



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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
4th & 5th November 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.

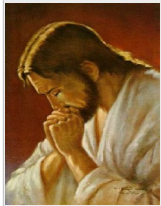
Tues: 6:00 pm

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

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish
Prayer Room

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Irma Delahunty (Colac—Sr Marion
McDonald's sister)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Antonio Cirillo, Leo Camarotto (10 year
anniversary)

Friday 5.40pm: Quintino Matrippolito

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

TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
MASS AT 9.15AM
NO 6PM MASS

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.

Ron Russell, Gino D'Amico, Kevin Curran, Nada Zudetich,
Dorothy Mullane, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme
Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy,
Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner,

GOSPEL REFLECTION

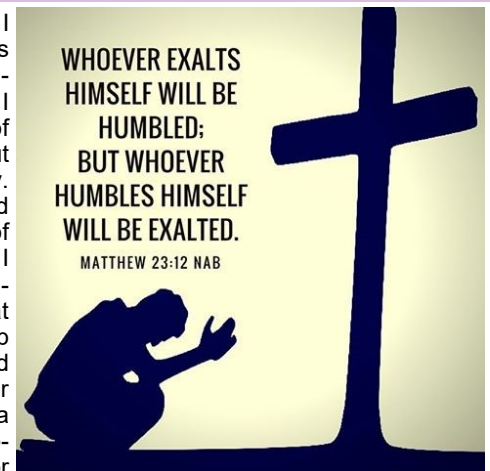
Shortly after I took up a five-year term as elected leader of my religious congregation, I handed the members of my council an article about leaving office gracefully. They objected that we had only begun our ministry of leadership. What was I suggesting? I was convinced then as now that gospel-inspired leadership requires that one hold one's position lightly, ever aware that leadership is a service for a time, an opportunity to create or maintain the conditions for all in the community or organisation to take their own power and to exercise it responsibly within the parameters of their core commitment. Leaders can only call their members to authentic living of their commitment if their own lives are congruent with what they profess.

Today's gospel has particular relevance for all in positions of authority, whether as teachers or leaders of organisations or communities. Appointment or election to such positions is not for the sake of status or self-aggrandizement. Neither does the specialised knowledge associated with such roles bring with it the right to special privileges. Sadly, both civic and religious leaders can easily develop a sense of entitlement that shifts the exercise of their authority from service to privilege and oppression. That seems to have been the case for certain religious leaders in first century Palestine.

Within Second Temple Judaism, the Pharisees were the respected teachers and interpreters of the Law of Moses. Some of them abused their positions and so became the subject of Jesus' scathing and cumulative criticism. They exploited their specialised knowledge to exercise power over the people and create intolerable burdens while at the same time failing to observe their own rules. They sought the adulation of the people through their exaggerated and ostentatious observance of certain religious customs. They are accused of broadening their phylacteries, the little leather boxes containing the words of the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:5) that observant Jews bound to their heads and arms, and of lengthening the tassles attached to their cloaks (in observance of Deuteronomy 22:12). They looked for special treatment, for places and titles of honour, and for public recognition.

Matthew attaches to this condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees several loosely connected sayings of Jesus that link service and humility. Greatness lies, not in the pursuit of power over others, but rather in knowing one's proper place in the scheme of things and so recognising that God is the source of all human power and authority. In *Treading Lightly: The Hidden Wisdom of the World's Oldest People*, Karl-Erik Svelby and Tex Skuthorpe demonstrate how the story of one indigenous community, the Ngunnabarra, offers a compelling alternative to hierarchical leadership in our times, namely the age-old "context-specific" leadership for sustainability. *Treading Lightly* offers a vision utterly congruent with the gospel-inspired earth-conscious leadership of Pope Francis.

Veronica Lawson rsm



SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Harper Campisi, Sophia Crabtree and Morgan Grace whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Carlo Longeri & Terri-Louise Gourlay and Nathan Norris & Michaela Jensen who were married this weekend.

