# **Sacred Heart Parish Mildura**



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# **GOSPEL REFLECTION**



The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the cosmos over against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel, both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military, or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence and domination. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

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# Fr. Michael McKinnon PP Fr Peter Jose CMI

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING -21st & 22nd November 2015

# 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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** held 1st Friday of each month in the Church from 12–5:00pm

**Devotion Prayer and Exposition:** Fri 3:00pm **Reconciliation**: Saturday 10:00am

**RECENT DEATH:** Cathy Carrazza, Peter Harding **ANNIVERSARIES**: Jim Augustine

Irymple 8.30am: Ilario & Carmela Alicastro Sunday 9am: Peter Belej, Maria & Michael Surace, Joe Surace, Sergio Malcotti (birthday remembrance) Sunday 5pm: Ljubo Zvonar Friday 5.40pm: Valentino Dello Iacovo

(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. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Justin Woodford, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns

# SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

#### BAPTISM



#### We welcome into our Parish Community Lyla Campisi, Scarlett Costantino, Emily Cirillo & Vivianna Ficarra whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

#### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Stan Exadactylos & Anusha Nair who were married this weekend.





**RCIA**— The Sacraments Next meeting will be held on RCIA Thursday 26th November, 7pm in the Hillman Room

DISMISSAL Sunday 29th November, 9am—Sr Caroline

#### **FIRST EUCHARIST 2016**

In a recent meeting of the Sacramental Team it was decided that we would celebrate First Eucharist in Grade 4 and Confirmation in either Grade 5 or 6 (yet to be decided). This decision is based upon our desire to make the reception of these Sacraments more pastorally effective. The outline of the Eucharist Program for



2016 will be available in the very near future; however, it would be good for parents to know in advance that they will be expected to attend Faith Formation Evenings in the first week of March 2016. Fr. Michael

**ADVANCE NOTICE: COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF** RECONCILIATION Wednesday 16th of December 7pm Sacred Heart Church



PARISH FINANCE					
Last week's collections					
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1114.55				
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2518.00				
Loose Plate	\$ 421.90				

# **COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH**

#### WALNUT AVE BCC

Next BCC meeting will be held in The Monaghan Centre on Sunday November 22nd at 12 midday. Everyone is welcome to join us for a pre-Christmas lunch. BYO Christmas food to share & own drinks.

#### **BUPA AGED CARE—MASS**

Will be held on Tuesday 24th November at 10.30am.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING**

Will be held on Wednesday 25th November, 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

## **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 6 December will be the



final date for this appeal. Many thanks.



#### **BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL**

Our next and final bus trip for 2015 to Werrimull is going ahead. Please meet at St Joseph's College 12th St, School Bus gate entrance at 9.45am for a 10am departure, returning by 3pm.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TO SUPPORT-THE 'SHARED TABLE PROJECT'-PERU Our Parish has received two beautiful quilts to raffle for the missions, so it was decided to add some Christmas fare to the guilts and have a Christmas Raffle.

This raffle will include Christmas ham,



chocolates, a Christmas cake and some wine. All the proceeds will be given to Fr. Michael towards the 'Shared Table Project'. The tickets will be sold after each Mass for the next three weekends and will cost \$1 (ONE) dollar. We look forward to your support and Good Luck! Marion Guthrie

#### **ADVENT BOOKS**

If vou ordered an Advent book—Beloved, please collect your copy from the Parish Office. Should you wish to purchase a copy, spares are available at \$3.00 each.



# **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

- 1. Next year we have organised a Parish Mission to be run by Fr. Ray Sanchez, a Passionist Priest, beginning Sunday 28th of February until Friday 4th of March. This will be a good chance for some faith formation, as well as a means through which we can make our Lenten Journey for 2016 more meaningful. More information to follow.
- 2. The Youth Group will hold a raffle in February next year to raise funds for 2 of their members to attend World Youth Day in Poland in July.
- 3. A farewell cuppa for Fr Peter will be held after all Masses on the weekend of January 9th & 10th. Any donations towards a farewell gift can be left with Carmel at the Parish Office.
- 4. The next Regional Gathering for the Parish will be held on Friday 27th to Sunday 29th May.

Please mark these dates on your 2016 calendar.

### JOKE

A priest told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, Father asked for a show of hands.

He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up.

Father smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen



chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lving."

## Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

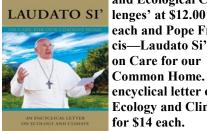
Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si': On the Care for Our Common Home is a call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

He points to numerous ways world organisations, nations and communities must move forward and the way individuals -- believers and people of good will -- should see, think, feel and act.

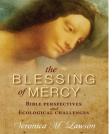
Each week, we offer one of the Pope's suggestions, with the paragraph numbers to indicate its place in the Encyclical.

