



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B -
29th & 30th August, 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 DEATHS: Ilario Dimasi, Mary Baldock, Nikki Francis-Coslovich, Lance Davis, Vincenzo Angilletta (Germany—brother of the late Emma Deluca)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Giuseppina Di Giammichele (one year anniversary), Pasquale Di Giammichele, Francesco Fenu (30 day remembrance) Helen & John Hrascenec

Sunday 8.30 Irymple: John Curran

Tuesday 7pm: Carmelo Lando

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



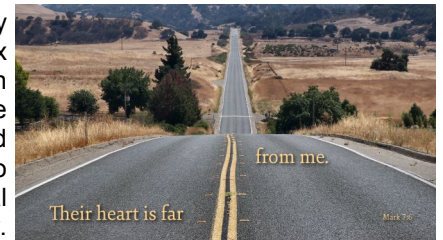
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

If you want a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

Tess Hunt, Giovanni Gallace, Joan Appleby, Jock Fisher, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Sophie Sitters, Fr Justin Woodford, Vince Manno, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro

GOSPEL REFLECTION

After our lengthy detour over the past six weeks into the gospel of John with its focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life and the Bread of Wisdom, we return to Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity. The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. [It is worth noting that Mark's non-Jewish readers, at a later time and in another place, need to be given detailed information about certain Jewish traditions].



At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders. For the Markan Jesus, "the command of God" is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it. He offers a hard-hitting counter-critique of their attitude to law. He calls them "hypocrites" and informs them that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the "commandment of God" that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service. Their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless! For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk. 1:41-45).

For Jesus and for all his people, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity, the seat of the intellect and of morality as well as of the emotions. In the kingdom of God, therefore, one's thoughts, desires, and intentions render one clean or unclean rather than one's attention to hygiene. The latter is important, but is judged to be peripheral. Washing hands before eating is an entirely legitimate use of water, not because it is prescribed by some law, but because it has a cleansing effect where cleansing is desirable. It is worth applying the criteria provided at the end of the passage to discover whether or not our "hearts" are near or distant from our God in whatever we do.

The real-life Pharisees of the first century were the respected teachers of God's law. It is imperative that stories such as we find in today's gospel are not used to denigrate the Jews or to pit Christianity over against Judaism. We have to keep reminding ourselves that we are often dealing in the gospels with in-house debates between Jewish groups. This episode, with its attention to ritual washing, also raises the issue of the right use of water, that precious earth element without which there would be no life at all on our planet. We take water for drinking and washing. Let us not take it for granted.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Parish Sacramental Team has decided that the celebration of Confirmation and Eucharist will now take place in Grade Five. We will possibly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with children at the end of Grade Four.

This means there will be no celebration of Confirmation or First Eucharist in the Parish until 2017. This applies to all children who are presently in Grade Three this year and their parents. More information to follow.



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Commencing Thursday September 3rd in the Hillman Room.

Currently we have 8 people to begin this program. If people know of anybody else who may be interested in taking part, please direct them to the Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1304.70
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2889.20
Loose Plate	\$ 517.75

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2nd Year of our Stewardship program commences this weekend, 30th August.

Please collect your new Planned Giving Envelopes which are available at the back of the church.

Included in the new envelope packs is your Planned Giving receipt for the previous year and a letter of thanks from Fr Michael.

Please note that the Receipting period is from 31 August 2014 to 23rd August 2015, if you find any discrepancies with your Receipt please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

**MONAGHAN CENTRE
RECEIPTS WILL BE DESTROYED IF NOT
COLLECTED ASAP**

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 1st September 9am, at the Parish Office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday 1st September 4.30pm, in the Hillman Room.

ANointing MASS

Will be held on Thursday 3rd September 9.30am, Sacred Heart Church. All welcome.

FEAST OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

On Saturday, 5th September all are welcome to join in the celebration Mass at St Michael's Church Buronga at 9am for the Feast of Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata. Please bring a plate to share after Mass. Thank you

- Sr Tesline, Srs of Charity

THE BIBLICAL THEME OF MERCY & POPE FRANCIS

**Saturday 20th September
10:00am – 12:30pm
Monaghan Centre**

Sr. Veronica Lawson, whose commentaries accompany our Sunday Bulletin each weekend, will be presenting a Workshop which explores the Biblical Theme of Mercy in dialogue with Pope Francis' recent encyclical *Laudato Si*. Care for the earth and the call to be co-creators with God is a key theme throughout the sacred scriptures, and accordingly, Sr. Veronica will lead us in a reflection of how we as a Church should be responding to important environmental questions posed by the current climate debate in conjunction with Pope Francis' encyclical. I highly recommend this opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Pope's intent in writing this encyclical.

