



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull**

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

**1st Sunday of Advent / Year A -  
26th & 27th November 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

**Rosary:** Monday 5:00pm

**Prayer of the Church:** Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am

**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:** Noemi Hicks (Bundaberg), Dafydd Leonard Cockram

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Colin Robert Jamieson, Jim Augustine  
**Saturday 6pm:** Frank Cirillo and all deceased members of the Cirillo family, Cosimo & Pasqualina Dichiera, Alessandro & Caterina Piscioneri

**Sunday 9am:** Sergio Malcotti, Michele, Maria & Joe Surace

**Sunday 5pm:** George Ribarits, Giuseppe Ficarra, Annunziata Demaria

**Tuesday 7pm:** Joe Dimasi (one month Mass)

**Thursday 9.30am:** Rocco Mammone

*(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. Names will be included for the duration of one month after which family or friends can request more time.*

Moataane Vatuvei, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, 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, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio,

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Where is the Life we have lost in living?" asks the Chorus in T. S. Eliot's *The Rock*. The Jesus of Matthew's gospel is implicitly asking much the same question as Eliot's Chorus. He is making much the same observation as Henry David Thoreau, "Most [people] lead lives of quiet desperation and



go to the grave with the song still in them." We are invited to find Life in our living and to sing the songs that are in us. We are to be agents of our own future rather than unthinking participants in the inevitable round of daily activities that have preoccupied humans from time immemorial.

As we begin a new liturgical year, Matthew's Jesus invites us to contemplate the ultimate realities even as we attend to the demands of the present. He tells us to be "awake", to be "ready" all the time, not because death or the end of the world are around the corner, but because we need to recognise the multiple "advents" or arrivals of the Christ, the Human One, who calls us beyond self-absorption to Life. He reminds us that we are no different from our forebears who from earliest days have gone about their daily business without being sufficiently attentive to what really matters.

In our times, we have allowed thieves to break in and plunder our planet, our common home, because thieves come in guises that we fail to recognise. They so often look just like us and do the things we do. It may be that we must first be attentive to our own ways of plundering the house that is home to all of God's creatures.

We spend much of our time looking back. That has its place, since our history informs our present and helps us in shaping our future, though all the while we know with Auden that '[t]he past is foreign country: they do things differently there'. Advent invites us to look forward rather than back and to dream gospel-inspired dreams that will enable creative change in our own lives and in the life of our planet. It invites us to be awake, to be ready for any eventuality.

Dreams and visions have always been the precursors to effective and life-giving change. We need the grace to see visions and to dream dreams that make for justice and peace and that permit us to walk more freely in the light of God's ways. We seek the grace to "see" God's word as did the prophet Isaiah in the first reading (Isa 2:1-5). We need to put our energy into creating life-generating systems that enable us to move forward in the paths of gospel compassion and love.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Liam Creece, Jack Clohesy, Levani Panuccio, Pietro Rizzica, Dustin Gray & Ava Southwell whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Michael Smith & Sarah Campisi who were married this weekend.



### RITE OF WELCOME

This weekend we warmly welcome into the Catechumenate seven people with whom we will journey as they prepare for full initiation into our Catholic Community next Easter. We congratulate Robert Chiswell, Danni-Sue Jones, Bianca Kirk, Chelsey Morello, Sally Nancarrow, Aleisha O'Brien and Rebecca Siale and pray that they may continue to grow in the knowledge of Christ, and be strengthened in their faith.



### RCIA—The Bible

Will be held on Thursday 1st December, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

### FIRST EUCHARIST 2017

All information pertaining to preparation for the reception of First Eucharist in 2017 is now available at the Parish Office. Parents of our children in Catholic Schools will receive information from School during the coming weeks also.



### DATES:

**RECONCILIATION** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
**FIRST EUCHARIST** Weekend 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June

*Please make a note of these dates now.*

### COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 6:30pm

Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's Peace at Christmas by acknowledging our need for healing and forgiveness.



### COUNTING TEAMS ROSTERS

For those who haven't received their rosters by email, please collect your Roster from the back of the Church.

### MUSICIAN & LITURGY MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 30th November 4pm, at the Parish Office to arrange Christmas Liturgy's and any other issues you wish to discuss. Musicians please attend this meeting.

