



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

5th Sunday of Lent / Year A -
1st & 2nd April 2017

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: 6:00 pm

Wed: 9:15 am

Thurs: 9:15 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: Julianna Byra, Angelo Delben

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: George Matulic (birthday remembrance)

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

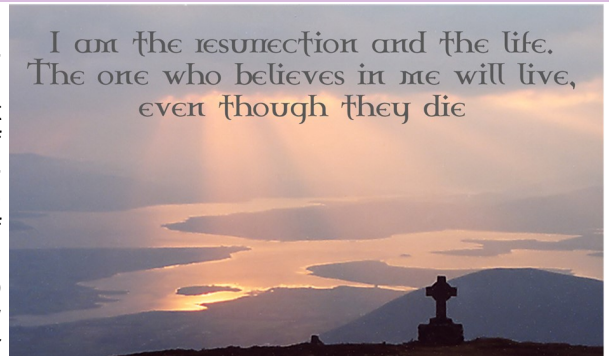
If you want a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of one month after which family or friends can request more time.

Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, Brian Ramsay,
Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, John Devilee,
Fr Denis Dennehy, Hailey Crossan, Vince Alicastro,
Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

To-day's readings touch into the most profound of human mysteries, the mysteries of life and death. To hold a new born child or to see a sick

I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live,
even though they die



person restored to health is to experience the wonder of life. On the other hand, the unexpected death of a loved one can bring unimagined grief and pain. Death brings tears, even anger. Little wonder that "life" becomes a metaphor for transformation and new beginnings or that "death" so often signifies deprivation and loss.

The gospel reading is about the death and restoration to life of Lazarus, "the one whom Jesus loved". It is the last of the seven "signs" in John's "book of signs" that reveal the "glory" of God. It is also the greatest of Jesus' signs. It functions as a catalyst for the events that lead to his death: "...from that day on they planned to put him to death" (11:53). It provides the occasion for Jesus to assert 'I am the resurrection and the life' and to invite assent to that revelation of his identity. It reveals the compassion and tender heart of Jesus who weeps at the grief of Mary his friend and the death of her brother. It also reveals the goodness in the hearts of those "Jews" who share her grief and who come to faith in Jesus who raises the dead to life.

Though the story revolves around the plight of Lazarus, Martha and Mary are the characters who, with Jesus, occupy centre stage in the narrative and into whose faith journey we are invited to enter. The women are introduced before Lazarus. Martha and Mary are identified as "sisters" who live in Bethany. Are they blood "sisters" or sisters in their love of Jesus, their faith commitment to him, or both? Lazarus is Mary's sick "brother". There is no mention at the outset of his relationship to Martha, though she later claims him as her "brother". Might they all be part of a little faith community in Bethany rather than biological siblings? A brief notice alerts the reader to the imminent death of Jesus: "Mary is the one who anointed Jesus with perfumed oil and wiped his feet with her tears". The details of that story are yet to be narrated. The reader will later discover that Mary's anointing of Jesus is "for the day of [his] burial". As so often in John's gospel, misunderstanding and irony function to bring the actors in the drama and us as actors in the theatre of Christian life to new levels of understanding and faith.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Monday 5pm or
Friday after the 5.40pm Mass.
All welcome.

RCIA— Explanation of Holy Week & Easter Rites

Thursday 6th April 7pm in the Hillman Room.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday: Way of the Cross 10.30am
Ceremony 3pm

EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY

Mildura: 7.30pm

Irymple: 6pm (for this year only)

EASTER SUNDAY

Mildura: 8am and 10am
(No 5pm Mass)

Werrimull: 8.30am

Merbein: 10.30am

Red Cliffs: 10am



PALM SUNDAY—All parishioners are encouraged to wear a **SPLASH** of red for our 9am Palm Sunday Mass next week.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

READERS, LEADERS AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ARE NEEDED FOR OUR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES—HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MORNING. PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST PROVIDED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE. MANY THANKS FR MICHAEL

READER ROSTER

If you would like to be on the Reading Roster or if you would like your name taken off the list, please contact the Parish office on 5021 2872, as a new Roster will be made within the next two week.

MUSICIANS Could all musicians and leaders please collect their new music roster from the cupboard near the organ, this weekend.
Thank you, *Marion Guthrie*



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BURONGA-RETREAT

April, 10th, 11th, and 12th Monday Tuesday and Wednesday during holy week from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

There is also a one day retreat for Indian People in Malayalam on Tuesday 11th April from 9 am to 5 pm.
All welcome.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1148.90
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2783.55
Project Compassion—to date	\$2768.75
Loose Plate	\$ 606.00

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

REGIS TENTH STREET AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 4th April at 2pm. All welcome.

