



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull**

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

**3rd Sunday of Lent/ Year C -  
27th & 28th February 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

**Stations of the Cross:** Monday 5:00pm followed by Rosary

**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:** Oliver Clarke (County Galway Ireland)  
**ANNIVERSARY:**

**Saturday 6pm:** Percy Richardson

**Sunday 9am:** Sione Moala

**Saturday 5 March 9.30am:** Helen Grivec, Elvie McGlynn,  
Una Khan

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



**PLEASE NOTE:-  
WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THIS WEEK  
ONLY WILL COMMENCE AT 9.15AM.**

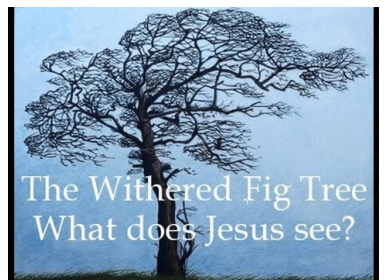
## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

*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, Georgie Manning,  
Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Mad-  
den-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron  
Mulkearns, Betty Krake, Sid Robinson, Teresa Panuccio,  
Geraldine Brunner, Judy Hunt

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel begins with two warnings about the need for repentance. It ends with a parable about a non-productive fig tree and a faithful "gardener God". The warnings include two examples of untimely deaths, one reported to Jesus and then used by him to illustrate the urgent need for repentance, the other reported by Jesus as a further illustration of his point. With respect to the first example, Jewish history recounts instances of Pilate's cruelty, but makes no mention of his execution of Galileans and the mingling of their blood with their sacrifices. Neither is there any other record of the collapse of the Siloam tower and the resultant death of eighteen people. Jesus insists that those killed are no more sinful and no more deserving of death than any of their fellow Galileans or Jerusalemites. They are certainly not being punished for their sins and those who make such a link between suffering and sin have got it all wrong.



So why does Jesus twice assert, "If you do not repent you will all perish in the same way" or "as they did"? The answer seems to lie in the constant need for self-reflection and the missed opportunity for conversion or reconciliation in the case of sudden and unexpected death. In other words, Jesus is telling his listeners, "Don't be caught unawares; turn your life around in the direction of the gospel while you are alive and well". The Greek verb "to repent" literally means to think again. It can have the sense of expanding one's vision or one's horizons, to think beyond the narrow confines of one's own interests and one's own little world. In the context of Jesus' teaching, it is a call to take seriously the message of God's empire or reign which embraces the whole Earth community.

The parable of the non-productive fig tree in the vineyard approaches the same topic from another angle. The owner of the vineyard wants to get rid of a fig tree that fails to bear fruit after three years. From an economic perspective, his position is perfectly reasonable: why should a non-fruiting fig tree continue to sap the goodness of the soil? Why not go for more vines, more grapes, more wine, and forget about the fig tree? The faithful or constant gardener, on the other hand, is like the womb-compassionate God of Israel who cares about the soil itself and wants to give the fig tree another chance, to turn it around and assist it to bear fruit, if the owner will relent. At this mid-point in our Lenten journey in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we might get in closer touch with our compassionate "gardener" God and open ourselves to a more expansive understanding of the pain of the planet.

- **Veronica Lawson rsm**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Addison Kerr, Xavier Belej, Elana Noll whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



**RCIA— Jesus, Church & Community with Fr Ray Sanchez**

To be held Thursday 3rd March, 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

### HELPER NEEDED

A laptop operator is required to help fill in on occasions for the Italian Choir. Please contact Noreen on 5021 2980 or Joe on 0428 541 221.

## THE SEASON OF LENT 2016

### MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

**Project Compassion**—envelope packs at church entrances

**Stations of the Cross**

Will be held every Friday in the Church after the 5.40pm Mass. All welcome.