For lunch time catering purposes, please advise the Parish Office if you wish to attend.
Fr. Michael

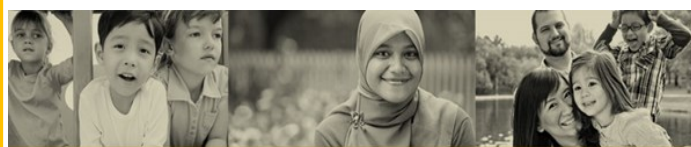


INDEPENDENT LIVING UNIT—RED CLIFFS

St Vincent Care wishes to announce that a two bedroom unit has now become available—suitable for a married couple. Conditions apply. For further details contact Fr Peter Bramsen 5021 1393.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

As we mark this Migrant and Refugee Sunday throughout the Church, we are encouraged by Pope Francis to have a passion for the needs of refugees around the world, and to do all in our power to assist them. We pray that all political parties, along with Federal and State Parliaments will develop policies and shape legislation which brings a new spirit of care of asylum seekers and refugees, so that they have freedom, are lifted out of poverty and treated with respect.





REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people.

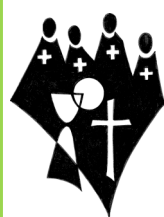
They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

ONLINE DIOCESAN TRAINING COURSE ABOUT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

If you have a particular role in the parish, you may be contacted about providing your email address for the purpose of completing an online training course to be distributed by the Diocesan Professional Standards office. The training relates to two diocesan documents: "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" and "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children". The training aims to ensure that all those who work with children and persons in positions of responsibility in our parishes have read and understand the documents.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate.

Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$67,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$40,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US –
THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS



40th
SACRED HEART
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WHITE ELEPHANT
SALE

- American Car Club - Mildura Display and more....
- Father's Day Stall
- Auction
- Major Raffle
- Food stalls
- Entertainment
- Children's Theme Park
- Performers

Saturday September 5th 2015
9am-3pm
@ Sacred Heart School

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear St Paul's families and friends

On Friday we celebrated Book Week with a costume parade and lots of activities. In the afternoon we had a performance called "Cyber Wiser" which was another opportunity for us to build on our understanding of being cyber smart and aware of the risks associated with the internet nowadays.

A friendly reminder that next Friday 4th September, we celebrate our "Blokies Brekkie". It's a great way for our dads and 'special friends' to come along and have breakfast with us as a school community. On Saturday 5th September at 6.00pm, St Paul's Primary School is celebrating the Fathers' Day Mass with the Sacred Heart Parish community. It would be lovely to see as many of you attend this wonderful celebration.

- Vince Muscatello Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Dear friends of the St Joseph's College Community,

This week, the annual College Production will take place at the Mercy Theatre. The production this year is the Wizard of Oz, which follows the adventures of a young girl, Dorothy from Kansas as she and her dog, Toto, follow the yellow brick road in search of the mystical Wizard of Oz. Congratulations to staff and students involved in this wonderful performance and all the hard work in preparing for the actual shows.

We wish Mr Emmet Brown and Miss Paula Cox and our SJC students all the best on the first trip to the Tiwi Islands to establish our Schools Partnership Program with Mr Ian Smith and Tiwi College. We wish them all the best and look forward to their return in the last week of Term Three.

Paula Cox

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: Anthony Banks 5018 8000

29th & 30th August, 2015

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
Resp Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1
Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6PM

9AM

5PM

6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

6 Ministers required

Maria Cirillo

Elena Gareffa

Barbara Bunting

Anne-Maree Greville

Maryanne Modica

Sacha Banks

Anthony Henderson

Maria Page

Katrina Groves

Christine Carmichael

Lyn Welsh

Judy Hall

Margaret McDonald

Sheryl Pettinau

Myrna Rodi

Anita Naray

Giuseppe Scopacasa

Sue Hermans

Mara Scopacasa

MUSIC

M Guthrie

Italian Choir

Singing Group

All welcome

M Sullivan

5th & 6th September, 2015

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Isa 35:4-7
Resp Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1
Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!
Second Reading: James 2: 1-5
Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

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9AM

5PM

6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

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Leo Kearney

Susan Lewis

Danielle Mazzini

Margaret Sheahan

Minda Wright

Nisa Abrahan

Linda Henderson

Johanna Bagacay

Greg Johnston

Irene Morello

Rose Op’t Hoog

Sandra Walker

Katy Quinlan

Rini Op’t Hoog

Mario Zema

Taiana Fatai

Cora Howell

Josie Zema

Narie Lewis

MUSIC

Father’s Day

M Guthrie

M Hammond

St Paul’s School

All welcome

J Ljubic

J Macri

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Servers required

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Louise Belej

Joy Morvell

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

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Colin & Lyn Welsh

READERS

Tricia McNamara

Sheryl Pettinau

Barb Kelly

Father’s Day

Kevin Schultz

Peter Hammond

St Paul’s School

COUNTING TEAM 2

JOE DE JONG 5023 7802

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

Denise Knight

Pat Riordan

COUNTING TEAM 3

PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

Wilma Schmidt

George Schmidt