



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B -
12th & 13th 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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Liliana Vanni, Vittorio Mazzoni

Sunday 8.30am Irymple: Holy Souls

Sunday 9am: Riche Testa (30 day remembrance Mass)

Sunday 5pm: Tom Marciano. Luigi & Virginia Varacalli

(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



Today's gospel reading leads us into a section of Mark's gospel that explores challenges confronting all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples of Jesus. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, then we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow him. Two questions ("Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?") are addressed to our forbears in faith communities of the latter part of the first century and to Christians across the millennia. We are invited to hear these questions anew. Do we simply share what "the

people" say about Jesus? Are we like Peter who has the right language but only partial insight? Or do we have the wisdom to seek a deeper understanding of the identity of Jesus?

In response to Jesus' second question ("Who do you say that I am?"), Peter gets the words right: Jesus is the messiah, the Christ, God's anointed messenger. It becomes clear, however, that Peter has a very different notion from Jesus of what it means to be the messiah or the Christ. This is understandable since there were diverse messianic expectations within first-century Judaism. Many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the Roman occupiers and restore Israel's status as an independent nation. Jesus, as God's messiah, refuses the way of violent action. His way is to be true to his mission of bringing God's empire, even if it brings the most intense personal suffering. Peter refuses to accept a suffering Messiah. He is severely reprimanded for his refusal and instructed to get out of the way, to get back to where a disciple should be, namely behind Jesus, following him, and not in front obstructing the path.

The bitter experience in recent years of global conflicts should make us wary of accepting militaristic messiahs. In our times, to know and follow Jesus as the Christos or Messiah is to seek and support more moderate and lasting responses to perceived injustice. It is to listen to the wisdom of those with insight and experience, to calculate with the utmost care the consequences of violent reactions to the problems in our world, in contemporary society, and in our homes. That may well involve hard work, personal misunderstanding, physical and emotional trauma or, in other words, it may mean "losing one's life" for the sake of the gospel. It certainly calls for profound trust in the saving power of God. Over the next few weeks, the Sunday gospels will call us into the ways of respect, of commitment, and of peaceful negotiation, to ever deeper insight into the ways of the anointed agent of God's empire.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

**ST JOSEPH COLLEGE MERCY MASS—
WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 9.10AM**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Samuel Midgley & Gianna Scullino whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Stephen Roccisano & Marie Capogreco who were married this weekend.



WHY I BECAME A CATHOLIC

Thursday September 17th in the Hillman Room commencing 7pm.

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.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1271.00
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2153.70
Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$ 725.50
Loose Plate	\$ 474.20



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests
Last year our parish contributed \$1575.70 to this collection, which raised nearly \$67,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$725.50

to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

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**

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

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY-13TH SEPTEMBER

In the context of Child Protection Sunday we are provided with an opportunity to reflect on the worlds of Pope Francis who in a letter wrote on 2 February 2015 to the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences and Superiors of Religious Institutes he stated that "Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children. They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence, for it is a safe and secure home."

What part do we play in this 'shared responsibility' of working to ensure the Church is a safe and secure community? In the Australian context through Child Protection Week and in particular this Sunday we are asked to be someone who listens to children, someone who will start a conversation with children and if needed, be that someone whom children will turn to when in need.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING

Monthly meeting will be held on Monday 14th September at the KSC Clubrooms at 7.30pm. A Barbecue tea will commence at 6.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September 7.30pm in the Hillman Room.

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP

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

THANK YOU

We are grateful to Sr. Veronica Lawson for her workshop presentation on:

THE BIBLICAL THEME OF MERCY & POPE FRANCIS

which was held in the Monaghan Centre on Saturday 12th September.



It was wonderful to see over 20 parishioners attending this workshop.

Fr. Michael

THE UNIVERSE IS REVEALING GOD TO US

A presentation by Sr Mary Dennett rsm BSc MA. A talk on the presence of God in the Universe and in our lives.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein Monday, October 5th 2015

6.30pm Light meal. Presentation 7pm

Please RSVP by October 1st to Sr Marion at Merbein Parish 5025 2716. All welcome.

Any excess home grown vegetables can be donated to the Soup Kitchen and Vinnies.

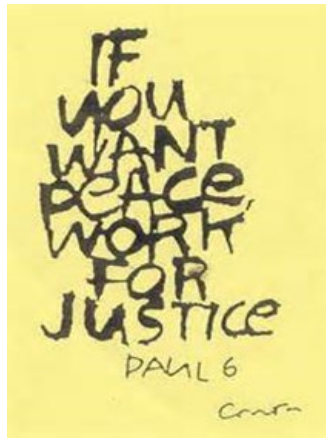
Please contact Arnold on 0417 311 556 for further information.