Period of Enquiry

Why I Became a Catholic

Will be held on Thursday November 9th, 7pm in the Hillman Room.



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS

This Sunday we especially remember our loved ones who have died over the past twelve months. During our 9:00am Mass their names will be mentioned and family members will be invited to light a candle in their memory. We warmly welcome these families to our Mass today, and we pray with them in thanksgiving for those they have lost. There will be light refreshments served after Mass – all are welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Next weekend and the following weekend we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. This weekend we continue to pray for these children and their families as they continue their preparation for this sacrament.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

Every Friday until 15th December, the Tongan Community will be saying the Rosary in the Monaghan Centre from 7pm, all most welcome to attend.

ADVANCE NOTICE

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY 13TH
DECEMBER at 6pm

Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's Peace at Christmas by acknowledging our need for healing and forgiveness.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1435.10
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3097.90
Loose Plate	\$ 792.50

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 8th November, 9.45am at the parish Office.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Presbytery **Tuesday 14th of November after the 6:00pm Mass.**

On Sunday 26th of November there will be a Regional Meeting including Parish Council members from the Parishes of Sunraysia and Ouyen. This meeting will be in Red Cliffs including the 10am Mass. The agenda will include our strategic planning as we move towards the Plenary Council in 2020. Members attending, a plate to share please.



SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY GROUP

Will be lunching at Woodies on Sunday 19th November at Noon. Please let Elaine or Frank know your intentions on 0422069117. All welcome.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Those who have joined our parish, please make yourselves known to our Parish Welcomers.

FOR SALE

310 litre Hot Water Service just on 12 months old, in reasonable condition \$500 or make an offer. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 for further information.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2018

Are now available at the St Vincent de Paul kiosk for at the back of the church—\$9.00 each.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Don't forget to get a copy, Summer edition 2017-2018.

Great reading. Pg 18—The Heart Speaks to the Heart—a wonderful article about Fr James and vocation.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

October 2017 edition is now available. News and articles from around the Diocese.



NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY

A very warm felt and hearty congratulations goes out to Miss V (Jess Vanek) who after the weekend will become Mrs Powell. On behalf of our school community, I wish Jess all the best for her and Chris as they begin their new life together as husband and wife.

Tuesday & Wednesday, we were fortunate to have Mr Jim Waight from CEOB visiting to work with our staff. Jim has been our Religious Education Advisor for the last two years and has continued to support us in our teaching and learning of Religious Education.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th November from 7.30pm in the hall.

Monday 6th November and Tuesday 7th November (Melbourne Cup) are both School Closure days. This means the children will have a four-day long weekend.

The Middle Unit Children will go on camp to Lake Culteraine from Wednesday 8th November to Friday 10th November. The new Foundation children for 2018 will be invited to attend their third orientation session which will be on Wednesday evening from 5.30pm-6.30pm with a bbq at school.

Congratulations to those children and families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It would be lovely to see as many of our school families who are parishioners come along and support the children on their faith journey. Keep the Faith!

Vince Muscatello—Principal

SACRED HEART CONFERENCE—SVDP

Paul McCarthy, the St Vincent de Paul State Co-ordinator for the "Assist a Student Program" has asked us to see if any of you would like to support the program. The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our north, from India to Fiji, get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. It costs \$70.00 to assist one student for one year. Pamphlets and sponsorship slips are available at the Church doors. Any queries to Patricia Fitzgibbon 5021 5486. Many thanks from all the members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society.

THE SHARED TABLE STALL

Sunday 12 November after the 9am Mass.

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, conserves, home baked and home crafted items.

Items that are not purchased need to be taken home as we cannot provide storage facilities.

**Second hand items are not suitable.
Thank you for your contribution.**

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.



