Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo
Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

Feast of Christ the King / Year C - 19th & 20th November 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 **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: Gabriella Zvonar,

George Johnson (Melbourne)

ANNIVERSARIES: Pietro Callipari

Saturday 6pm: Maria & Steven Friscic

Sunday 9am: Peter Belej Tuesday 7pm: Peter Belej

(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.

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,

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves



feel threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of the bullies.

The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God"

Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me..." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, he was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum in our midst only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a merciful God. This feast might serve as a reminder that every year needs to become a year of mercy and of justice.

Veronica Lawson rsm

FUNERAL MASS FOR GABRIELLA ZVONAR WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER AT 1.30PM. THE 7PM MASS ON TUESDAY WILL STILL BE CELEBRATED.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Johnathan Sinclair & Dannielle Fotia and Nicholas Letchford & Sarah O'Halloran who were married this weekend.





Meeting with Sponsors

Will be held on Thursday 24th
November, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2017 – Advance Notice

The celebration will take place on **one weekend** only -17^{th} & 18^{th} of June at each of the

Parish Masses – Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm.



Advance notice for parents of children in Grade Four next year.

More details will be available shortly.

ADVANCE NOTICE: COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Monday 12th of December 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1115.25
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3160.50
Loose Plate	\$ 593.80

Next Finance meeting will be held on Thursday 24th November 7.30am at the Parish Office meeting room.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS CRIBS DISPLAY

Fr Andrews Hayes will be bringing to the Sacred Heart Church over 400 cribs varying from traditional to contemporary, old and from different countries. This display will be held in the Monaghan Centre from 9th December until 11th December. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own cribs. Gold coin donation.. For further information please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.

Fr Andrews Hayes will be bringing to the Sacred Heart Church over 400 Christmas Cribs. This display will be held in the

Monaghan Centre from 9th December until 11th December.

A Gold coin donation and Parishioners will also be encouraged to bring their own cribs. Further information will be available soon.



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 22nd November at 10.30am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 23rd November 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Passionist Family Groups final get together for the year will be on Sunday lunch at Irymple Hotel on the 4th December. Please bring a Kris Kringle to exchange. Intensions to Jean 50237561 or Denise 50211918.

THERE WILL BE <u>NO</u> MASS THURSDAY 9.30AM DUE TO THE END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS FOR SJC AT THE STADIUM.

THE GIVING TREE

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

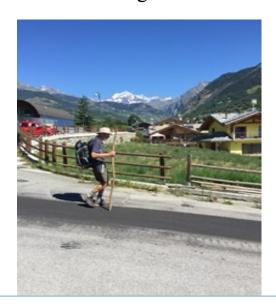
The St Vincent de Paul Society will appreciate toys being left at the Giving Tree at the back of the Church for children up to 12 years to the value of \$10.00. Sunday 11th December will be the final date for this appeal. Many thanks.



OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY
Available now at each church entrance.
Don't forget to get a copy. Great reading.

invite you to help celebrate

Fr Michael's 60th Birthday
on Sunday 27th November, 2016
with drinks, nibbles and cake
following the 5pm Mass
in the Monaghan Centre



PARISH SURVEY

Sacred Heart Parish has been randomly selected by the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to undertake the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) in November this year.

The survey is done **over one weekend only**. The survey should be filled in by each person attending at each of the Masses on the 26th & 27th November.

FUNNIES

How do court stenographers keep a straight face?

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th. ATTORNEY: What year? WITNESS: Every year.

AND

ATTORNEY: ALL of your response MUST be oral, OK?

What school did you attend?

WITNESS: Oral

AND

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have

your performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All OF them. The live ones put up too much

of a fight.

Parish Mission

Sunday 12th – Friday 17th March 2017

Fr. Ray Sanchez will be with us again early next year to run our second Parish Mission.

Please keep the dates above free. The Mission will be a presentation of different themes to last year, but will follow the same format with morning and evening sessions. Sunday Evening: The Family & How We Communicate Monday Morning & Evening: Grief, Loss & the Mystery of Human Suffering

Tuesday Morning & Evening: Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

Wednesday: No Session

Thursday Morning & Evening: Prayer, Solitude & Everyday Spirituality

Friday Morning & Evening: Reconciliation & Eucharist (followed by a Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the evening.)



NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

First of all, we thank God that everyone came through **Friday night's weather** without any serious injuries. Unfortunately a great deal of damage has occurred across Sunraysia, and we pray for those who have suffered major damage to property, crops etc and the hard working volunteers assisting in the clean-up, providing shelter, food and general support.

