

Church & Universal Mission

to be held Thursday 5th May, 7pm in the Hillman Room..

FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

Parents of children in Grade Four and above who would like their children to receive First Eucharist in 2016 need to attend the second Parent Formation Evening which is



to be held on Wednesday 4th May 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church and will be presented by Rose Marie Prosser.

Children do not attend this evening. **Parents** must attend the session at the end of which their children will be enrolled in the First Eucharist Program.



TONGAN KOMUNIO/ LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday 1st May at 9am. All are invited to stay on for food, drinks etc from the Monaghan Centre.

Memorial Mass for Bishop Ron Mulkearns

Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at the cathedral on Monday May 16 at 12:05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections					
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1351.45				
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2952.35				
Loose Plate	\$ 524.60				

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (Planned Giving)

A reminder that if you indicated on the Pledge Card that you would now like to receive envelopes and or are a new pledge please collect the envelopes from the table at the front of the church.

Fr. Michael McKinnon

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 5th May at 9.30am. All welcome.

MASS COUNTS

Mass counts will occur during the following 4 weekends:-

29th April &1st May, 7th & 8th May, 14th & 15th May and 21st & 22nd May.

ADULT FORMATION

Parishioners are invited to attend the Formation Evenings organised for parents of children preparing for 1st Eucharist. A very good opportunity for faith education focusing on the theme of the Eucharist.

ROSE MARIE PROSSER Wednesday 4th May 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church



UNI STUDENT REQUIRES ACCOMMODATION A University Student studying in Mildura from Sri Lanka requires accommodation. His name is Ruvishka Ranpath

Joseph. He also requires a second hand push bike and is also looking for a part time /casual job if you can help in anyway please contact him on: 0449 170 228 or email : ruvishka.joseph@gmail.com

COPIES FOR SALE

The Parish Office has for sale copies of: Sr Veronica Lawson's book-The Blessing of Mercy-Bible Perspectives & Ecological Challenges; Pope Francis—Laudato Si-Care for our Common Home; Lord Make Haste to Help me—Prayers for Caner Sufferers; Making the Sign of the Cross -great for young children.

YOUTH

The winners of the Sacred Heart Youth Raffle were: 1st Prize: Bruno Calliapari-Travel Voucher

2nd Prize: Julie Page-Samsung Tablet 3rd Prize: Dora Porter-Vouchers The Youth raised \$1756.50



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mercy International Reflection Process (MIRP)

At a recent meeting the members of this group it was decided to focus on educating themselves on 'Sustainable Living.' We thank those who attended and shared their concerns about this issue.

Anyone who is interested in this topic is most welcome to join this group.

The next meeting will be May 18 at 7 pm in the Monaghan Centre.

REGIONAL GATHERING CONFERENCE

Living the Gospel of Mercy and Joy May 27 - 29 2016 St Paul's Primary School

St. Joseph's Secondary College MILDURA

Keynote addresses

Session 1 St Paul's Primary School Friday 27th May 7.00pm – 8:30pm

Where the Hell is God? Holding to faith through the tough times." Session 2 St Paul's Primary School

St Paul's Primary School Saturday 28th May 9:00am – 10:30am

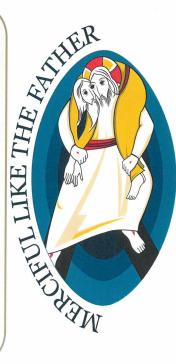
Nine steps to making better choices for my life in the light of faith"

The Called and Gifted Workshop For this Workshop participants must attend both sessions

St Joseph's Secondary College Saturday 28th May 12:30pm – 5:30pm &

Sunday 29th May 9:00am – 12:00pm

PRIOR REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL Inquiries: 50212872



JOKE

Forrest Gump dies and goes to heaven. He is greeted by St. Peter, who says, "Heaven is so full that we have to give you an entrance exam to come in."

Forrest replies, "I shore hope it isn't too hard. I'm not very good at tests."

St. Peter says: "First question, how many days in the week begin with T and what are they?"

Forrest answers: "Well two, today and tomorrow." "That isn't quite what I had in mind but, I'll give it to you." St. Peter said. "Ok, the next question: how many seconds are there in a year?"

Forrest thought for a minute and said, "Well I reckon there are twelve. January 2^{nd} , February 2^{nd} , March 2^{nd}"

St. Peter put up his hand. "Well, not the answer I was looking for, but it is correct so I'll have to give that one to you also. Ok, final question: What is God's first name?"

