



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

4th Sunday Ordinary Time/ Year C - 30th & 31st 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: Mario Panetta, Kathleen Sprague, Colette Brooks, Perpetua Escano

(30 day remembrance Mass for Peter Mazza will be held on Wednesday 3rd February at 7pm)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Jolene Davis, Margaret Lunn, Joseph John Joseph

Sunday 9am: Elia Chiera

Tuesday 7pm: Albino Dimasi

(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, Betty Krake, Sid Robinson, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Judy Hunt

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel reading continues the story of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. At first he is universally accepted: the townspeople marvel at the gracious words he utters and identify him as Joseph's son. By the end of the story, however, these same people actually try to kill him. So, what happens in between to cause such a dramatic change of heart? These are religious people, not an unruly street mob. They are friends of the family. They are familiar with their sacred texts and traditions and presumably want to understand them more fully. In fact, they are like most of us who take time out on a weekly basis to come together in worship and prayer with those who share our faith.



Unfortunately, the people of Nazareth seem to be carrying a sense of exclusive entitlement to God's favour, as well as some deeply entrenched prejudices against the neighbouring Syrians and Phoenicians. Their history is largely one of conflict with neighbours, of struggle for survival, and some are unwilling to relinquish their unhealed local and national grievances. When Jesus suggests that God's prophetic and healing power is accessible to and may even be more readily received among foreigners than within Israel, their anger knows no bounds: it spills over into violence. They have little patience with the implicit criticism and the prophetic challenge of his words.

One of the problems with the narrative is that Jesus seems to deliberately provoke a negative reaction. There are other problems as well: there is no cliff in Nazareth from which the enraged crowd could cast him to his death, and it is highly unlikely that people of this tiny town of two to four hundred Galilean Jews would resort to murdering one of their own for what they perceive as a verbal assault. So what is going on? It would seem that the gospel writer is putting elements of later stories about the violent treatment of Jesus and his followers into this episode in order to foreshadow what is to come.

The story thus becomes a microcosm of the gospel as a whole. When the message is comforting, the messenger is well received. When it is less palatable, the messenger is in danger of being attacked, more often than not at the hands of people who are basically good, people like us. Unchecked assumptions, deep-seated biases, and uncontrolled emotions will function to bring the anointed prophet of the God of Israel to a violent death. This story invites us to check our assumptions and our biases lest we turn to physical, verbal, or emotional violence in the face of prophetic challenge.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

**FUNERAL MASS, FOR PERPETUA ESCANO,
WEDNESDAY, 3RD JANUARY 10AM.**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

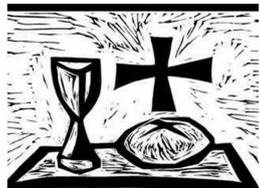
BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Giuseppe Dimasi 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*.



RCIA TEAM MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February, 4pm at the Parish Office.



*RCIA— The Liturgical Year and the Season of Lent—
Fr Pat.*

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th February, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2016

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, Vigil 9th February: 6pm
Wednesday 10th February : 10am & 6pm

LENTEN GROUPS

Two Group have been organised:-

Group 1: Mary Mazza, Monaghan Centre at 10am commencing Thursday 11th February. Phone 5023 4028

Group 2: Wilma Schmidt, Hillman Room 10am, commencing Thursday 11th February. Phone 5021 4953



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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 2nd February, 9am at the Parish Office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 2nd February, 4.30pm in the Hillman Room. All welcome.

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 4th February at 9,30am. All welcome.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 4th February, 7pm at the Monaghan Centre. Current and new members most welcome to attend.

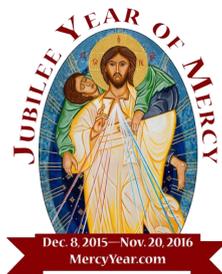
PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

The Passionist Family Group will start the year with Breakfast at the workers. Sunday 14th February after 9.00 am Mass. Please let Denise and Gerry know intentions for bookings 50211918. All welcome.

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

Pope Francis officially began the Jubilee Year of Mercy on December 8, 2015. It also was the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception and coincided with the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. In par 4 of the Bull of Indiction (a letter to the Church, explaining the rationale for the special, year-long celebration), he explained why he chose this date:

“The Church feels a great need to keep this event alive...The walls which too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way...We recall the poignant words of St John XXIII when, opening the Council, he indicated the path to follow: ‘Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up the arms of severity...’ (Par 4)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL KIOSK

Available for sale 2016 Columban Calendars @ \$9.00 each. Kiosk opened Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am and is located in the Front Foyer of the Church.

