



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Sacred Heart Parish | **Mildura**

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Fr Damian Styles

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

**3rd Sunday Ordinary Time/ Year C -
23rd & 24th January 2016**

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

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

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Danny Sullivan, Pat Ryan
(30 day remembrance Mass for Peter Mazza will be held on Wednesday 3rd February at 7pm)

ANNIVERSARIES: Matteo Zema, Pat Rocca

Saturday 6pm: Mary Natale, Nadia Wolczek

Sunday 5pm: Cath Byrne-Groves

*(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 Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns, Betty Krake, Sid Robinson, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The liturgy for today juxtaposes the introductory verses of Luke's gospel and a passage from the beginning of Jesus Galilean ministry that encapsulates and sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel and about its author's intentions.



From the first four verses, we know that Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but is endeavouring to provide an orderly account on the basis of reliable eyewitness accounts handed down to the community by "servants" or ministers of the word. We know that Luke's is one of many and not just four gospels. We also learn that the gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, a name that means lover of God or beloved of God. We might guess that Theophilus is Luke's patron, someone who provides the necessary funds to produce this work, and possibly the early equivalent of an RCIA candidate. We know from the grammatical construction that the author is male. And most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. The word translated as "truth" (*aspaleia*) in our lectionary can also mean certainty or assurance. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded.

When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue. This programmatic scene sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled prophet. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of God. This event is no exception. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus thus presents himself as the Spirit-filled anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" literally means "shattered". It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself and the other-than-human inhabitants of our planet suffering the effects of climate change and ecological destruction. If the gospel message is to be well-grounded in our times, the "destitute" and "shattered" of our Earth community must find the "release" of which the gospel speaks.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

**AUSTRALIA DAY MASS—
TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY 9AM ONLY.
THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 7PM**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

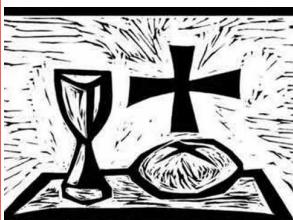
We welcome into our Parish Community, Siera Callipari, Jack Hardy, Christopher Villiva and Levi Zara whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

Parents of children in Government Schools who want their children to receive First Eucharist during this coming year need to register at the Parish Office by the Wednesday 3rd of February. A meeting for parents will

take place on Monday 8th of February to discuss the celebration of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* for these same children on *Friday 4th of March*.



THE SEASON OF LENT 2016

LENTEN GROUPS

If anyone who is willing to lead a Reflection Group during Lent please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 before 27th January so that books can be ordered.



PARISH MISSION 2016

I extend an invitation to all Parishioners to participate in our forthcoming Parish Mission. Please try to keep the following dates free. You may not be able to attend all of the days or evenings, but *I would highly recommend that you try to participate in some of the sessions as a means of some personal renewal during the Season of Lent*. All sessions will take place in the Church. Morning Sessions will be 10:15am – 12:15pm. Evening Sessions will be 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

- Session 1** Sunday 28th February
Jesus – who is he really?
- Session 2** Monday 29th February
Jesus, Law and Conscience
- Session 3** Tuesday 1st March
Human Growth & Faith Growth
- Session 4** Thursday 3rd March
Jesus, Church & Community
- Session 5** Friday 4th March
Jesus, Forgiveness & Reconciliation

The final session will include a *Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation*. Visiting priests will be available.

Fr. Michael

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

WELCOME FR. DAMIAN

This weekend we welcome Fr. Damian Styles to our Parish. Damian was born and raised in Ararat and, although a native of our Diocese, belongs to the Military Ordinariate of Australia. Damian is having a year here with us, and we gratefully welcome him. Some will remember Damian from his time here in Mildura during his formation for Priesthood at Corpus Christi College. We ask God to bless Damian's ministry over the coming twelve months. There will be a chance to welcome Damian during the next couple of weeks.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED— TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

In 2016, we are sharing extracts from the document *Misericordiae Vultus* (Latin for The Face of Mercy). In paragraph 3, Pope Francis provides the reason for why he has proclaimed an "Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy."

"At times, we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives...a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective."



YOUTH



YOUTH GATHERING

Halls Gap, April 4th—
7th, 2016

For young people aged
16 and over.
More information to
Follow.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1249.05
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2758.05
Loose Plate	\$ 496.80

WHOSE AUSTRALIA DAY?

Fatima Measham

In the last couple of weeks of January, as non-tourists buy all manner of Australiana, an old adage often comes to mind: 'There is nothing more Australian than debating what it means to be Australian.'

Actually it was me who said that. I was on a panel at the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters Council (NEMBC) conference last November. We were musing about postmodern identities, whether 'ethnics' were in fact mainstream and not peripheral, to what extent things like food, footy and fashion amount to 'culture', and whether 'Aussie values' are in fact universal.

