



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

**Easter Sunday / Year C -
26th & 27th March 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

Stations of the Cross: Monday 5:00pm followed by Rosary

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

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Iolanda Circosta

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 7.30pm: Harold Leslie Green

Sunday 10am: Larry Cavallo Giuseppe Maoirana

Tuesday 7pm: Stephen Zvonar

Thursday 9.30am: Helen Campbell

(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.

Lourdes Stanislaus (Fr Neville's mother) 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, Judy Hunt

GOSPEL REFLECTION



It does not always pay to discount someone's story just because it sounds a bit fantastic. In Luke's resurrection account, that's what the "eleven and all the rest" do with the women's stories of a rolled-back stone, no body, and heavenly interpreters. The notion of resurrection was not in itself extraordinary in a first century Jewish context. The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection, but the idea that God would raise one person from the dead before the time of the general resurrection was quite unthinkable. From the men's perspective, therefore, the women are talking nonsense. Peter decides to go and confirm their testimony for himself, indicating that he suspects there is some truth in what they have to say. Their account checks out and he goes away in amazement (no apology, just amazement).

This gospel and the whole Easter celebration is about "the one who lives". Luke's account leaves no doubt about the death of Jesus: there are witnesses, there is evidence. The same goes for the burial. Now, in the story of the empty tomb, Luke wants to assert that Jesus is alive. The women (Mary of Magdala, Joanna the wife of Chuza, Mary the mother of James and unidentified others) are confronted with the question: "Why are you seeking among the dead the one who lives?" They are then entrusted with the message of resurrection: "He is not here, but has been raised." They are invited to remember the prophetic words of Jesus. They do indeed remember and they return to proclaim the good news. In line with countless prophetic figures before and since, their testimony is rejected, but is nonetheless effective through the telling and retelling of the story.

We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact, and re-tell these originating stories of our tradition, to dramatise and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In the faith inspired liturgical re-telling, all the power and grace of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a commitment to life. For some, it may involve paying more serious attention to the findings of reputable climate change scientists who no doubt feel a bit like the women of the gospel when their work is discounted. For others, it may mean finding ways to redirect some of the two billion dollars that we Australians manage to spend on confectionary every year. There is no end to the challenge.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Felicity & Scarlett Pike, Fynn Chaplin, Jack & Oliver Dolence and Sofia Piscitelli—whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Easter Vigil Saturday: 26th March, 7.30pm
Easter Sunday: 27th March **Mildura:** 8am and 10am
 (No 5pm Mass)



Irymple: 8.30am
Werrimull: 8.30am
Red Cliffs: 10am
Merbein: 10.30am

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates initiated into our community during the Easter Vigil. We continue to pray with, Fiona, Ashlee, Karen, Casey, Mike, & Bunyadi asking God's continued blessing upon them and all who are dear to them. Thank you to our RCIA Team and Sponsors who have supported our candidates throughout their journey.



THANK YOU

A big word of thanks to the children of our Parish Primary Schools for their contribution to our Palm Sunday Mass last weekend.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1404.40
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2756.75
Loose Plate	\$ 711.30
Project Compassion	\$ 983.90

Please collect your Planned Giving receipt for the last six months and a letter of thanks from Fr Michael.

Please note that the Receipting period is from **30 August 2015 to 21 February 2016**, if you find any discrepancies with your Receipt please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

alleluia!
 Christ has Risen!

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Copies are now available for you to take home. Great reading. Mercy in relationships—Love and Forgiveness, hand in hand. A year of Mercy in the Catholic Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Don't forget to bring in your Envelopes to the Parish



MISSION BOOKLETS

Copies of "The Parish Mission" booklet, from Fr Ray Sanchez, are now available. Please collect your booklet from the Parish Office.

CATECHISM CLASSES

The Sisters of Charity—Dareton will host Catechism Classes in the Hillman Room every Saturday from 10.30am—11.30am. Scripture Classes for children aged 3-8.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy you are INVITED to join the Social Justice Group to discuss, discern and act on *the urgent cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*.

Four Group Meetings will be held between April and November. Join our next meeting to be held in the Monaghan Centre Wednesday 12 April 7:00pm.

The Reflection Process is supported and led by the Mercy International Association, through the network of Sisters of Mercy and those associated with them in Australia and Papua New Guinea and across the world.

Sacred Heart Youth
RAFFLE
 Enter for your chance to
Win 1 of 3 Great Prizes

1. \$1000 Travel Voucher with Hello World
2. Samsung Tablet
3. Shopping Voucher worth \$150

Tickets: \$2 or 3 for \$5
 Selling from Easter Sunday to the 24th of April

Funds will support Youth Members attending World Youth Day in Poland



Good Friday is heavy and intimidating, full of soldiers in barracks or escorting prisoners, of high officials passing judgment, of horrid sights and sounds of a man being flogged and hammered to a cross, and of dark experiences of betrayal and abandonment. It ends in darkness come early. There is no escape from Good Friday — it is everybody's public and personal nightmare.

