



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B -
14th & 15th November October, 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: Daniel Alvino, Vincenzo Zinghini, Allan James Collins, Frank Musolino-Adelaide (brother of Pasquale)

ANNIVERSARIES: Pietro Callipari

Sunday 9am: Rosa, Francesco & Tony Modica, Teresa, Vincenzo, Bruno & Vince Piscioneri

Sunday 5pm: Nguyen Phaola, Carmel Dowling

(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, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Justin Woodford, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the opening lines of today's gospel reading, there are clear echoes of two passages from the prophecy of Isaiah. The first passage reads, "For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light" (Isaiah 13:10). These images from Isaiah read like an unravelling of God's work in creation. The second passage likewise predicts a scenario that seems to reverse the Genesis creation account: "All the host of heaven [the constellations] shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4). The prophet is using powerful poetic imagery to speak of God's judgment on the people of Israel who have strayed from their covenant relationship.



The parallel images in Mark 13 are referenced to the aftermath of the "time of distress" associated with the destruction of Jerusalem, a time of intense suffering for the community of believers. Jesus tells his disciples that, after all their suffering, strange cosmic phenomena will signal his return in glory and usher in a new age for God's people when the faithful will be gathered in. The message is intended to give comfort and hope to Mark's persecuted community of the late sixties or early seventies of the first century. Just as the new leaves on the fig tree signal the approach of summer, so too will the strange signs in the heavens signal Christ's coming and the onset of a new era, an end to the "time of distress". The message is thus one of encouragement for the community as they face an uncertain future rather than one of judgment.

The strange apocalyptic imagery and the ancient cosmology that has Jesus returning on the clouds need not distract the modern and scientifically sophisticated reader from hearing the call to trust in God no matter what happens. This reading may remind some of us that the unravelling of God's work is more than a poetic image in our times. The freak storms, the cyclones, and other signs of global warming we have seen might well serve as reminders to attend more carefully to the preservation of planet Earth. We may also hear a call to pay closer attention to what the "other-than-human" Earth elements can tell us about God and God's ways.

Tim Winton's memoir, *Island Home*, offers a contemporary reminder of who we are as planetary beings, of what we have done to our planet and of how attentiveness to land and landscape is integral to being who we are. The wild fig or the black-flanked rock wallabies, for instance, may be more eloquent teachers than we had ever realised.

- **Veronica Lawson rsm**

**FUNERAL MASS FOR
VINCENZO ZINGHINI WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH AT 1.30AM.
9.10AM MORNING MASS IS CANCELLED.**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Jack Floyd and Max & Jed McDougal whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



RCIA—The Sign of the Cross

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th November, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

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.



CELEBRATION OF CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Each year we traditionally commemorate the Feast of Christ the King of Universal Peace by celebrating our cultural diversity as a local and universal Catholic Community. Once again we invite those who contribute to our rich and varied cultural diversity to contribute to our liturgy next Sunday at the 9:00am Mass through traditional dress and the sharing of food after our Mass.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1504.60
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2857.85
Loose Plate	\$ 612.25

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18th of November as Fr. Michael has a Council of Priests Meeting in Ballarat on Tuesday.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Will dine at the Irymple Hotel on Sunday 15th November at 6.30pm. All welcome.
Please let Joe & Lorna Kearney know your intentions for bookings purposes on 50212530.

WALNUT AVE BCC

Next BCC meeting will be held in The Monaghan Centre on Sunday November 22nd at 12 midday. Everyone is welcome to join us for a pre-Christmas lunch. BYO Christmas food to share & own drinks.

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Our next and final bus trip for 2015 to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 29th November. Mass at 11am followed by a counter lunch at the pub. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking on 5021 2872.



As we only have five who have registered to date, we will make the decision on whether or not to cancel the bus trip early this week. Those who have registered will be notified.

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.

MISSION 2016

Next year we have organised a Parish Mission to be run by Fr. Ray Sanchez, a Passionist Priest, beginning Sunday 28th of February until Friday 4th of March. This will be a good chance for some faith formation, as well as a means through which we can make our Lenten Journey for 2016 more meaningful. More information to follow.

PLEASE NOTE:

MASS, TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, IS CANCELLED.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS—CHRISTMAS 2015

Don't forget to get a copy—out now.
Great reading—Cooking for Community— Julie Goodwin, winner of Masterchef 2009.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Now available for sale 2016 Columban Calendars for \$9.00 each, also available Religious Christmas Cards at \$3.00 per pack.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Group wish to thank all those who came to the evening to listen to the stories of the Refugees. It was a wonderful way to raise our awareness of the circumstances of the lives of these people who have come to live among us.

Thank you

TURNBULL TWIST TESTS COMMON GOOD IN MURRAY-DARLING PLAN

Andrew Hamilton 11 November 2015

In recent reflection on the future path of Australia the common good has made a welcome return. At the same time the Turnbull Government has transferred responsibility for water resources, including the Murray-Darling Basin, from the Department of the Environment to the Department of Trade. The two things seem to be unrelated. But the concept of the common good, which is often criticised as woolly and soft, has been embodied robustly in the Murray-Darling Basin plan and survives in the midst of continuing conflict.

