



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A
21st & 22nd January 2017

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

Tues: 7:00 pm

Wed: 9:10 am

Thurs: 9:30 am

Fri: 5:40 pm

Sat: 9:30 am

*If there is a Funeral Mass on
Wednesday or Thursday
the advertised Mass will be
cancelled.*



Weekly Prayer Opportunities

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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am — 10:30am

RECENT DEATHS:

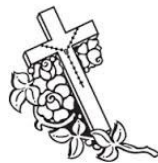
ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Nada Wolczek

Sunday 9am: Giovanni Iamarino

Sunday 5pm: Cath Byrne

Tuesday 7pm: Mario Panetta (one year anniversary)



Only immediate members of the deceased's 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.

Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, 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 Madden-Andrews, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Most of the gospel readings this year will be from the gospel of Matthew. As with any story, it is probably best to read it from beginning to end over a few days, attending to all the elements in the story. Elaine Wainwright's new eco-rhetorical commentary on Matthew's gospel invites us to read with attention to habitat as well as to the human and the holy. The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama with all its elements. We need to realise that what we bring to the text will inform our reading

of the text. What we notice will depend on our own social and cultural contexts and on our capacity to bring our particular interpretive stance into dialogue with the worlds that inhabit the text. While the main character in the story is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups, including other-than-human characters.

In the passage selected for today, the Matthean Jesus makes his appearance as a great light that has arisen in Galilee of the Gentiles. He is light for a people who have lived in darkness and the shadow of death and oppression. In the context of Roman imperial rule, Jesus offers hope of an alternative reign. We might focus on the gift of light. Without an appreciation of light itself we cannot really understand this image.

Jesus invites his hearers to expand their horizons, to "repent" for the empire or kingdom "of the heavens" has come near. He then calls four fishermen to follow him, to join him on his mission of proclaiming the empire or reign "of the heavens". The verb "to follow" is an invitation to live out in their lives/our lives the pattern of Jesus' life. They "immediately" leave their boat and their father and follow him. Later in the story we find they still have their boat, an indication that, at some levels, the story is to be read symbolically. At times we need to distance ourselves from family expectations for the sake of the gospel. At times we have to decentre our material possessions even while we affirm the goodness of their materiality and their significance for the work of the mission.

One might get the impression that the alternative community that Jesus forms around him is all male. This impression is dispelled a few verses later when we learn that "great crowds followed him" (4:25). In Matthew 18, there is specific mention of children and, towards the end of the gospel, we find that women have "followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him" (27:55). There is a far more extended group around Jesus than today's reading might suggest. Women, men, and children, we are all invited to turn our lives around and to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life.

Veronica Lawson rsm

Hospital Visitation with Communion

Father Michael is seeking volunteers to provide communion to patients at the Base hospital on a Sunday morning after the 9am Mass.



An adequate amount of volunteers would ensure a monthly roster necessitating a commitment of one weekend per month.

Please contact the Parish Office after this weekend of January 21st & 22nd 2017

Sacred Heart Parish Mission

WITH

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

Sunday March 12th 2017

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Friday March 17th 2017



The Family & How We Communicate
Grief, Loss & the Mystery of Human Suffering
Sharing Our Faith with Our Children
Prayer, Solitude & Everyday Spirituality
Reconciliation & Eucharist

RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

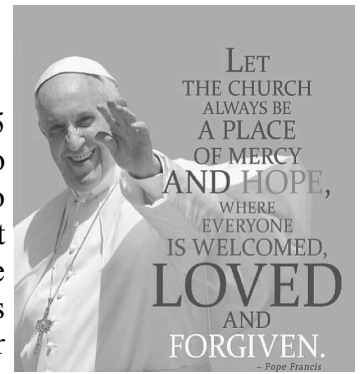
All information is available from the Parish Office
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
and enrolment of children Wednesday 22nd February at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church

PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1209.80
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1763.50
Loose Plate	\$ 481.65

FRANCISCO – The man behind the Pope

The Parish has purchased 25 tickets on line for those who are not able to do so themselves. If you are not able to go on line, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register your name with Carmel.



The film will be shown at the **Deakin Cinema on Wednesday February 15th at 6.30pm**. There will be one showing only. Tickets must be bought online and the site to purchase tickets is listed below.

For the film to go ahead we need to sell at least 52 tickets in the next 10 days, so if you would like to see this film book your tickets as soon as possible so that we don't lose this opportunity. Once we have sold 52 tickets we will be assured of the showing and can work on selling as many tickets as possible.

Please pass this information on to your friends so that we can achieve our goal of screening the movie.

The cost of the ticket is \$20 plus \$1.65 booking fee for each ticket. *If we do not reach our goal, your purchase will not go ahead, so do not be concerned about losing your money.* Please book on the site below:

<https://tickets.demand.film/event/1407>

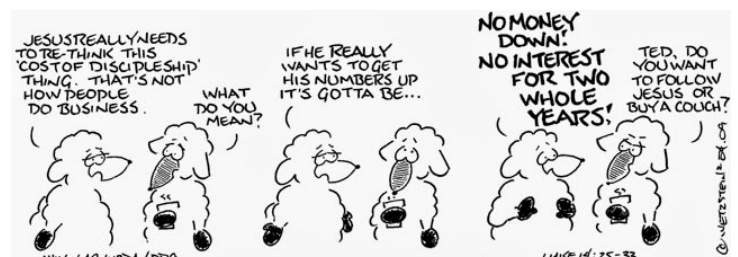


WELCOME

FR. JAMES KERR

Our Parish extends a warm welcome to Fr. James as he begins his ministry among us this weekend. Fr. James has come from

St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat where he has worked for the past three years. We look forward to his time with us, and pray that his ministry may be richly blessed.