MELBOURNE CUP DAY

The Melbourne Cup is not a religious feast. But it is a deeply rooted Australian ritual that says much about the strengths and weaknesses of our culture. It has always had something slightly anarchic about it. Bosses used to complain about workers who took time off for it. From the early days of radio, many schools would halt for a few minutes while the Cup was broadcast through the class rooms. In some theological colleges the invigilator would silently write the name of the Cup winner on the blackboard during the afternoon exam.

The Cup itself has always been a time to celebrate high fashion in the social columns of magazines. But high fashion has often been undercut in Melbourne Cup Week, once memorably by visiting English model Jean Shrimpton whose simple dress left everyone else looking massively overdressed. More recently the classy dressers in the stands and hospitality tents have had the Micky taken out of them by youngsters in the carparks, dressed in tuxes, tennis shoes and op-shop specials.

And of course in the Catholic world where racing was seen as slightly but honourably disreputable, a Catholic Melbourne Cup winning jockey was feted as highly as a Catholic Collingwood football captain. Indeed, before a huge crowd at a devotional event at the MCG, Jack Purtell and Phonse Kyne each recited a decade of the Rosary. The prevailing Catholic attitude to the Cup was caught by a devout Catholic lady at a retreat. Helping out a young preacher who was trying to explain that there was more to faith than saying prayers, she asked him, 'Do you mean that prayer is important, but that it's no substitute for a day at the Melbourne Cup'. He agreed.

That is one side of the Melbourne Cup. Of course, the other side is the way it has been taken over by big money and used to promote engines of misery – the abuse of tobacco, and of alcohol and of gambling that impoverish so many Australian families. As in so much of Australian life, the interests of little Australians are exploited by big corporations. That is why for many people from impoverished and migrant backgrounds, including those with whom we work at Jesuit Social Services, the Melbourne Cup is of no interest. For them belongs to an unattainable world of ready money and corporate excess.

But the Melbourne Cup is a ritual that often upsets predictions and brings to light people who are real and values that are true. The story of Michelle Payne, woman and jockey, who won the cup on a hundred to one outsider, attended by her brother who was born with Downs Syndrome, is just one of many that raises the Melbourne Cup out of diminishment to its human size.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER DUE TO
THE MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

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.”

The Parish of Sacred Heart is committed to the obligation to ensure the safety of all children in our care.

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

4th & 5th November 2017			11th & 12th November 2017		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Mal 1:14-2: 2, 8-10 Resp Psalm: Ps 130 Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace. Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13 Gospel: Mt 23:1-12			First Reading: Wis 6:12-16 Resp Psalm:Ps 62:2-8. R. v. 2 Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18 Gospel: Mt 25:1-13		
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
Anne-Maree Greville	Susan Lewis	Barbara Bunting	Maria Cirillo	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Danielle Mazzini
Taiana Fatai	Minda Wright	Katrina Groves	Christine Carmichael	Sonia Opie	Naomi Kennedy
Margaret McDonald	Rose Op’t Hoog	Judy Hall	Ellen Frauenfelder	Philip Opie	Mario Zema
Trish McNamara	Rini Op’t Hoog	Myrna Rodi	Jacinda Deacon	Catherine McErvale	Josie Zema
Morris Henderson	Cora Howell	Maree Irvin	Katy Quinlan	Elvira Mazza	Trish Cirillo
Anita Naray	Narie Lewis	Sue Hermans	Katelin Anesbury	Jill Joslyn	Jeena Jose
	Renata Byra			Lisa Cirillo	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	Italian Choir	M Hammond	Confirmation	Confirmation	M Sullivan
All Welcome	N Armsden	J Macri	M Guthrie		J Macri
		J Ljubic	B Prescott		J Ljubic
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
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	Bereavement		Confirmation	Confirmation	
	Team				
READERS			READERS		
Anita Naray	Narie Lewis	Barbara Bunting	Confirmation	Confirmation	Bill Dolence
COUNTING TEAM 6			COUNTING TEAM 8		
JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939			TREVOR AUST 5023 6597		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
M Smith	M Jensen		J Kearney	W Schmidt	