



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

Second Sunday of Advent / Year C - 5th & 6th December 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: Matthew Spain, Sione Moala,
Fr Justin Woodford, Roger Ledo (Adelaide)

(30 day remembrance Mass for Vincenzo Zinghini will be held on Saturday 12th December at 6pm)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Francesco Ferracuti

Sunday 5pm: Leo & Antonia De Maria

Tuesday 6pm: Knights of the Southern Cross—deceased members Mass.

(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, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Mad-den-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Tuesday of this week (8th December, 2015) marks the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Pope Francis has called us to look into our hearts and to let go of all that is condemnatory and harsh or cruel and to bring the mercy of God to our troubled planetary home and to its inhabitants. Our courageous pope is giving extraordinary leadership to the global community. Like Luke, the author of the third gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles, Pope Francis recognises that the message of the gospel is for the whole world and not simply for the chosen few.

For the third time within the space of three chapters, Luke situates his gospel drama on a national and international stage and in relation to global events. The gospel writer wants to insist that religion is no private affair and that the story of the movement around Jesus of Nazareth is no ordinary, everyday story. It is rather a story with momentous political and religious significance.

Luke is strong on dramatic impact and less concerned with precision of detail. He situates events in the “pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas”, implying that there were two high priests at the same time. In fact, Caiaphas succeeded his father-in-law Annas as high priest, even if the influence of the latter persisted into Caiaphas’ pontificate.

Luke presents John the son of Zechariah as a prophet in the long line of prophets that culminates in the appearance of Jesus of Nazareth on the world stage. Jesus is the one who truly brings the salvation of our God. It is worth noting that prophecy in Luke is not reserved to the male characters. With the shift from private to public space in Luke 3, however, women prophets who featured prominently in the earlier chapters (Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna) now disappear from the narrative.

Luke 3:1-6 contains some of Luke’s favourite themes: prophecy and its fulfilment; the word of God; reversal of expectations; conversion or repentance; proclaiming the good news; forgiveness of sins; salvation. As in Israel’s past, the wilderness or desert is the locus of God’s revelation. The prophet John calls on the people of the region around the Jordan River to turn their hearts and their lives around, to accept “a baptism of *metanoia* or conversion for the forgiveness of sins”.

We might listen to the Isaiah citation that follows (“Prepare the way...”) against the backdrop of the first reading from the prophet Baruch. God’s way involves putting on the “cloak of justice” or “robe of righteousness

” and allowing God to provide an escort of mercy/works of mercy (*eleēmosunē*) and justice/right relationship (*dikaïosunē*). If we take seriously the call to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we shall surely search for ways to heal the broken relationships within our ailing planet.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



RCIA— Mary

Next meeting will be held on
Thursday 10th December,
7pm in the Hillman Room.

DISMISSAL

Sunday 13th December, 9am—Mary Jackson

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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME FOR TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER 6PM



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1364.30
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2493.15
Loose Plate	\$ 489.90

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Passionist Family Groups Christmas breakup will be held at Woodies for lunch on Sunday 6th December at 11.30am. Please let Jean 50237561 know your intentions for booking purposes. We will also have a Kris Kringle valued to \$10. All welcome.

PRINCES COURT NURSING HOME MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 8th December at 10.30am. All welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Next and final meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday, 8th December 4.30pm in the Hillman Room.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Tuesday 8th Dec 2015 at 6pm ---- Knights of the Southern Cross Annual Mass for the Deceased Members. A social evening and BBQ tea will be held in the Clubrooms after Mass.



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.

ADVENT BOOKS

If you 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.

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.

JOKE

A Catholic Priest and a Rabbi were chatting one day when the conversation turned to a discussion of job descriptions and promotion.

"What do you have to look forward to in way of a promotion in your job?" asked the Rabbi.

"Well, I'm next in line for the Monsignor's job." replied the Priest.

"Yes, and then what?" asked the Rabbi.

"Well, next I can become Arch-Bishop." said the Priest.

"Yes, and then?" asked the Rabbi.

"If I work real hard and do a good job as Arch-Bishop, it's possible for me to become a full Bishop." said the Priest.

"O.K., then what?" asked the Rabbi.

The Priest, beginning to get a bit exasperated replied, "With some luck and real hard work, maybe I can become a Cardinal."

"And then?" asked the Rabbi.

The Priest is really starting to get mad now and replies, "With lots and lots of luck and some real difficult work and if I'm in the right places at the right times and play my political games just right, maybe, just maybe, I can get elected Pope."

"Yes, and then what?" asked the Rabbi.

"Good grief!" shouted the Priest. "What do you expect me to become, GOD?"