"Be consistent. Pro-life, environmental and social justice movements are all connected. Protecting vulnerable species must include the unborn, endangered animals and the exploited." (Pars 91, 120)

#### **COPIES FOR SALE** The Parish Office has for sale copies of Sr Veronica Lawson's book—'The Blessing of Mercy—Bible Perspectives



and Ecological Chaleach and Pope Francis-Laudato Si' on Care for our Common Home. An encyclical letter on **Ecology and Climate** for \$14 each.



# **NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

# SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

With the tragic events that have occurred in Paris last weekend, we join together in praying for the victims, their families and friends, and for world peace...

Huge congratulations and thanks to Holly Southwell and Kate Hawtin on the outstanding inaugural SHPS Art Show! It was a fantastic event that was well attended and appreciated by families and highlighted the many talents of our students. Well done to all who helped in any way and we look forward to next year's Art Show....

The 2016 Preps, Buddies and families **BBQ** appeared to be a great success and thank you to all staff and parents who helped with the planning and implementation. Tomorrow morning the 2015 Preps and Grade 6's celebrate their final Buddy Mass together at 9.30am followed by a shared morning tea back at school ... All are welcome to join in this celebration. Have a great week ...

Des Lowry—Principal

## **ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear School Families & Friends,

Our Annual General Meeting is next Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm in the Hall. There will be light refreshments and finger food provided at the conclusion of the evening. The focus for the evening will be on our future capital works for the school community.

Wednesday, we had representatives from St John's First Aid spending time and sharing their knowledge and experience with the children on administering first aid. It was an excellent opportunity for the children to pick up some basic first aid tips and know what to do in case of an emergency. For many years now, Mr Kevin Smith, has been quietly going about his business maintaining the ovals and lawns around St Paul's. Unfortunately, Kevin has fallen ill recently and I ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers. We hope and pray for a speedy recovery. As always, keep the faith.

Vince Muscatello-Principal

## **NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE**

## SJC REPORT

This week our Year 11 students were involved in Unit Two examinations, while we saw the last of our Year 12 students complete their final end of year examinations on Wednesday. Our Year 11 students will begin their Year 12 subjects next week as they start their Head Start program. The College wishes all of our Year 12 students the very best in the coming weeks as they prepare for new opportunities and challenges of the workforce or further training. The College will farewell our Year 12 students on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at the Graduation Mass and Dinner.

During this week many of our VO students and staff had the opportunity to purchase gifts for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree. Our Junior students will also be invited to purchase a gift for the Christmas tree in the coming weeks.

POPE FRANCIS

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."

Di John

Marita Jensen



# **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: *Anthony Banks* 5018 8000

21st & 22nd November, 2015		28th & 29th November, 2015			
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS			
First Reading: Dan 7:13-14 Resp Psalm: Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1 Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty Second Reading: Apoc 1:5-8 Gospel: Jn 18:33-37		First Reading: Jer 33:14-16 Resp Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10. 14. R. v. 1 Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. Second Reading: Thess 3:12-4:2 Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36			
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
Linda Henderson	Maria Page	Joyce Ribarits	Ellen Frauenfelder	Johanna Bagacay	Anthony Banks
Irene Morello	Lyn Welsh	Clem Carlucci	Maria Cirillo	Rose Op't Hoog	Paula Cox
Katy Quinlan	Sheryl Pettinau	Vittorio Carlucci	Anne-Maree Greville	Rini Op't Hoog	Jennifer Boord
Taiana Fatai	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Christine Slattery	Anthony Henderson	Cora Howell	Reni Cheriyan
Trish McNamara	Maria Scopacasa	Jacinta Macri	Christine Carmichael	Narie Lewis	Wendy Finn
Morris Henderson	Susan Lewis	Petelo Mafi	Volunteer please	Renata Byra	Tony Finn
	Minda Wright		Sonia Opie		
MUSIC		MUSIC			
N Armsden	Sacred Heart School	Youth Group	Youth Group	Sacred Heart Group	M Hammond
J Macri	Choir and all	Leader	Leader	Leader	J Ljubic
	Leaders welcome	K Mafi	K Mafi M Fainga'anuku J Macri		
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
Baptism	Baptism	Joy Movell		Catherine &	
				Paul McErvale	
	READERS		READERS		
Gary Huxtable	Narie Lewis	Jim Graham	Mary Jackson	Kevin Schultz	Bernadette Chaplin
COUNTING TEAM 4		COUNTING TEAM 5			
KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778		JIM FARRELLY 5021 5646			
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY		IRYMPLE - SUNDAY			
READER	EUCHARIS	T MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	

Pat Riordan

**Denise Knight**