MISSION BOOKLETS

Copies of "The Parish Mission" booklet, from Fr Ray Sanchez, are now available. Please collect your booklet from the Parish Office. A donation to cover printing would be greatly appreciated.

If you ordered one of Fr Pat Flanagan's book "Just What Is Sacrifice", please call in to the Sacred Heart Parish Office and collect it. Cost \$13.00 each. 16 BOOKS STILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED.

2017 PROJECT COMPASSION THEME "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR"

"To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*). Taken from the Caritas Project Compassion 2017 Lent Calendar.



BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Sacred Heart Parish bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th April with Mass starting at 11am followed by a counter lunch at the pub.

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office to make a booking on



SACRED HEART PARISH COMMUNITY GROUPS

We are currently in the process of updating the Sacred Heart Parish records of our current community groups, so if you are a leader of a Parish Community Group it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the Parish Office advising: The name of the group, leaders name, telephone number and email address.

It is intended to not only update the Parish records but to also place this information on the Parish web-site.

SR MARION'S FAREWELL—MERBEIN

The Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Merbein are farewelling our long serving and highly appreciated Parish Leader, Sr. Marion McDonald, who is going into retirement at the end of April. We will have a Mass on Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in the Church, followed by a luncheon in the school multi-purpose hall. You are invited to attend this special event, and if you would like to join us please email principal@olshmerbein.catholic.edu.au for catering purposes, or call our school on 5025 2258.

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

During the Season of Lent **The Sacred Heart Youth Group** will be meeting in the Monaghan Centre every Friday from 6.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday 7th April. New members most welcomed to join.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL - 7-9 DECEMBER 2017 IN SYDNEY!

15,000 young people are expected in Sydney from all round Australia for ACYF 2017 - the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival hosted by the Australian Bishops. The theme of this Festival is *Open new horizons for spreading joy*. The Festival offers a multitude of ways of expressing Catholic faith in an amazing 3 day experience. The Festival is for Year 9-25yos. Parishes and schools are asked to consider sending a group. Smaller parishes might join together or connect their young people with another parish. Ballarat Diocese will be assisting with this, including planning travel and accommodation. Festival details and links are on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact us on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

ITEMS OF INTEREST

'THE RISE OF IRISH AUSTRALIA' - TV DOCUMENTARY

This recent history documentary is available for viewing online free on SBS On Demand at www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/programs. *The Rise of Irish Australia* tells the story of the impact of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising here in Australia, featuring Archbishop Mannix and many others.

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING!

Inviting parishioners to join me on the 2017 Celtic and Music Tour of Ireland (September 16 – 30, 2017) Enjoy 2 wonderful weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside; experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour. (20 people max) If you are concerned about traveling alone or have never before ventured overseas be assured that you will be supported and made welcome by an Irish driver, guests and myself. For an itinerary please contact Tour Director Maria Forde on 0411158593 or mariaforde1@gmail.com Or go to www.mariaforde.com and click on Celtic Tour 2017 link then 2017 itinerary.

"LESSONS FROM THE LONG PADDOCK" - ECONFERENCE

The Diocese of Wilcannia- Forbes is offering an econference online event called "Lessons from the Long Paddock" on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This econference opens the conversation for many people who are curious about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Participants engage with conversations which signpost essential spiritual markers relevant to knowledge about what leads into fuller humanity, Christian, Catholic and Australian life. This econference draws participants to seek Christ at the heart of human experience and nurtures a capacity to trust that individuals have all they need to begin the journey into constant conversion. The econference has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. The workshops will be facilitated by Kate Englebrecht, Diocesan Director of Mission. For more information please contact Kate on, ph. 0420 309 689 or <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/>. More information attached.

THE MISUSE OF MIGRANT LABOUR IN OUR BACK-YARD

Sayomi Ariyawansa

Migrant workers play an essential role in the horticulture sector in Australia. 'Without them,' then president of the National Farmers' Federation, Brent Finlay said, 'there would be a chronic labour shortage at peak harvest times.'



In 2015, *Four Corners* exposed the nature of the use (or, perhaps more accurately, misuse) of migrant labour in the Australian horticulture sector. *Four Corners* focused on the labour hire providers that employ the migrant workers and send them to a grower. It found evidence that the labour hire providers routinely underpaid these workers. Once working on-site for the grower, some of these workers were required to work excessive hours and endure unsafe working conditions, including harassment and abuse in some cases.