Easter Sunday is as light as a feather, full of sunlight, rumours arising, angel messages, an immovable stone gently moved, a presence barely noticed, a welcome guest wafting through locked doors, a familiar figure on the beach, a movement of air that lifts despair. Easter Sunday is not for nailing down. The joy, energy and hope it brings blow where they will. Although Easter Sunday is so different from Good Friday, it does not cancel it out. The two days are wired together.

Easter Sunday does not flinch from the public brutality and corruption of Good Friday, and the ripping apart of a man's hopes, promises, friendships and self-respect. All these things took place and are written in stone. But that is not all that is to be said. Something waits, light as air, which whips and hammers cannot smash, nor can betrayal and hatred crush. Even in the smashing and unravelling, God is present, turning chains to dust and desperation to hope. On Easter Day the darkness of Good Friday is made translucent and life-bearing. Deadly earnestness yields to laughter. For those who believe in the Christ of the Easter story, Easter Sunday remains elusive, and happily so. They cannot prove that Christ is risen, but may smell Resurrection in the air. They may live with death, abandonment and betrayal, feeling the darkness, but trust over the horizon in a dawning they can't see. The challenge with which the Easter story deals faces us all, whatever we believe. We have to live through it with the resources that we have to hand. But the disposition commended in the Easter story is a blessing for anyone wanting to be constant in the face of personal loss and public regression. It consists in recognising our world for what it is, finding a hope that goes beyond the clear evidence of what seems possible, and so responding with good spirit to whatever comes.

Elusive Easter's challenge to wider society
Andrew Hamilton 23 March 2016 One of the abiding human challenges is to endure with gallantry prolonged hard times. It is enshrined in Australian memories of long years of drought that drive some off the land while others stay. More jocularly, it is reflected in the mixed pity and admiration accorded supporters who never give up on their unfailingly failing football team. But the challenge is also felt in everyday, domestic experience. For year after year, for example, a man may spend his days caring for a wife with dementia long after she has ceased to recognise him.

To many the challenge to endurance comes from a public world in which small gains by humanity are overtaken by huge losses. How can we keep pressing for better times when we rejoice that the Berlin Wall has been excised, only to see it metastasise in the walls of Israel, Europe and the United States? Why bother about people who seek protection from persecution or about our natural environment when the small initiatives we take are overrun by a flood tide of brutality and cynicism? What hope of building harmony in society when the Paris bombings are followed by those of Brussels?

There are many ways of responding to this challenge. We may simply get on with things, without worrying about any larger meaning or lack of it. We may instead give up on our hopes and commitments, acknowledging that it is all too hard. We may also deny the intractability of the situation in which we find ourselves, sunnily optimistic that all will be well. Or we can live like Cassandra, daily prophesying doom from the sidelines.

Because this challenge is universal, the Christian celebration of Easter is of wider interest. At its heart it is a meditation on personal and political catastrophe that seems final and ineluctable, and on how such things are to be approached. The key to the Easter story lies in the relationship between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



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

26th & 27th March, 2016			2nd & 3rd April, 2016		
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS			NEXT WEEK'S READINGS		
First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 Resp Psalm: Ps 117 Response: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 Gospel: Jn 20:1-9			First Reading: Acts 5:12-16 Resp Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1 Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. Second Reading: Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19 Gospel: Jn 20:19-31		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
7.30PM	8AM	10AM	6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Vittorio Carlucci	Chris Slattery	Elina Garreffa	Margaret McDonald	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Danielle Mazzini
Clem Carlucci	Mary Gobbo	Clem Carlucci	Anita Naray	Maria Scopacasa	Nisa Abraham
Ross Tongue	Ellen Frauenfelder	Vittorio Carlucci	Leo Kearney	Susan Lewis	Greg Johnston
Morris Henderson		Bobby Castillo	Margaret Sheahan	Minda Wright	Sandra Walker
Mary Gobbo			Linda Henderson	Johanna Bagacay	Mario Zema
Mary Grivec			Irene Morello	Rose Op't Hoog	Josie Zema
				Rini Op't Hoog	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	N Armsden	Youth Group	M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Youth Group
All leaders welcome		K Mafi	All welcome	N Armsden	Leader
					K Mafi
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required
Antonio Mafi	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer
Holani Fatai					
OFFERTORY PROCESSION			OFFERTORY PROCESSION		
2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
RCIA		Baptism		Cathy McErvale	
				Paul McErvale	
READERS			READERS		
M Jackson	Ross Tongue	Bill Dolence	Jen Ditchfield	Ross Tongue	Bernadette Chaplin
COUNTING TEAM 2			COUNTING TEAM 3		
JOE DEJONG 5023 7802			PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Mary Hoy	Marita Jenson		Grace McCracken	Ray Barbary	