I thoroughly enjoyed the discussion, but part of me felt worn. It seemed to me that black and brown folks like us are actually less concerned about what it means to be Australian than how Australian we would have to be, in order to be as Australian as everyone else.

What does it mean to belong? Australia Day is certainly not an occasion of belonging for most Indigenous Australians. How could it ever legitimately be? As someone who benefits from their historical dispossession, do I dare feel like I belong — at their expense? In Australia, must a sense of belonging involve compliance with colonial narratives?

With political imperatives around immigration?

It goes without saying that 'love it or leave' does not speak to how a person develops a sense of place. Ultimatums are assertions of power, and grotesque as a framework for love. Love of country is an abstraction in any case. We can only love an idea of country, and ideas of country are malleable and varied, bent into shape by personal experience, politics and socioeconomic purchase.

It does not matter how Australian a young Muslim believes herself to be if security policies and ultra-right protests make her feel separate. It does not matter how much of a life has been crafted — an education, career, family — if a former refugee is still made to feel like he has only just arrived, and must ever manifest gratitude.

Pride in mixed heritage does not matter in spaces where passing as white confers privilege.

A lack of a sense of belonging, then, is not so much a repudiation of what makes Australia good, but disequilibrium between internal and external experiences — asymmetry between reality and desire.

This tells us that belonging is not something to be conferred, nor is it the default effect of being here. In the end it depends on whether we feel fundamentally safe being who we are. It is difficult to feel that we belong to a group when it is ambivalent about our place in it. It is difficult to feel safe in a society that is threatened by you.

The democratic project in this sense should move us to reflect from time to time not just on whether our laws secure life, labour and property, but whether the stories we tell about ourselves make people feel unsafe or excluded.

It is always worth pondering what value such stories have, who they ultimately serve and for what purpose they are being sustained. Asking questions is a kind of love, isn't it? It is in the nature of love to seek truth, to struggle with the truth, and to hope despite the struggle.

It is likely that 15 or 20 years from now, such earnest navel-gazing will continue to be part of our national character. But I hope by then that kids born today — into a technologically adept, highly mobile and diverse world — will at least approach such topics in interesting ways.

As the centrality of whiteness inevitably corrodes, how would those motley generations of the future feel about Australia Day?

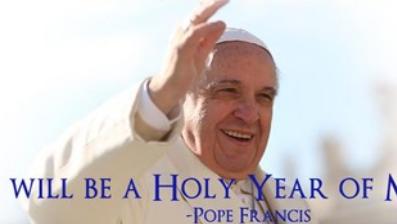
Fatima Measham is a Eureka Street consulting editor.



Australia Day
Celebrate what's great!

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."
-POPE FRANCIS

Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has written the following prayer for the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy:

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from
being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness
only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the
words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"*

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by for-
giveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord
risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in
weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in igno-
rance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after,
loved, and forgiven by God.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its
anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace
from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring
good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of
Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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: Marg Blythman 5018 8000**

23rd & 24th January, 2016

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10
Resp Psalm: Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn 6:63
Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27
Gospel: Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

30th & 31st January, 2016

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
Resp Psalm: Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17. R. v. 15
Response: I will sing of your salvation.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 13:4-13.
Gospel: Lk 4:21-30**

EUCARIST 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	
Ellen Frauenfelder	Bobby Castillo	Mario Zema		Margaret McDonald	Peter O'Donnell	Vittorio Carlucci	
Maria Cirillo	Ross Tongue	Josie Zema		Anita Naray	Filomena Carbone	Christine Slattery	
Anne-Maree Greville	Talia Faingaanuku	Trish Cirillo		Leo Kearney	Gina Raiti	Jacinta Macri	
Anthony Henderson	Michael Faingaanuku	Jeena Jose		Margaret Sheahan	Anna Vartuli	Petelo Mafi	
Christine Carmichael	Maureen Speed	Joyce Ribarits		Linda Henderson	Nada Zudetich	Paula Cox	
Volunteer Please	Alicia Tindall	Clem Carlucci		Irene Morello	Sara Visona	Volunteer Please	
	Lily Tindall				Juliet Cresp		

MUSIC

N Armsden	Sacred Heart Group	Youth Group	M Guthrie	Singing Group	M Hammond
J O'Bryan	Leader	Leader	All welcome	M Sullivan	J Ljubic
B Lewis	M Faingaanuku	K Mafi			J Macri

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Servers required					
Please volunteer					

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required					
Baptism	Baptism			Baptism	Joy Morvell

READERS

Trish Swincer	Maria Page	Barb Bunting	Gary Huxtable	Luke Guthrie	Tony Finn

COUNTING TEAM 3

PETER McDONALD 5022 1531	KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM	IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM
READER	EUCARIST MINISTER
Wilma Schmidt	George Schmidt
Di John	Marita Jenson