"Well, that's easy. It's Harold."

"Harold? How in Heaven did you come up with Harold?"

"You know, 'Our Father, who art in Heaven, Harold by thy name."



NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am sure everyone enjoyed the long weekend with the beautiful weather, and allowed for a great day to remember the **AN-ZACS**, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice and endured extra hardships in all conflicts. Their courage and commitment is why we have such fortunate lives today, and had such a fantastic weekend...*Lest We Forget*

Mrs Sheehan and the Student Leadership Team (SLT) are to be commended on the **SHPS ANZAC Service** we had yesterday morning. The service was a reflection of respect, pride, appreciation, optimism and spirituality. We are so fortunate to have Fr Damian in our community and his reflective presentation was full of heartfelt meaning that resonated well with the students, staff and families present. Fr Damian could not have done any better if he had time to plan the speech... Also, please commend the students on the respectful manner in which they participated in the service. The service was enhanced with quite a number of family members joining us. Well done and thank you to Clare, the SLT and Fr Damian. Have a great week..

Des Lowry—Principal

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

I had the privilege of attending the Anzac Day service at Henderson Park. Our School Captains, Nathaniel and Carla represented St Paul's by laying a wreath during the service. As a whole school community we celebrated a special Anzac Day liturgy at school last Friday. Thank you to Miss Fuoco and the children who participated in the liturgy. Thank you also to Fr Michael who attended our liturgy.

Tuesday we welcomed Jim Waight from CEOB (Catholic Education Office Ballarat) who worked with our staff on Religious Education. Jim is our appointed advisor for the Northern Zone. We are always grateful for the support that Jim provides for us. Felicity Lane, as our Learning and Teaching advisor also spent the day working with members of our leadership team and supporting the teachers in their ongoing professional learning in Literacy.

Our Mother's Day Liturgy is next Friday 6th May at 10am in the hall. All our mums, aunties and grandmothers are most welcome to attend this wonderful celebration. As always, keep the faith. *Vince Muscatello—Principal*

> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



This year our Parish is hosting the liturgy for Christian Unity.

We will celebrate with prayer on **Wednesday 11th** of May at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church. It would be good to have a solid representation from our own Community so that we can extend a warm welcome to members of other Churches who will come to pray with us. We need some volunteers to assist with the provision of a cuppa in the Monaghan Centre after the celebration. If anybody can help, can they please contact the Parish Office and let Carmel know. 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

30th April & 1st May, 2016			7th & 8th May, 2016		
THIS WEEK'S READINGS		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS			
First Reading: Acts 115:1-2, 22-29 Resp Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 4 Response: O God, let all the nations praise your saving power. Second Reading: Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23 Gospel: Jn 14:23-29		First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Resp Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6 Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. Second Reading: 9:24-28, 10:19-23 Gospel: Lk 24:46-53			
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SATURDAY 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
Trish McNamara	Gina Raiti	Katrina Groves	Christine Carmichael	Nancy Leonardis	Greg Johnston
Morris Henderson	Anna Vartuli	Judy Hall	Margaret McDonald	Elena Garreffa	Sandra Walker
Ellen Frauenfelder	Nada Zudetich	Myrna Rodi	Anita Naray	Maryanne Modica	Mario Zema
Maria Cirillo	Sara Visona	Sue Hermans	Leo Kearney	Maria Page	Josie Zema
Anne-Maree Greville	Juliet Cresp	Danielle Mazzini	Margaret Sheahan	Lyn Welsh	Trish Cirillo
Anthony Henderson	Robert Tindall	Nisa Abraham	Linda Henderson	Mary Grivec	Jeena Jose
	Louise Belej			Giuseppe Scopacasa	
MUSIC		MUSIC			
Singing Group	St Peter Chanel	Youth Group	Filipino Group	Youth Group	Sacred Heart Group
M Sullivan	Komunio/Lataki	K Mafi	N Armsden	K Mafi	Leader
					M Faingaanuku
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required
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
	St Peter Chanel			Baptism	
READERS		READERS			
Trish Swincer	Lataki	Rosemarie Zalec	Rosemary Barnes	Nancy Fatai	Greg Johnston
COUNTING TEAM 7		COUNTING TEAM 8			
BRIAN BLEESER 5021 1828		TREVOR AUST 5023 6597			
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			
READER	EUCHARIS	Γ MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Joe Kearney	Robin Hill		P Riordan D Knight		