Subsequent inquiries at both the federal and state level have confirmed that such non-compliance with workplace laws and occupational health and safety laws is indeed prevalent in this sector. One of the key proposed solutions is to introduce a labour hire licensing scheme. Such a scheme would require labour hire providers to obtain a licence before providing any services, and require any labour user (such as a grower) to enter into work arrangements with licensed labour hire providers only.

To obtain the licence, the labour hire provider would be subject to certain background checks. To maintain the licence, it would be required to comply with certain licensing conditions, which may include ensuring that the minimum statutory entitlements of workers are met, and keeping records of this. Such a scheme already exists in the United Kingdom. There is great potential for a licensing scheme to bring a degree of labour supply chain regulation into the horticulture sector. But there are complex reasons behind the prevalence of migrant worker exploitation in the Australian horticulture industry, and a licensing scheme is no cure-all.

Firstly, in Australia, a licensing scheme would operate in an environment where unauthorised migrant workers are particularly vulnerable to workplace exploitation. It is estimated that up to a third of migrant workers in the sector are in this position. At present, if an unauthorised migrant worker is discovered, the enforcement mechanisms under immigration laws take effect. If a migrant worker is working in breach of her visa conditions, her visa may be cancelled and she may have to immediately leave Australia. If a migrant worker does not have a valid visa, she may be detained and deported. In both cases, it is not clear whether she would be covered by workplace laws at all, because she is working in breach of the Migration Act 1958 (Cth).

There is, therefore, no incentive for the most vulnerable category of workers to report non-compliance with workplace laws, or with any licensing conditions if such a scheme is introduced. In evaluations of the scheme that exists in the United Kingdom, this was identified as one of the key barriers to targeting the most serious types of exploitation in the workplace, such as labour trafficking or indentured labour. There is clearly a need to ensure, as recommended by the Productivity Commission, that all workers are covered by Australian workplace laws irrespective of their immigration status.

Secondly, retailers also play a key role in this sector. The competition between major supermarket chains is fierce and manifests in cost-cutting measures taken to keep prices down, including within the labour supply chain. The suggested licensing scheme does not touch retailers at all. Rather, it concerns those at the lowest end of the supply chain, being labour hire providers and their users. This suggests that any exploitation that occurs is the result of 'rogue' labour hire providers — rather than a symptom of a highly-competitive environment, where the pressure to keep costs down is high.

Again, the experience in the United Kingdom has been that retailers exert a considerable amount of power and should be included in regulatory efforts. Particularly because retailers — unlike the growers and labour hire providers at the lowest end of the supply chain — have more resources and organisational capability to engage in supply chain management.

So, while the suggested licensing scheme is a clear step towards clamping down on workplace exploitation in this sector, it is not enough. Attention needs to be paid to all the structural causes of the non-compliant activities. This is a complex problem requiring nuanced and multi-faceted policy solutions.

Sayomi Ariyawansa is a Melbourne lawyer and Graduate Researcher at the University of Melbourne. Cartoon by Chris Johnston

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

1st & 2nd April 2017			8th & 9th April 2017		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Ezek 37:12-14 Resp Psalm: Ps 129. R. v. 7 Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11 Gospel: Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45			First Reading: Isa 50:4-7 Resp Psalm: PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. V. 2 Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66		
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
Maria Cirillo	Peter O'Donnell	Sue Hermans	Irene Morello	Juliet Cresp	Mario Zema
Christine Carmichael	Filomena Carbone	Danielle Mazzini	Anne-Maree Greville	Louise Belej	Josie Zema
Ellen Frauenfelder	Gina Raiti	Greg Johnston	Taiana Fatai	Nancy Leonardis	Trish Cirillo
Jacinda Deacon	Anna Vartuli	Naomi Kennedy	Margaret McDonald	Elena Garreffa	Jeena Jose
Katy Quinlan	Nada Zudetich	Volunteer please	Trish McNamara	Maryanne Modica	Joyce Ribarits
Volunteer please	Sara Visona	Volunteer please	Morris Henderson	Volunteer Please	Clem Carlucci
	Volunteer please			Volunteer Please	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Youth Group	Filipino Group	Youth Group	M Sullivan
All welcome	N Armsden	K Mafi	N Armsden	K Mafi	J Macri
					J Ljubic
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
	Cathy McErvale		Baptism	Baptism	
	Paul McErvale				
READERS			READERS		
Mary Jackson	Philip Opie	Sue Hermans	Irene Morello	Jill Joslyn	Barb Kelly
COUNTING TEAM 5			COUNTING TEAM 6		
JIM FARRELLY 0447 140 759			JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
D Nichols	P Riordan		K Modoo	M Jensen	