



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B -
5th & 6th September, 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: Tess Hunt

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Gabriele & Teresa Vanni

Sunday 8,30am Irymple: Dallas Keating (son-in-law of Domenico & Emma (dec) Deluca)

Sunday 9am: Pat Farmer

Sunday 5pm: Edward Wolczek

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



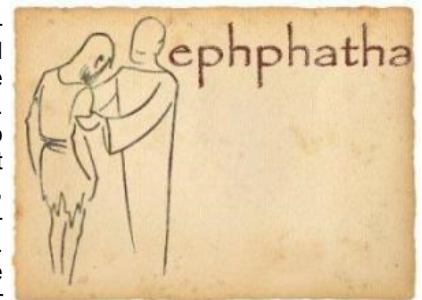
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

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, Fr Justin Woodford, Vince Manno, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Those who are profoundly deaf frequently find themselves on the edge of the human and earth communities. Without access to birdsong, to spoken discourse, to the vast range of media communication, they often struggle to understand and to be understood. Their capacity to communicate their deepest wisdom, their hopes and dreams, their anxieties and fears, is limited not only by personal disability but also by the incomprehension of others.



In our contemporary technological world, sophisticated hearing devices and cochlear implants transform the lives of many who previously suffered from serious hearing loss and its social consequences. Whatever degree of deafness is experienced, relief from such an affliction offers far more than physical healing. It brings insertion into the life of family and community and workplace. It opens up new horizons and unimagined possibilities.

In first century Palestine, the chances of relief from hearing deficiency and associated speech impairment were minimal. Desperate people put their faith in folk healers who used their healing hands and drew upon their knowledge of the medicinal properties in certain herbs and other plants. It seems clear that Jesus was known as an effective healer and that he used some of the same methods as other healers of his time. Many of his contemporaries in that part of the world would have turned to Asclepius, the Greek god of healing, or his daughter Hygeia. Jesus turns, not to Asclepius or Hygeia, but to the God of Israel ("looking up to heaven...") as the source of healing power.

There is layer upon layer of meaning in today's healing story. Habitat features significantly. Jesus travels from Tyre on the northern Mediterranean coast to the Sea of Galilee via the non-Jewish territory on the eastern side of the lake. It was a regular route, but definitely not the most direct one. The gospel writer seems to be stressing the all-embracing nature of Jesus' healing ministry. Land belongs to God and territorial claims on land are no barrier to Jesus' healing ministry, a lesson Jesus himself has just learned from the Syro-Phoenician woman whose story is told in Mark 7:26-30.

As the gospel story has unfolded, we have found that the same healing power of God is available to Jews and Gentiles, to male and female, young and old alike. It is available to those with bodily afflictions and those who are paralysed by anxiety and fear. There is irony in the telling of the story: a Gentile deaf man can be brought from no hearing to hearing, from "speaking with difficulty" to clarity of speech, but Jesus' own disciples will shortly fail to hear and understand, "Do you have ears and not hear?" (Mark 8:18). We open our ears to hear in the hope of understanding.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

**ST JOSEPH COLLEGE ASSEMBLY IN THE
CHURCH—THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 9AM**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Damien Argiro & Jessica Carbone who were married this weekend.

MUSICIANS

Please collect your Copyright Booklet 2015/2016 from the cupboard near the organ. Thank you Marion



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.



The Journey of Faith

Thursday September 10th in the Hillman Room commencing 7pm.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1290.95
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2647.20
Loose Plate	\$ 407.35

Next Finance meeting will be held on Thursday 10th September 7.30am in the Hillman Room.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2nd Year of our Stewardship program commenced last 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

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 8th September at 10am. All welcome.

CATHOLIC LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday 8th September at 2pm in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP

Will hold its weekly meeting in the Monaghan Centre on Friday 11th September at 7pm. All welcome.

\$223.20 was raised at the Dan Murphy's BBQ fundraiser. The next fundraiser will be held at Cheap as Chips on Saturday 12th September from 9.30am.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests.

Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – will occur at all Masses this weekend

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*

**Happy
Father's
Day**

**A CUPPA WILL BE
SERVED AFTER THE
6PM AND 9AM MASSES
THIS WEEKEND.**

THE BIBLICAL THEME OF MERCY & POPE FRANCIS

Saturday 12th September (please note change of date)

**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.

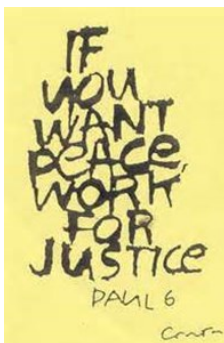
For lunch time catering purposes, please advise the Parish Office if you wish to attend.
Fr. Michael



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Issues arising from our last meeting:

- **CAPSA – Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum.** Formed in 2014 to turn more hearts and minds toward compassion for people seeking asylum. The Alliance has been inspired by: the call of Pope Francis for people of faith to stand up for the rights and needs of asylum seekers and refugees; the strong stance taken by the Australian Bishops; and the thousands of Catholics taking action in their own communities to extend the hand of welcome. Want to join the Alliance? It's free, and very easy: you can join at www.capsa.org.au, or follow through Facebook: www.facebook.com/joinCAPSA
- **Justice Trends - Australian Catholic Social Justice Council** <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/justice-trends> **Justice Trends** is a free quarterly journal that keeps you up to date with the latest social justice developments in Australia and around the world. Recommended.
- **Launch of Mildura Hospital Conversation –** more stories of concern have come forward regarding such things as insufficient supervision of young interns; too many nurses with poor English on 457 visas; patients discharged prematurely and having to be readmitted; cost cutting to detriment of patients; approach made to ABC7.30 report or 4Corners. We need to keep the conversation on a positive note. **You can participate in the conversation on** Mildura.hospital.conversation@gmail.com
- **Any excess home grown vegetable** can be donated to the Soup Kitchen and Vinnies.



SUNRAYSLIA MALLEE ETHNIC COUNCIL (SMEC)

Affordable housing for Migrants and Refugees is in short supply. If anybody has a house to rent could they please contact SMEC 5022 1006 / 107 Twelfth Street.

Those seeking to rent will have the capacity to pay.

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.

Red Cliffs Musical Society proudly present 'My Fair Lady' September 10, 11, 12 evenings and matinees on September 12 & 13. Tickets available at Mildura Arts Centre or Alfred Deakin Centre or go to www.milduraartscentre.com.au Tickets \$22 concession, or \$25. Come see Bill Lewis and Bron Prescott on stage.

NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

SUNRAYSLIA PARTNERSHIP FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

As part of a recent Advisory Council Workshop by Chris Robarts and Bill Slatter, Enhancing Catholic School Identity, the Sunraysia Partnership Council launched the first edition of the magazine titled, *Partners of Catholic Education in Sunraysia*.

The magazine, produced jointly between the four Catholic Primary Schools of Sunraysia and St. Joseph's Secondary College, serves to promote Catholic Education in the region on a united front. We are grateful to Ms Andy Higgins for the work done on the publication.

The Partnership Council began in 2012, and is made up of representatives of each of the three Sunraysia Parishes, the five School Principals - Vince Muscatelo, Chris Brouwers, Mark Gibson, Des Lowry and Anthony Banks, as well as Fr. Michael McKinnon and Sister Marion McDonald. Sue Hermans is Chair, and Luke Guthrie is the Executive Officer.

The present focus of the Council is: Enhancing Catholic Identity, professional learning for staff, the promotion of Catholic Education, future provision for Catholic Education in Sunraysia, and ongoing supports for the Partnership Council. Copies of the Magazine are available at entrances of the Church.

JOKE OF THE WEEK — Dog for Sale

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale' He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.
'Yep,' the Lab replies.



After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so... I told the CIA.'

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...

But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in.

I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'

'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a Bulls...er. He's never been out of the yard'.

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 September, 2015			12th & 13th September, 2015		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			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			First Reading: Isa 50:5-9 Resp Psalm: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9 Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. Second Reading: James 2:14-18 Gospel: Mk 8:27-35		
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
Leo Kearney	Susan Lewis	Danielle Mazzini	Trish McNamara	Renata Byra	Trish Cirillo
Margaret Sheahan	Minda Wright	Nisa Abrahan	Morris Henderson	Sonia Opie	Jeena Jose
Linda Henderson	Johanna Bagacay	Greg Johnston	Ellen Frauenfelder	Phillip Opie	Joyce Ribarits
Irene Morello	Rose Op’t Hoog	Sandra Walker	Maria Cirillo	Catherine McErvale	Clem Carlucci
Katy Quinlan	Rini Op’t Hoog	Mario Zema	Anne-Maree Greville	Elvira Mazza	Vittoria Carlucci
Taiana Fatai	Cora Howell	Josie Zema	Volunteer Please	Jill Joslyn	Christine Slattery
	Narie Lewis			Lisa Cirillo	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Father’s Day	M Guthrie	M Hammond	Filipino Group	Youth Group	Singing Group
St Paul’s School	All welcome	J Ljubic	N Armsden	Leader	M Sullivan
		J Macri		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		Baptism	Baptism	
READERS			READERS		
Father’s Day	Kevin Schultz	Peter Hammond	Mary Jackson	Ross Tongue	Rosemarie Zalec
St Paul’s School					
COUNTING TEAM 3			COUNTING TEAM 4		
PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531			KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Wilma Schmidt	George Schmidt		Di John	Marita Jenson	