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1116.10</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$3043.50</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 428.40</b>

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Passionist Family Groups final get together for the year will be on Sunday lunch at Irymple Hotel on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring a Kris Kringle to exchange. Intensions to Jean 50237561 or Denise 50211918.

### ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 1st December at 9.30am. All welcome.

### THE GIVING TREE

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St Vincent de Paul Society will appreciate toys being left at the Giving Tree at the back of the Church for children up to 12 years to the value of \$10.00. Sunday 11th December will be the final date for this appeal. Many thanks.



### 2016 National Church Life Survey

Due to the fact that material has only arrived this week, we will now conduct our **Church Life Survey** on the weekend of the **10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of December**. During these weekend masses, participants will be asked to fill out the survey.

To facilitate this process, there will be no homily during these masses!



### MAKING A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in the Monaghan Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura, from Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> until Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. On display there will be in excess of 300 nativities from over 40 countries. Opening hours are Thursday 12noon – 4.00pm; Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm; Saturday 10.00am – 8.00pm and Sunday 9.00am – 7.00pm.

The organizing committee would like to hear from anyone who is willing to loan a nativity scene for display. The display will be secure at all times. In particular cribs from other cultures, previous eras or which 'have a story' would be most welcome. If you are able to assist please leave your name at Sacred Heart Parish Office (50212872) or contact Vin Dillon (50409175273)



## REDRESS SCHEME FOR ABUSE VICTIMS IS A GOOD START

The announcement by the Turnbull government that it will establish and run a national redress scheme for the survivors of institutional child sexual abuse is a great decision that has the potential to be one of the most significant social policy reforms in recent history.

The announcement has the potential to benefit tens of thousands of people now and into the future who have suffered the most damaging and tragic abuse — institutional child sexual abuse.

The estimates are jaw dropping, more than 60,000 children abused in hundreds of different institutions across Australia for many decades into the past. But the new scheme will only be truly effective if all institutions and all governments accept their responsibilities and commit to participating.

The Catholic Church has a lot to answer for. For decades up to the 1990s and in some cases beyond, it systematically covered up child sex abuse by members of our clergy. It consistently put the interests of the church as an institution ahead of the welfare and safety of children.

Their suffering has been compounded and for many, their lives shattered. This did not just happen in the Catholic Church. We now know, thanks to the Royal Commission, that it was tragically commonplace across many other churches, schools, government institutions, sporting and cultural institutions.

Now the federal government will provide a redress platform that all organisations which were responsible for the appalling abuse can use and, in a way, acknowledge and make some amends for the past. But this will require one last great push from the federal government and continuing pressure from the community to ensure, regardless of where or when someone was abused, they will be able to seek justice through the scheme.

With all institutions taking part, this scheme will succeed and it will deliver fair, consistent and generous redress for survivors. If some institutions don't take part it will be yet another blow to abuse survivors, with some reaping the scheme's benefits while others are left to suffer further defeats and humiliations.

A case in point is the South Australian government. Before the ink was dry on the announcement, the South Australian government had already indicated it would not take part. This is appalling, whatever the justification. If SA Premier, Jay Weatherill, is so convinced his state has fairly and comprehensively responded to adults abused as children in that state's schools and other government-run facilities then well done. But if, as is more likely the case, there are hundreds of survivors of abuse in SA government-run institutions who have received inadequate or no compensation, then he should be ashamed for so readily dismissing this proposal. He, his attorney general and other senior government ministers, need to put their principles and convictions before the advice of their bureaucrats and bean counters and become part of the scheme. It is now vitally important that all institutions in which abuse occurred, as well as all the state and territory governments, get on board. This is by far the best chance we, as a community, and particularly the institutions responsible for the abuse will have to do the right thing to give abuse survivors the financial support they need to have a crack at a half decent life.

*Francis Sullivan is CEO of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council.*

## NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Thursday we launched our renewed approach to reading with a **Read and Relax Day**. Activities during the day will celebrate the pleasures of reading and strongly promote the development of daily reading habits. On Friday we will have our yearly **Prep & Year 6 Buddy Mass** to celebrate and reflect on their year together and pray for the future. Last Monday we had approximately 100 school staff from Catholic Schools join us from across North-West Victoria at SHPS to be part of the presentation by international **Educational Expert, Mr Tom Hierck**.