**Community celebration of Reconciliation**—Friday, 18th March, 7pm. All welcome.



The Season of Lent - a time for renewal  
**SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION**

**Sunday evening 28th Feb - Friday evening 4th March 2016**

**Morning Sessions 10:15 - 12:15am**

**Evening Sessions 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Jesus Christ**

**Law and Conscience**

**Human Growth & Faith Growth**

**Church & Community**

**Forgiveness**

### HOLY WEEK ROSTER

Volunteers are needed for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses: readers, Eucharistic ministers; altar servers etc. **Please place your names on the roster sheets provided at the back of the church.**

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1346.60</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$2727.75</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 545.90</b>
<b>Project Compassion</b>	<b>\$ 593.90</b>

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### PLEASE NOTE:

**ANointing MASS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH AT 9.30AM.**

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be held at St Margaret's Anglican Church, Mildura on Friday 4th March from 10am. All welcome. Please see notice at the church entrances.

### WALNUT AVE BCC

Next meeting to be held in the Monaghan Centre on Sunday 28th February at 12 midday. BYO drinks & food to share. Everyone welcome.

**WELCOME FR RAY SANCHEZ** who will be conducting our Parish Mission. We are grateful to Fr Ray for his service during this coming week and we ask God to bless his ministry amongst us.

### HEALING PRAYER

Loving God, we pray for those who have suffered the injustice, humiliation and pain of abuse within our Churches and communities across Australia.

In your mercy, create opportunities for these men, women and children to share their pain, reveal their struggles and expose the hurtful actions of others.

We pray for wisdom and guidance in order to deal with the realities of what has happened in the past.

We pray for healing for those who have been abused. We pray for sensitivity and wisdom for all who minister to victims and survivors of abuse.

We pray that into the future children everywhere will be protected from all forms of violence.

We pray that the Church responds with love and action in order to heal injustices.

May your Spirit draw us together and strengthen us with the truth of the Gospel through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## THE YEAR OF MERCY

### **MISERICORDIAE VULTUS –** **THE FACE OF MERCY**

*How much harm words do when they are motivated by feelings of jealousy and envy! To speak ill of others puts them in a bad light, undermines their reputation and leaves them prey to the whims of gossip. To refrain from judgement and condemnation means, in a positive sense, to know how to accept the good in every person and to spare him any suffering that might be caused by our partial judgment, our presumption to know everything about him.*



## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### CATECHISM CLASSES

The Sisters of Charity—Dareton will host Catechism Classes in the Hillman Room every Saturday from 10.30am—11.30am Scripture Classes for children aged 3-8.

### IRYMPLE—WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St Francis Xavier Church - Irymple will host the World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March 7.30pm. All welcome.

Sacred Heart Tennis Club are now calling for any starters for Senior teams to enter Sunraysia District Tennis Association (this competition starts May 7<sup>th</sup>) but we need to enter teams – therefore we need names of interested Men or women – all standards from A grade to D grade – Our Courts are now situated at the Old Aerodrome Complex 11<sup>th</sup> Street Mildura - our Open day will be March 13<sup>th</sup> Social Tennis starting 1.00pm If interested please come along - or ring for info to Merle Watson 50232883 or Inez Sullivan 50 230742

News re the Juniors – Training starts on Thursday 25th February at the Aero Courts – all Juniors wishing to join Sacred Hearts teams please register names - between 4 – 5pm to enable entry of our teams for 2016. Message Phone at the Club rooms 50 214673 or Merle Watson 50 232883.



## YOUTH

### LENTEN PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

(run by Fr Damian)

Will be held in the Hillman Room Fridays following the 5.40pm Mass. All youth of the Parish welcome.



## NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families & Friends,  
On Friday the Middle Unit celebrated their liturgy on 'Jesus Models Forgiveness' in the Chapel. Parents and friends joined them with their celebration.

A very special congratulations to Leah and Luke Jeffers on the safe arrival of their first child, a beautiful boy, James William Jeffers.

Building works are nearing completion. Drop off / pick up zone will be open soon

As always, keep the faith.

*Vince Muscatello—Principal*

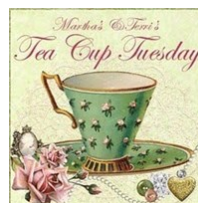
### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,  
It was a fantastic way to start our school year (albeit a few weeks in...) with celebration of the Eucharist together... The celebration was one full of community spirit and highlighted why it is so great to be part SHPS. The celebration was made more special with the attendance of family and friends. Thank you to families who donated food for the shared morning tea and the P&F catering coordinator Belinda Fitzgerald for her organisation. Well done to our wonderful REL Mrs Ditchfield on organising another terrific 'Beginning of the Year' Mass last Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Guthrie for her brilliant music, Fathers Damian and Michael for celebrating the Mass with us, and to those who worked the powerpoint...