Obama's shining light in sombre times

Andrew Hamilton 17 January 2017

In an otherwise sombre start to the year Barack Obama's final speech has been a shining light. He celebrated what he saw as the successes of his administration without sneering at his political opponents. He spoke graciously and decently, and evoked hope for the future.

He also described in broad terms the current discontents of the United States and how they might be addressed. He acknowledged the growing inequality of wealth and the burdens that are disproportionately carried by those least able to do so. He also recognised that, if left unchecked, rising inequality and impoverishment will spread as technological change both increases wealth and leaves more people unemployed or underemployed.

In his speech Obama's main concern was the threat that these trends pose to democracy. They arouse widespread anger and polarisation, leading different groups in society to regard one another as enemies and to refuse to engage civilly with one another.

This in turn leads to isolation: people surround themselves with others who share their opinions, shut out the voices of those who differ from them, and assume that their opponents are in bad faith. Their political action is then directed solely at addressing the interests and perceived injustices suffered by their group, with no vision of a broader good within which their interests might be negotiated and accommodated.

This fragmentation of the reaction against the injustices of economic globalisation ensures that inequality and the burdens it imposes on impoverished groups will deepen. Governments will remain complicit in maintaining an unjust economic order. They also become more authoritarian and direct the anger at the injustices of globalisation against unfavoured minorities.

Disaffection then grows, leading to further alienation and further protest. In this increasingly pressured society democracy is the loser.

Obama's remedy is to strengthen the underpinnings of democracy through social engagement and a shared commitment to the common good. This requires entering into the shoes of other citizens. He offers graphic examples:

'For native-born Americans, it means reminding ourselves that the stereotypes about immigrants today were said, almost word for word, about the Irish, and Italians, and Poles — who it was said we're going to destroy the fundamental character of America ...

'For blacks and other minority groups, it means tying our own very real struggles for justice to the challenges that a lot of people in this country face — not only the refugee, or the immigrant, or the rural poor, or the transgender American, but also the middle-aged white guy who, from the outside, may seem like he's got advantages, but has seen his world upended by economic and cultural and technological change.'



Obama is right in insisting that empathy is the necessary starting point for reconstructing a broken economic framework. It enables a global perspective from which the good of individuals and groups is set within the flourishing of the whole community, and especially the most disadvantaged.

Globalisation itself needs to be considered from this perspective. Seen rightly, globalisation makes gates in the fences that separate people culturally, economically and religiously so that the wealth and connection that results benefit all groups in each society to flourish. It is about ensuring that the benefits of economic growth are equitably shared, and that the burdens caused by globalisation to any sector of society are relieved by the contributions of the beneficiaries. Trade pacts must build in this mutual responsibility, not lock in individual and corporate profit.

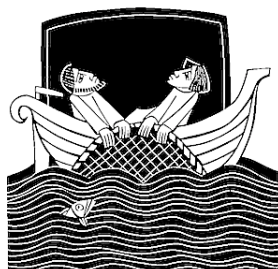
Globalisation, however, is often seen from a purely economic perspective, and so reduced to removing the barriers to trade and financial transactions without accepting any accompanying social obligations. It promotes economic growth in ways that further enrich wealthy nations, corporations and individuals by enabling them to make and retain their wealth at the expense of others. This narrow view is inimical to democracy. It inevitably fosters narrow self-interest and closes down empathy.

Obama's call for empathy and conversation in public life is attractive but runs against strong currents today. Much mainstream media is partisan in its support of the existing economic order from which its proprietors benefit, and intolerant of other voices. Social media is dominated by barracking for sectional interests and offers little space for conversation.

In this world small magazines like *Eureka Street* have a small but important role. They provide a voice for groups suffering discrimination on economic, ethnic, political, religious, gender and other grounds, and they can bring those voices into a broader conversation on the large issues that affect all groups in society. That conversation may have little immediate effect but it does keep alive the hope that animated Obama's speech.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of *Eureka Street*.

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

21st & 22nd January 2017

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Resp Psalm: Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14
Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Margaret Sheahan	Maryanne Modica	Myrna Rodi
Irene Morello	Lyn Welsh	Maree Irvin
Anne-Maree Greville	Loretta Thompson	Sue Hermans
Taiana Fatai	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Danielle Mazzini
Margaret McDonald	Maria Scopacasa	Greg Johnston
Trish McNamara	Susan Lewis	Volunteer
	Volunteer	

MUSIC

Sacred Heart Group	Youth Group	NO MUSIC
Leader	K Mafi	
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ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Louise Belej	

READERS

Gary Huxtable	Narie Lewis	Barb Bunting

COUNTING TEAM 5

JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
K Modoo	K Night

28th & 29th January 2017

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13
Resp Psalm: Ps 145: 7-10
Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Morris Henderson	Minda Wright	Naomi Kennedy
Anita Naray	Rose Op’t Hoog	Mario Zema
Maria Cirillo	Rini Op’t Hoog	Josie Zema
Christine Carmichael	Cora Howell	Trish Cirillo
Ellen Frauenfelder	Narie Lewis	Jeena Jose
Jacinda Deacon	Renata Byra	Volunteer
	Kapeli Mapapalangi	

MUSIC

M Guthrie	M Sullivan	NO MUSIC
All Welcome	B Prescott / B Lewis	
	J O’Bryan	

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Baptism	

READERS

Mary Jackson	Kevin Schultz	Tony Finn

COUNTING TEAM 6

JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
W Schmidt	M Jensen