



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull**

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

## 2nd Sunday of Easter / Year C - 2nd & 3rd April 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:** Giuseppe Loccisano,  
Carmela Simmonetta, Terry Rowe

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paolo & Rosa Panuccio

**Saturday 6pm:** Anna Ietto (30 day remembrance mass)

Antonio Ietto, George Matulic (remembrance birthday)

**Sunday 9am:** George Farmer

*(Only members of the deceased's immediate family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)*



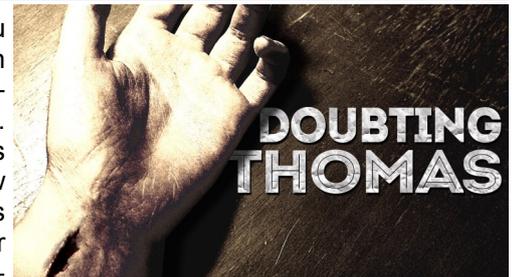
### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

*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, Sid Robinson, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Judy Hunt

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Some of you may remember when we spoke of the Sundays "after Easter". The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays "of Easter". In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.



The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit.

The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves, and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in our pursuit of justice and peace. It also invites us to ponder the consequences of forgiving on the one hand and of not forgiving on the other. To forgive another is to release that person from the burden of guilt and shame. Forgiveness opens up the possibility of healing for all concerned. To refuse forgiveness or to "retain" the sins of another is to leave that person unforgiven and so unhealed. We might also consider the consequences of refusing to open ourselves to forgiveness. More often than not, those who refuse to forgive others have failed to forgive themselves for their own failures.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that those who hear from the outset are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled their fears. Even those who do believe and trust may need a bit of time to take the gospel message on board.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

Could all musicians and leaders please collect their new music roster from the cupboard near the organ.

*Marion Guthrie*



### A WONDERFUL EASTER

It was so pleasing to see the numbers at our ceremonies and Masses over the Easter Weekend. Lots of families, people returning home, and a number of visitors. I sincerely thank all those involved with planning, as well as those who assisted in the actual celebrations themselves. The comments from visitors were full of praise! We have much to be grateful for. I also thank the "Parks & Gardens Committee" for having the Church grounds in such a wonderful state for this special weekend.

*Fr. Michael*

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$3039.30</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$4434.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$1770.50</b>
<b>Project Compassion</b>	<b>\$ 743.80</b>
<b>Holy Land</b>	<b>\$ 978.45</b>
<b>Easter Offering</b>	<b>\$1010.00</b>

### STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (Planned Giving)

We are drawing close to the midway mark of our current Stewardship Program, and as my letter accompanying the receipts recently made available to those who are participating stated, we are inviting people to recommit for the duration of the Program. I am extremely grateful to all those who continue to generously support the ongoing life and development of our Parish, and invite newcomers to consider committing themselves as well.

Next Sunday at each of the Masses there will be a short presentation regarding our current situation, as well as an indication of our plans over the next couple of years. The following Sunday, everyone will be invited to fill out their pledge card once again as we recommit to the next 18 months of giving. Once again, I thank you all.

*Fr. Michael*

**MASS TUESDAY  
PLEASE NOTE NO 7PM MASS.  
ANOINTING MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED  
AT REGIS TENTH ST 2PM.  
ALL WELCOME**

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 5th April 9am in the Parish Office meeting room.

### REGIS TENTH ST AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 5th April 2pm. All welcome.

### ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 7th April at 9.30am. All welcome.

### WALNUT AVE BCC

Next BCC meeting to be held on Sunday April 10th in the Monaghan Centre. BYO food to share and own drinks. Everyone very welcome.

### 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS-MERBEIN

On Sunday, April 10th the Merbein Catholic Parish is celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; the foundation stone was laid on April, 8<sup>th</sup> 1956.

We are having a special Mass of thanksgiving, at 10.30.a.m. to remember the Parishioners of that time who planned and funded the Church building. Following the Mass there will be a Parish Lunch in the School Multi-purpose Building. Past members of the Parish, and friends of Parishioners are invited to join us in this celebration.

*The Merbein Parish Pastoral Council*

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—ONE HOUR ADORATION

Buronga Church from 3pm to 4pm. Please arrive 2.55pm. Opening hymn 3.00pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament followed by hymn

Divine Mercy Chaplet said by congregation—10 mins silence.

3.30pm Hymn—Rosary of Our Lady

3.50pm Benediction—Closing Lymn 'Our Lady's Song'.