I pass onto to the SHPS community that Greg and Felicity Lane and family are very appreciative and comforted with all the prayers and support they have and are receiving from you all... It was fantastic to see a high percentage of the staff at the Commissioning Mass on Saturday evening. Thank you to Fr Michael, the Sacred Heart Parish, the KOSC and schools for providing tea and an enjoyable evening... Have a great week.

*Des Lowry—Principal*

## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



At the inaugural "Tea Cup Tuesday" the College Executive, Heritage Officer, Pat Riordan and Fr Damian welcomed five parents for morning tea which was followed by a tour of the convent. The morning tea meeting will be held monthly with any parents/guardians interested in dropping into the College to discuss their child's education (details are on our Newsletter). This might include Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting, Learning Strategies, Building Projects, Liturgy and Faith, Wellbeing and Pastoral Care.

On Monday all Unit 3 Business Management students visited three local businesses Treasury Estate Wines (Lindemans Winery), Australian Garlic Producers and Sunbeam Foods. The purpose of these visits is for students to gain an applied knowledge and understanding of large scale organisations. The day was very educational and worthwhile for the students. The College would like to acknowledge and thank the businesses and employees for their continual support of the students and the College. God Bless

*Marg Blythman—Principal*

***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**

**27th & 28th February, 2016**

#### **THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8**  
**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12**  
**Gospel: Lk 13:1-9**

#### **EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

##### **SATURDAY**

**6PM**

**6 Ministers required**

**Trish McNamara**

**Morris Henderson**

**Ellen Frauenfelder**

**Maria Cirillo**

**Anne-Maree Greville**

**Volunteer Please**

##### **SUNDAY**

**9AM**

**7 Ministers required**

**Elvira Mazza**

**Jill Joslyn**

**Lisa Cirillo**

**Katalina Mafi**

**Aloisia Mafi**

**Jean Rocca**

**Bobby Castillo**

**5PM**

**6 Ministers required**

**Josie Zema**

**Trish Cirillo**

**Jeena Jose**

**Joyce Ribarits**

**Clem Carlucci**

**Vittorio Carlucci**

**5th & 6th March, 2016**

#### **NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Josh 5:9-12**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 33:2-7. R. v. 9**  
**Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**  
**Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21**  
**Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

#### **EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

##### **SATURDAY**

**6PM**

**6 Ministers required**

**Anthony Henderson**

**Christine Carmichael**

**Margaret McDonald**

**Anita Naray**

**Leo Kearney**

**Margaret Sheahan**

##### **SUNDAY**

**9AM**

**7 Ministers required**

**Ross Tongue**

**Talia Faingaanuku**

**Michael Faingaanuku**

**Maureen Speed**

**Alicia Tindall**

**Lily Tindall**

**Peter O’Donnell**

**5PM**

**6 Ministers required**

**Christine Slattery**

**Jacinta Macri**

**Petelo Mafi**

**Paula Cox**

**Jennifer Boord**

**Volunteer Please**

#### **MUSIC**

**Singing Group**

**M Sullivan**

**M Guthrie**

**All welcome**

**Youth Group**

**Youth Group**

**Leader**

**K Mafi**

**Italian Choir**

**N Armsden**

**M Guthrie**

**All Welcome**

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**2 Servers required**

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#### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**2 Volunteers required**

**2 Volunteers required**

**2 Volunteers required**

**Baptism**

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**Joy Morvell**

#### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**2 Volunteers required**

**2 Volunteers required**

**2 Volunteers required**

**Colin & Lyn Welsh**

#### **READERS**

**Tricia McNamara**

**Rose Op’t Hoog**

**Jancy Thomas**

#### **READERS**

**Christine Carmichael**

**Maureen Speed**

**Inez Sullivan**

#### **COUNTING TEAM 8**

**TREVOR AUST 5023 6597**

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

**READER**

**EUCHARIST MINISTER**

**David Nichols**

**Margaret Hill**

#### **COUNTING TEAM 9**

**GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993**

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

**READER**

**EUCHARIST MINISTER**

**Kath Modoo**

**Mary Hoy**