"Well," said the Rabbi, "One of our boys made it!"



YOUTH

On Friday 11th December the Youth will hold their weekly gathering from 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.



Reminder: Next Sunday morning, CUPPA after Mass.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Youth are organizing a fund-raising BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday, January 2nd 2016.

YOUTH GATHERING

Halls Gap, April 4th—7th, 2016
For young people aged 16 and over.
More information to follow

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

'SHARED TABLE PROJECT'-PERU

Dear Community,
Our sale of tickets has been going very well and at this stage we have sold **929** tickets. I did say there would be no sale of tickets this weekend because of other arrangements for our Masses, but as those arrangements have been cancelled, we are able to offer tickets if you wish to purchase some.

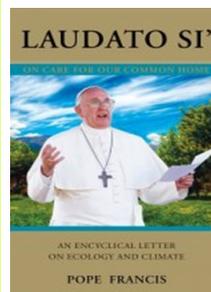


Next weekend, 12th-13th December, will be our finale and all prizes will be on display. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn during the week (by Fr. Mick) at the Parish Office.

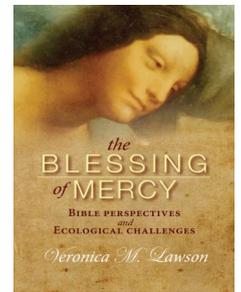
The lucky ones will be notified of their win and results will be placed in the bulletin on the weekend of December: 19th-20th. Thank you all for your amazing generosity of heart. Giving so others may have dignity and life. *Marion Guthrie*

COPIES FOR SALE

The Parish Office has for sale copies of Sr Veronica Lawson's book—'The Blessing of Mercy—Bible Perspectives



and Ecological Challenges' at \$12.00 each and Pope Francis—Laudato Si' - on Care for our Common Home. An encyclical letter on Ecology and Climate for \$14 each.



THANK YOU

To all who contributed in some way at our Feast of Christ the King celebration, thank you.



It was wonderful to see so many cultures and traditions that we have in our Parish Community and thank you to all who provided the amazing selection of food supplied with a cuppa after Mass.

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Carols on Cleaddon

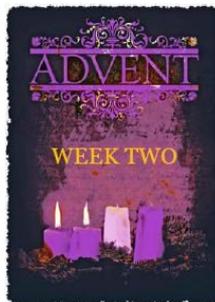
Last Wednesday evening, the College enjoyed an evening of Carols and Christmas themed songs, performed by our wonderful students.

It was wonderful to see so many students, staff and families getting into the magic spirit of Christmas. The event was compered by 3 of our College Leaders for 2016, Chelsea Rix, Lachlan Price and Jacob Cumming.

I would also like to thank the staff who worked closely with these students and the performers to make the evening such a special and successful event, namely, Mr Menhennett, Ms Circosta and Mr Mandica. God Bless.

Anthony Banks, 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: *Anthony Banks* 5018 8000

5th & 6th December			12th & 13th December, 2015		
NEXT WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Bar 5:1-9 Resp Psalm: Ps 125. R. v. 3 Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6, 8-11 Gospel: Lk 3:1-6			First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18 Resp Psalm: Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6 Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7 Gospel: Lk 3:10-18		
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
Margaret McDonald	Phillip Opie	Melanie Ransome	Katy Quinlan	Jean Rocca	Judy Hall
Anita Naray	Catherine McErvale	Bill Dolence	Taiana Fatai	Bobby Castillo	Myrna Rodi
Leo Kearney	Elvira Mazza	Jacqui Willis	Trish McNamara	Ross Tongue	Sue Hermans
Margaret Sheahan	Jill Joslyn	Barbara Bunting	Morris Henderson	Talia Faingaanuku	Danielle Mazzini
Linda Henderson	Lisa Cirillo	Sasha Banks	Ellen Frauenfelder	Michael Faingaanuku	Nisa Abraham
Irene Morello	Katalina Mafi	Katrina Groves	Volunteer please	Maureen Speed	Greg Johnson
	Aloisia Mafi			Alicia Tindall	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	Italian Choir	M Guthrie	Filipino Group	Youth Group	M Guthrie
All welcome		All welcome	N Armsden	Leader	All welcome
				K Mafi	
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
	Colin & Lyn Welsh	Laura Fisher	Baptism	Baptism	
READERS			READERS		
Irene Morello	Sheryl Pettinau	Sue Hermans	Rosemary Barnes	Talia Faingaanuku	Barb Kelly
COUNTING TEAM 6			COUNTING TEAM 7		
JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939			BRIAN BLEESER 5021 1828		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Marty Smith	Wendy Smith		Joe Kearney	Robin Hill	