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

REFUGEE CRISIS DEMANDS AND DEFIES SUSTAINED REFLECTION

Andrew Hamilton

Last week we were again reminded in small ways of how challenging an issue is the forced movement of peoples. In an address to the diplomatic corps in Rome Pope Francis offered a universal view, urging compassion for the hundreds of thousands of people pressing for protection in Europe.

In Australia, figures on self-harm and the use of force in detention centres, and the confirmation that the Save the Children workers in Nauru were unjustly blamed and expelled, showed how rancid is our local treatment of people seeking protection.

The movement of people seeking protection from violence both demands and defies sustained reflection. Part of the challenge lies in the sheer number of people displaced by violence and the attendant homelessness, insecurity and discrimination they suffer. These numbers are the more daunting for those who live in the nations where people seek protection and a decent life.

The conflict that underlies the violence that leads people to flee is also very complex. At its centre now stands IS, as earlier stood al Qaeda.

IS feeds on the conflict between Shiite, Suni and other groups and particularly on the antagonism between Iran and Saudi Arabia. The conflict and consequent displacement of people are intensified by the military participation of other nations with their own competing economic and political interests in the region, including the United States, Russia and Turkey.

A particular challenge for Western observers is that IS professes a corrupt version of Islam, which feeds on and fuels historical prejudice against the West and Christianity.

The brutality exhibited by this bastard derivative of Islam and the fact that most people who flee are Muslims also feeds into historical Western prejudices against Islam and Muslims and resentment at the insubordination of former colonial servants. Those who seek protection are often vilified and the crimes of a few attributed to the race and religion of all.

A further challenge to reflection lies in the IS strategy of fomenting terrorist actions in the West and in other societies it deems hostile. Terrorism induces fear, which in turn deepens prejudice, encourages repression that will alienate Muslim minorities and draw recruits to IS.

It also leads Western societies to abandon the humanitarian traditions enshrined in the rule of law. They then take on the brutal selfishness already attributed to them by IS.

In this complex mixture of issues, history and attitudes it is easy to forget that what matters most in the flight of peoples is the human dignity of those who have to flee and the fellow humanity they share with the people on whom they make a claim.

Those who flee experience fear, loss, flight and need. Some endure such hard experiences with great heroism. Many will carry lasting scars of mental illness. They are ordinary human beings.

These difficulties make steady reflection by government and individual citizens the more important. Without it governments will be tempted to respond to terrorist threats and to

large numbers of needy people with judgments and decisions that are piecemeal, disproportionate and counterproductive — to lock borders, declare open season on Muslims, meet violence with violence, and infringe the rule of law.

Australia offers many examples.

The starting point must be to respect the human dignity of all the people affected, whether fleeing from conflict, living in neighbouring nations or elsewhere, and to recognise that all people are responsible to one another. The crisis is primarily about people, not about politics, religion, race or economics. It demands that we look beyond our individual and national interests and our prejudices.

The crisis also demands that we attend to the complexity of this movement of peoples.

We must try to understand IS as well as condemn it, look coolly at the interplay of interests and forces in the Middle East and the likely unintended consequences for people of our interventions, recognise the way in which our own prejudices and fears affect the judgments and proposals we make, and exercise a proper scepticism about making quick

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 forgiveness
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 ignorance
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

30th & 31st January, 2016			6th & 7th February, 2016		
THIS WEEK'S READINGS			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			First Reading: Isa 6:1-8 Resp Psalm: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v. 1 Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Gospel: Lk 5:1-11		
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	Peter O'Donnell	Vittorio Carlucci	Katy Quinlan	Robert Tindall	Jennifer Boord
Anita Naray	Filomena Carbone	Christine Slattery	Taiana Fatai	Louise Belej	Reni Cheriyan
Leo Kearney	Gina Raiti	Jacinta Macri	Trish McNamara	Nancy Leonardis	Wendy Finn
Margaret Sheahan	Anna Vartuli	Petelo Mafi	Morris Henderson	Elena Garreffa	Tony Finn
Linda Henderson	Nada Zudetich	Paula Cox	Ellen Frauenfelder	Maryanne Modica	Melanie Ransome
Irene Morello	Sara Visona	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Maria Page	Bill Dolence
	Juliet Cresp			Lyn Welsh	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	Youth Group	M Guthrie	M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Youth Group
All welcome	K Mafi	J Ljubic	All welcome	N Armsden	K Mafi
		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	Joy Morvell		Jim O'Donnell	
READERS			READERS		
Gary Huxtable	Luke Guthrie	Tony Finn	Mary Jackson	Philip Opie	Bill Dolence
COUNTING TEAM 4			COUNTING TEAM 5		
KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			JIM FARRELLY 5021 5646		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Volunteer Please	Marita Jenson		Pat Riordan	Denise Knight	