



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

2nd Sunday of Easter / Year A -
22nd & 23rd April 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

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

Tues: 6:00 pm

Wed: 9:15 am

Thurs: 9:15 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

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

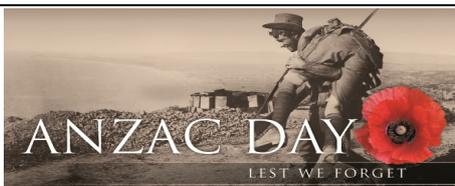
RECENT DEATH: Fr Frank Madden

ANNIVERSARIES: Michele Callipari,

Saturday 6pm: Paul Matulin, John Vincent (Jack) Calnan, Clint Branch

Sunday 5pm: Catherine Schembri

(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.

Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, John Devilee, Fr Denis Dennehy, Hailey Crossan, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Not so long ago we used to speak 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 different movements 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. As supporters of someone executed on a political charge, they had reason to be fearful. 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 the pursuit of justice and peace.

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 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 in the first place 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 the fears. Even those who do believe and trust often need time to take the gospel message on board.

While Christians continue to celebrate Easter, our Jewish sisters and brothers have been marking *Yom HaShoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day (April 27-28). We might join our prayers with theirs for the many who died at the hands of those who allowed their racial fears and prejudices to take unimaginable directions. We might also pray for the courage to challenge all forms of discrimination and shameful brutality in our own times and the strength to open our hearts and our homeland, without fear, to those who seek refuge among us.
Veronica Lawson rsm

MANY THANKS

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support throughout the Easter Ceremonies.

The many visitors to our Community felt extremely welcome and were delighted with the Masses.

Thank you especially to all who helped in any way with the preparation and celebration of our liturgies.

Fr. Michael

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Lucy Bogemann, Sevanna Panuccio, Lilliana Roccisano, Stella Kourdis, Thomas Smith and Nhyla Tickle whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Carlo Medici & Amy Dalla Santa who were married this weekend.

RCIA— Post Baptismal Catechesis -
Mystagogy - Local Community Outreach



Thursday 27th April 7pm in the Hillman Room.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 3rd May, 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church. All parents need to be present.

First Eucharist Dates: Saturday June 17 6pm Mass and Sunday 9am & 5pm Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS

Will be held on Sunday 23rd April, 3pm at St Michael's Buronga. All welcome.



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 26th April, 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.



ANZAC DAY MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 25th April at 6pm. All welcome



RCIA
Newly Baptised
Robert & Cyrus
Easter Vigil

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$3379.00
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2427.00
Project Compassion—to date	\$4270.65
Loose Plate	\$ 3325.55

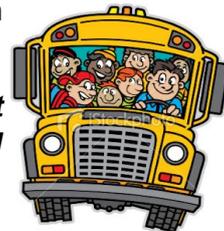
COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Sacred Heart Parish bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th April with Mass starting at 11am followed by a counter lunch at the pub.

NUMBERS NEEDED.

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office to make a booking on 5021 2872.

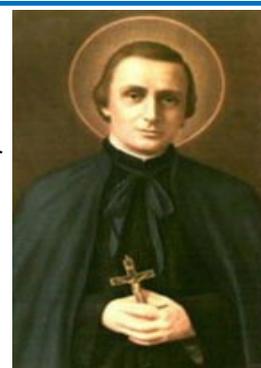


MISSION BOOKLETS

Please collect your booklet from the Parish Office. A donation to cover printing costs would be greatly appreciated.

TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday 30th April at 9am. All are invited to stay on for food, drinks etc from the Monaghan Centre.



FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 7th at 9am. All welcome. Morning tea will be provided after Mass.



Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants). Please contact Anita 0418 537 959 for more information.

SACRED HEART PARISH COMMUNITY GROUPS

We are currently in the process of updating the Sacred Heart Parish records of our current community groups, so if you are a leader of a Parish Community Group it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the Parish Office advising: The name of the group, leaders name, telephone number and email address. It is intended to not only update the Parish records but to also place this information on the Parish website.

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

All are invited to stay for a CUPPA, CONVERSATION and COMMUNITY after the 9am Mass this weekend.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY—RED CLIFFS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 3rd June from 6.30pm at the
Quality Grand Hotel
Entertainment by Adelaide Band
Keep the Change.

3 course meal, drinks at bar prices. Tickets—\$60
each. Please see Carmel at the Parish
Office for tickets or contact Marianna Cavallaro
0419 860 247



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN
YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION
ENVELOPES TO THE PARISH
OFFICE ASAP**



RCIA—EASTER VIGIL

Congratulations to Aleisha, Rebecca, Cyrus, Robert, Chelsey and Danni-Sue who were all fully initiated into our faith community last Saturday. We await the Baptism and Confirmation of Sally Nancarrow which will take place during the Easter season.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back for Term Two. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break celebrating with family and friends. It's always a challenge when Easter falls at the end of the school holidays as many families take the opportunity to go out of the district and usually extend their Easter holiday by a day or two. It's even a greater challenge for parents to get back into the rhythm of work as well. Throughout the week each unit celebrated their own special Easter Liturgy and reflected on the significance of Easter and what it meant to St Paul's school community.