All parishioners are invited to celebrate Holy Hour of Great Mercy.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

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

### MISSION BOOKLETS

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

## 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.

## SYSTEM MUST WORK FOR VICTIMS, NOT AGAINST THEM

Fatima Measham 31 March 2016



### **The royal commission report into family violence, handed to the Victorian parliament on 29 March after more than a year of hearings, constitutes many things to different people.**

For victims and survivors, it likely comes as catharsis. For too long, their experience of abuse had been dismissed as conflict between intimate or former partners, or between family members, not a subject for police attention or public policy. The report is a definitive correction of the persistent view that violence in the home is a private matter.

For activists and advocates, it is vindication. Overwhelming demand across services for women and children in need of protection, as well as family violence-related fatalities, indicate significant system failures. The comprehensive character of the royal commission report is thus received as overdue.

For politicians, the report is a formidable test. Family violence victims come into contact at multiple points across different departments. This means that an overhaul requires a serious outlay of secure funding.

The required investments are wide-ranging, from physical infrastructure to information sharing models, tech-related upgrades, localised response hubs, additional personnel and professional training, governance structures, and research and formal review. This isn't a new menu — it is a full kitchen rebuild.

The royal commission also suggests the development of guidelines for removing barriers to seeking and receiving support in other spaces. Things like: adding family violence to eligibility criteria for private subsidies or hardship programs; customer service training around recognising economic abuse; routine assessments for family violence risk at antenatal settings or mental health services; and managing liabilities (debt, rent, infringement fines) in favour of victims rather than their abusers.

The imperative is to fix the cracks through which victims often fall. For diverse communities, workplaces, utility providers, banks, landlords and healthcare providers, this is a wake-up call. Being able to identify family violence situations and responsibly handle them can no longer be passed on as 'none of our business'. Everyone is implicated.

For institutions such as the police force, courts and corrections system, the report must be nothing less than a turning point. The recommendations reveal gaps — such as the way case files are built and shared across agencies, the efficacy of intervention orders and safety plans, and capacity levels at magistrates' and children's courts.

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While cultivating gender equality and respectful relationships runs parallel to structural reform, the degree to which family violence is curbed may well hinge on such institutions. Victims and survivors deserve a system that works for them, not against them.

As long as processes for ensuring their protection and recovery are burdensome and demoralising — rather than liberating — then the system remains broken. Secondly, protective measures (orders, injunctions, sentences, mandatory programs) must bear strength as deterrents. Perpetrators thrive on impunity. Impunity is built on uncertainty of punishment, cultures of silence, victim-blaming and perceived collusion with figures of authority. It also assumes that there are no alternatives to abusive or violent behaviour.

Dismantling this is central to violence prevention and ensuring the safety of women and children in the home. The royal commission addresses this goal across 227 recommendations. But the report is the map, not the road. Political will, as with other royal commissions, will determine the extent to which this inquiry has been worthwhile.

**Fatima Measham is a Eureka Street consulting editor.**

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**RAFFLE**  
Enter for your chance to  
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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

*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

2nd & 3rd April, 2016			9th & 10th April, 2016		
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS			NEXT WEEK'S READINGS		
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			First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Resp Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2 Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Second Reading: Apoc 5:11-14 Gospel: Jn 21:1-19		
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	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Danielle Mazzini	Katy Quinlan	Cora Howell	Trish Cirillo
Anita Naray	Maria Scopacasa	Nisa Abraham	Taiana Fatai	Narie Lewis	Jeena Jose
Leo Kearney	Susan Lewis	Greg Johnston	Trish McNamara	Renata Byra	Joyce Ribarits
Margaret Sheahan	Minda Wright	Sandra Walker	Morris Henderson	Sonia Opie	Clem Carlucci
Linda Henderson	Johanna Bagacay	Mario Zema	Ellen Frauenfelder	Philip Opie	Vittorio Carlucci
Irene Morello	Rose Op't Hoog	Josie Zema	Volunteer please	Catherine McErvale	Christine Slattery
	Rini Op't Hoog			Elvira Mazza	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Youth Group	Filipino Group	Sacred Heart Group	M Hammond
All welcome	N Armsden	Leader	N Armsden	Leader	J Ljubic
		K Mafi		M Faingaanuku	J Macri
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
	Cathy McErvale			Baptism	
	Paul McErvale				
READERS			READERS		
Jen Ditchfield	Ross Tongue	Bernadette Chaplin	Gary Huxtable	Narie Lewis	Sue Hermans
COUNTING TEAM 3			COUNTING TEAM 4		
PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531			KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Grace McCracken	Ray Barbary		Margaret Hill	Ken Knight	