Monday next week (21st Nov) is a **Pupil-Free day**.

In today's Newsletter Mrs Guthrie has provided a report on the success of every one's magnificent fundraising efforts during **Mission Month**. Well done to all.

The children did us proud on Friday at the **Remembrance Day** service. The respect and reverence they always demonstrate on this solemn occasion is a credit to their teachers and their families. Tomorrow will see our first classroom-based **Prep Transition** session. Last week's Prep/Buddy BBQ was very well attended and appreciated by the families.

Illawarra presented a fantastic and extremely moving **assembly** last Friday, and we hope to provide the opportunity for families to get a copy of it. This week we will see what Wahroonga has been up to and we all love Prep assemblies.

Enjoy your week...

Des Lowry—Principal

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to Jim Waight, from the Catholic Education Office, who is working with Staff and students in Religious Education. It's always a pleasure to have Jim at school

On Wednesday and Thursday I attended the Diocesan Principals Gathering in Horsham. It was our final gathering for the year with lots of system updates as well as recognising principals who are retiring or leaving catholic education in the Ballarat diocese. This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th November at school. The evening will commence at 7.30pm. There will be drinks and finger food provided at the conclusion of the meeting. This year our AGM guest speaker will be Rachael Longeri from Healthy Together Mildura. We are looking for a new member to join our School advisory Council for 2017. Nomination forms are available from the office. Keep the Faith!

Vince Muscatello—Principal

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWS

ACRATH launches 16-day campaign against human trafficking. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans is calling on parishes, schools, and community organisations to join in the global campaign to mark its campaign later this month, 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.

ACRATH'S campaign, from November 25 to December 10, urges people to work together to stop the trafficking of girls and women, an extreme form of violence. Many face forced labour in hazardous conditions with no chance of an education and no chance to escape from a cycle of poverty.

ACRATH's Executive Officer, Christine Carolan, said: "ACRATH wants to encourage people in Australia to light a candle each day for 16 days to remember women and girls facing human trafficking in our world today. But we can't end with lighting a candle. "One thing we can all do is to look at the supply chains of the goods we buy in Australia. Who picked the cotton for my clothes? Who made my clothes in a sweatshop in Bangladesh? Which child in West Africa picked the cocoa beans to make my chocolate? As consumers we have such power to try and make a difference." During 2014, Christine Carolan was a guest speaker at St. Joseph's College. She spoke to both students and teachers. I encourage your family to participate in this 16 days of action.

Philip Opie Religion 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

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19th & 20th November, 2016			26th & 27th November, 2016		
THIS WEEK'S READINGS			NEXT WEEK'S READINGS		
First Reading: 2 Sam 5:1-3 Resp Psalm: Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2 Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Second Reading: Col 1:12-20 Gospel: Lk 23:35-43			First Reading: Isa 2:1-5 Resp Psalm: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1 Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14 Gospel: Mt 24:37-44		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY SUNDAY		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
Margaret McDonald	Michael Fainga'anuku	Trish Cirillo	Ellen Frauenfelder	Anna Vartuli	Jacinta Macri
Trish McNamara	Maureen Speed	Jeena Jose	Jacinda Deacon	Nada Zudetich	Petelo Mafi
Morris Henderson	Alicia Tindall	Joyce Ribarits	Katy Quinlan	Sara Visona	Paula Cox
Anita Naray	Lily Tindall	Clem Carlucci	Margaret Sheahan	Juliet Cresp	Jennifer Boord
Maria Cirillo	Peter O'Donnell	Vittorio Carlucci	Irene Morello	Robert Tindall	Reni Cheriyan
Christine Carmichael	Filomena Carbone	Christine Slattery	Anne-Maree Greville	Louise Belej	Wendy Finn
	Gina Raiti			Nancy Leonardis	
MUSIC		MUSIC			
Youth Group	Tongan Choir	Organist to be	M Guthrie	Youth Group	Sacred Heart Group
K Mafi	M Sullivan	confirmed	All welcome	K Mafi	Leader
	All welcome	J Macri & J Ljubic			M Gainga'anuku
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
	Louise Belej		Baptism	Baptism	
	READERS			READERS	
Mary Jackson	Phil Opie	Jim Graham	Irene Morello Jill Joslyn Bernadette Chaplin		
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COUNTING TEAM 6		COUNTING TEAM 7			
JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939		BRIAN BLEESER 5021 1828			
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
D Knight	M Jensen		M Hoy	Hoy W Schmidt	