Those who appeal to the common good implicitly reject the view that society is composed of competitive individuals and that its good is achieved by unregulated economic freedom. They emphasise that human beings are interdependent and are shaped by their relationships. The good of society is therefore achieved through cooperation, so that the good of each individual is realised through looking to the good of all, particularly the most vulnerable.

The common good depends on the commitment to it by individuals and groups in their economic and other relationships. It also demands that governments take an active role in establishing a regulatory framework ensuring that all live decently.

The development of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan shows how the common good can be sought in a complex and inherently conflictual context.

Many competing individuals and groups have an interest in drawing water from the basin. Queensland, New South Wales, Victorian and South Australian users draw drinking water for their towns from it, depend on it for agriculture and industry and, use it for drainage. All Australians rely on it for food. And all these states and different users naturally focus on their own interests and defend them strongly.

The capacity of the river system to meet these demands depends on the health of the basin and its ecosystems, including fish, vegetation, micro-organisms, groundwater and flood plains. Its health in turn relies on a reliable flow of water through the streams and rivers from source to the mouth of the Murray. If water users collectively do not provide this flow their individual interests will be harmed, as well as those of all the other beings that compose the environment.

It takes time to move from thinking competitively to acting cooperatively. In the case of the Murray-Darling Basin it has also taken droughts, including the Federation drought, the drought of 1967 and the Millennium drought, to bring home the threat to the Basin and to secure agreements about its management. The challenge is to ensure the flow while preserving the communities and economy that depend on drawing water.

The Murray-Darling plan was agreed by state and federal

governments in 1912. It established the water flow that needed to be returned to the system.

To ensure the flow, the government established a market in water rights that allowed it to buy them back from users. It also provided incentives to ensure more efficient use of water in irrigation and for other purposes.

The negotiations leading to the plan were messy and fractious. The 2004 National Water Act required regular audits of the health of the system. They were essential to gain a more complete knowledge of the river system and its interconnections, and to evaluate the effectiveness and unanticipated consequences of actions.

After the drought broke, the NSW government withdrew support for the audit, leading to its lapse. (Mr Joyce has now commendably promised its restoration.) The plan has been revised to give a priority to social and economic considerations equal to the needs of the environment, the level of water returned to the river has been recalculated and reduced, buy-backs have been capped, and users have continued to push their competitive agendas. The political struggle to control the plan is just the latest example. But tattered though it may be, the framework of the plan has held.

This example illustrates what in practice is needed to pursue the common good, most directly when dealing with climate change. We must assume that people will defend their own interests, that those interests will conflict, that the process itself will involve conflict, and that backsliding will be endemic.

We must also assume that people will cooperate when necessary to protect the common source on which their interests depend. They may first doubt, but will eventually accept authoritative evidence of a crisis. But of its nature that evidence always needs to be augmented. And ultimately people will accept action that clips their interests if they believe it is fair and necessary.

The Murray-Darling Basin plan also demonstrates the importance of coordinated government action for the common good, not simply through regulation but through participation. It assumes that they will seek authoritative scientific advice and adjust their actions to new information.

Finally — although this has not often been recognised by its participants — it assumes that we are not masters of the environment, but part of it. It follows that environmental protection does not compete with political and social goals but is a condition for achieving them. As will be the case in addressing climate change, care for the environment must take precedence.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of Eureka Street.



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

14th & 15th November, 2015			21st & 22nd November, 2015		
NEXT WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Dan 12:1-13 Resp Psalm: PS 15:5, 8-11 Response: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope. Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18 Gospel: Mk 13:24-32			First Reading: Dan 7:13-14 Resp Psalm: Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1 Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty Second Reading: Apoc 1:5-8 Gospel: Jn 18:33-37		
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
Anthony Henderson	Sara Visona	Greg Johnston	Linda Henderson	Maria Page	Joyce Ribarits
Christine Carmichael	Juliet Cresp	Sandra Walker	Irene Morello	Lyn Welsh	Clem Carlucci
Margaret McDonald	Robert Tindall	Mario Zema	Katy Quinlan	Sheryl Pettinau	Vittorio Carlucci
Anita Naray	Louise Belej	Josie Zema	Taiana Fatai	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Christine Slattery
Leo Kearney	Nancy Leonardis	Trish Cirillo	Trish McNamara	Maria Scopacasa	Jacinta Macri
Margaret Sheahan	Elena Garreffa	Jeena Jose	Morris Henderson	Susan Lewis	Petelo Mafi
	Maryanne Modica			Minda Wright	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	Tongan Community	Singing Group	N Armsden	Sacred Heart School	Youth Group
J O’Bryan		M Sullivan	J Macri	Choir and all	Leader
B Lewis				Leaders 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
	Mary Gobbo		Baptism	Baptism	Joy Movell
READERS			READERS		
Trish Swincer	Ross Tongue	Inez Sullivan	Gary Huxtable	Narie Lewis	Jim Graham
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 Jensen	