Today we welcomed Mr Colin Sloper to SHPS. Colin is a PLC Consultant with Hawker-Brownlow and he has spent the day conducting a **PLC Review & Development Process**.

A reminder that next **SHPS SAC** meeting will be on the evening of Tuesday December 6th at 6.00pm as will the next **SHPS P&F** meeting.

Enjoy your week... Regards, *Des Lowry, Principal*

### ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Monday a number of staff attended a professional learning day at Sacred Heart Primary. The day was facilitated by Mr Tom Hierck, a leading expert in Professional Learning Communities. Tom's presentation throughout the day challenged us to think about how we can be the best we can be in order to inspire our children to be the best they can be. It allowed us to reflect on our vision and mission as a Catholic school community and put in place strategies to help us continue our journey forward.

I was asked earlier in the year if there was something in the water at St Paul's. I was beginning to wonder that myself. Things were beginning to settle down and then it happened again. I was presented with the wonderful news that Jess and Jack Freeman are expecting a new addition to the family. Oliver was very excited to share the news with me during the week. Another staff baby on the way next year. We were notified earlier this term that we were successful in again receiving funding for a Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) in 2017 and 2018 through the National Schools Chaplaincy Program. We have employed Felicity Rix who will work full time between ourselves and St Joseph's Primary School, Red Cliffs. Keep the faith,

*Vince Muscatello, Principal*

## ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWS

St Joseph's College congratulates the Year 12 students who graduated from the College on Thursday November 24. We celebrated our Graduation Mass at the Mercy Campus stadium in the morning where approximately 1300 staff, students and family members gathered with Frs Damian and Michael to give thanks for the 2016 College year and to offer our blessings on the Year 12 students completing their studies with us.

That evening staff, students and families gathered to share a meal and to officially present our students as graduates of the College. This was a wonderful time to acknowledge the support of family in the education process as partners with the College over the past six years. Next Wednesday, November 30 at 7.30pm we have Carols on Cleadon where traditional Christmas carols will be sung by students on the grassed area of the College facing 11<sup>th</sup> Street next to the Church and presbytery. All parishioners are welcome to attend and join in the pre-Christmas celebrations.

**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 November, 2016

3rd & 4th December, 2016

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Isa 2:1-5**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1**  
**Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord**  
**Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14**  
**Gospel: Mt 24:37-44**

**First Reading: 1sa 11:1-10**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v. 7**  
**Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
**Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9**  
**Gospel: Mt 3:1-12**

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

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**SATURDAY**

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**6PM**

**9AM**

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6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

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Ellen Frauenfelder

Anna Vartuli

Jacinta Macri

Taiana Fatai

Elena Garreffa

Tony Finn

Jacinda Deacon

Nada Zudetich

Petelo Mafi

Margaret McDonald

Maryanne Modica

Melanie Ransome

Katy Quinlan

Sara Visona

Paula Cox

Trish McNamara

Maria Page

Bill Dolence

Margaret Sheahan

Juliet Cresp

Jennifer Boord

Morris Henderson

Lyn Welsh

Jacqui Willis

Irene Morello

Robert Tindall

Reni Cheriyan

Anita Naray

Loretta Thompson

Barbara Bunting

Anne-Maree Greville

Louise Belej

Wendy Finn

Maria Cirillo

Giuseppe Scopacasa

Katrina Groves

Nancy Leonardis

Maria Scopacasa

**MUSIC**

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M Guthrie

Youth Group

Sacred Heart Group

Singing Group

Italian Group

Youth Group

All welcome

K Mafi

Leader

M Sullivan

N Armsden

K Mafi

M Gainga’anuku

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

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2 Volunteers required

Baptism

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Colin & Lyn Welsh

**READERS**

**READERS**

Irene Morello

Jill Joslyn

Bernadette Chaplin

Rosemary Barnes

Nicholas Mataele

Sue Hermans

**COUNTING TEAM 7**

**COUNTING TEAM 8**

**BRIAN BLEESER 5021 1828**

**TREVOR AUST 5023 6597**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

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**READER**

**EUCCHARIST MINISTER**

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M Hoy

W Schmidt

G Schmidt

R Barbary