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.



SUNRAYSIA 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.

NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Dear Sacred Heart families and friends

I hope all dads had a wonderful day last Sunday and they were rightly acknowledged and suitably celebrated... Congratulations to the SHPS community on another highly successful **WES & Fete**. The final profit is not known at this point as accounts are still being finalised, however, we look at making a profit in excess of last year's, which is an outstanding effort. The success was the result of much hard work by families, students and staff, superbly led and coordinated by Mary Avery. Thank you Mary on an amazing performance. Extra thanks are passed onto the parents and family members who took on the 'Stall Coordinator' roles. Also, a huge thank you to the many businesses who supported our WES & Fete through sponsorship, donations etc. The WES & Fete is a lot of hard work not only on the day, but also in organisation before and after, the setting up and packing up etc. Many people commented on how efficiently the day ran. It requires a team effort by part of SHPS community, under the direction of Captain Mary... We look forward to our 41st in 2016!!! - **Des Lowry—Principal**

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear St Paul's families and friends

Thank you for the children, families and staff that were involved in Saturday nights' Fathers' Day Mass. It was lovely to see so many involved celebrating with our parish community. Thank you to Miss Fuoco and Mrs Kennedy for organising the Mass.

The Parents and Friends committee met to finalise the details for this year's "Big Night Out" Cinema evening. This year it will be hosted on Friday 23rd October. There will be a major raffle associated with it this year with some fantastic prizes on offer as well. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

- **Vince Muscatello Principal**

AN APOLOGY

Because of an editorial oversight, I apologize for what appeared in last week's Bulletin under the heading "Launch of Mildura Hospital Conversation". Those of us associated with the Hospital on a pastoral basis have enjoyed extremely positive and beneficial relationships with Staff and Management. The inference that any members of present staff are inadequate due to their ethnicity or residential status is considered extremely objectionable by our Parish Community. The conversation during our recent Social Justice Committee meeting was around external, not internal management.

Fr. Michael McKinnon

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Mercy Mass next Wednesday 16th September

As a part of the Mercy Week Celebrations that will take place next week, the College will celebrate the whole school Mercy Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in the morning. This mass will be dedicated to our Mercy heritage and we will give thanks to the many Sisters of Mercy who have dedicated their lives to serving the needs of others.

College Ball this Friday

This Friday evening, the College will celebrate its 57th Annual College Ball in the St Joseph's College Stadium. The night will provide the opportunity for students in years 9 to 12 (and some staff!) to get dressed up and to socialise and dance.

I thank all students in anticipation for the efforts they will go to formally dress up for this special occasion.

Also, many thanks to Mr Paolucci for organising the event and for all other staff will set up, supervise and clean up on the night. God Bless,

Anthony Banks— Principal

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.



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

12th & 13th September, 2015			19th & 20th September, 2015		
THIS WEEK'S READINGS			NEXT WEEK'S READINGS		
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			First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20 Resp Psalm: Ps 53-3-6, 8. R. v. 6 Response: The Lord upholds my life. Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3 Gospel: Mk 9:30-37		
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
Trish McNamara	Renata Byra	Trish Cirillo	Anthony Henderson	Katalaina Mafi	Jacinta Macri
Morris Henderson	Sonia Opie	Jeena Jose	Christine Carmichael	Aloisia Mafi	Petelo Mafi
Ellen Frauenfelder	Phillip Opie	Joyce Ribarits	Margaret McDonald	Jean Rocca	Anthony Banks
Maria Cirillo	Catherine McErvale	Clem Carlucci	Anita Naray	Bobby Castillo	Paula Cox
Anne-Maree Greville	Elvira Mazza	Vittoria Carlucci	Leo Kearney	Ross Tongue	Jennifer Boord
Volunteer Please	Jill Joslyn	Christine Slattery	Margaret Sheahan	Talia Faingaanuku	Reni Cheriyan
	Lisa Cirillo			Michael Faingaanuku	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Filipino Group	Youth Group	Singing Group	M Hammond	Tongan Community	N Armsden
N Armsden	Leader	M Sullivan	B Lewis	Meg Sullivan	J Ljubic
	K Mafi		B Prescott		J Macri
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
Baptism	Baptism			Louise Belej	Laura Fisher
READERS			READERS		
Mary Jackson	Ross Tongue	Rosemarie Zalec	Katy Quinlan	Phillip Opie	Greg Johnston
COUNTING TEAM 4			COUNTING TEAM 5		
KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			JIM FARRELLY 5021 5646		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Di John	Marita Jenson		Pat Riordan	Denise Knight	