Wednesday we held our school Open day. It's always a pleasure to showcase our facilities and resources to new and prospective families. More importantly they get an opportunity to see our children in action during the day time visits.

Due to the school closure day NEXT Monday 24th April and then Tuesday 25th April being Anzac day, the children will be celebrating Anzac day at next Friday's assembly. Some of our school leaders will be involved in the ANZAC Day service next Tuesday representing St Paul's school community. It has always been a great service to be involved in and our children do such a wonderful job.

Keep the faith,

Vince Muscatello, Principal

THE WONDROUS LIFE AND DEATH OF JAPANESE CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Catherine Marshall Eureka Street

Cherry blossom season in Japan is anticipated all winter long but when it finally arrives it is nothing more than a tease. A flush of pale pink blossoms emerges in flirtatious sprays and hangs around just long enough to evoke such deep longing in their admirers they will memorialise these blooms forever more.

Brides and grooms converge on Japanese gardens to have their wedding pictures taken amid the flush of blossoms, weeks and sometimes months before the actual nuptial date. Families spread tarpaulins beneath the vaporous blooms and set out their picnics, even though the wind is cold and a faint drizzle seeps from the sky.

Japanese visitors stroll beneath the trees, selfie sticks held aloft, their thumb-clicks casting in aspic (or in digital format, at least) that moment when the blossoms hold fast upon the stem for an endless moment, showing no intention whatsoever of ending their brief lives in an earthwards plummet.

Cherry blossom season is glorious. Soul-stirring. Wondrous. Life affirming. For, fragile as they appear to be, the blossoms' emergence is forceful, decisive; there is no stopping it. But they are unpredictable, too, for no imperial order can command them to emerge before they are ready to do so.

When the time is right — not a minute too soon — cherry trees hither and yon will erupt with blossoms clustered in miniature bouquets of the palest pink. Drab city streets will come alive with splashes of pink; featureless lots will tremble with baby blooms; carefully sculpted gardens will blush, on time and as planned, with clouds of frothy, tissue-thin buds.

The cherry blossoms are more than a mere beautifier, and perhaps this is why the Japanese hold them so dear. They signify in swift succession the beginning, the middle and the end. They convey in their pastel petals the brevity of life, the fleeting nature of our days, the urgency — and acceptance — with which we must live our lives.

Cherry blossom season is a kind of new year in Japan, a starting over, a washing clean of the slate and beginning afresh. But these blossoms hold in their very being the promise of death. 'With cherry blossoms, we start things over,' translates my guide, Jasmine, from a haiku. 'And we find beauty not only in the cherry blossoms but also in how they flutter to the ground.'

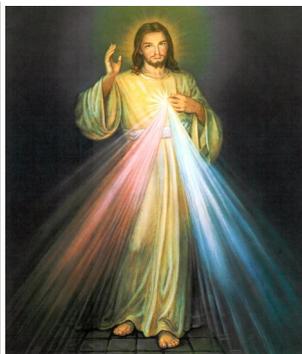
And it's from that fluttering that we can derive the most valuable of lessons: youth and perfection are fleeting; time marches on inexorably, and unless we follow purposefully in its wake it will leave us far behind; and budding is only that: a laying down of the foundations from which much stronger shoots will emerge once our inexperience, our naïveté, is cast off.

There's another, perhaps altogether more important, truth implicit in the blooming of the cherry trees as spring spreads across Japan: there's more to nature — and to life — than cherry blooms. Though they are exalted above all on the Japanese horticultural calendar, and are beloved of foreign visitors desperate to time their travels so as to catch the unfurling blooms, they do not define this landscape. Indeed, they are but a fleeting part of a tableau in which the black pines and red pines stand strong and noble all year long, their needles bending beneath the weight of snow and bouncing upwards again as spring breathes upon them.

They are part of a floral symphony in which irises and wisteria and peonies and azaleas alike will flush the towns and cities with colour, and in which Japanese maples — now just starting to unfurl their fragile, scarlet baby-leaves — will turn yellow and orange and blazing red and will then lose their autumnal coats and become mere skeletons come winter.

Cherry blossoms are the harbinger of spring, to be sure; their petals are pinpricks of light illuminating a winter-darkened landscape. But spring is just the beginning, a birth which could not occur without the sowing of seeds and the nourishing of roots generations earlier. Perhaps, then, the true lesson is this: it is not wise to focus too intently on one attribute, for if we broaden our gaze we will find that in every season of life there is something to celebrate.

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

22nd & 23rd April 2017

29th & 30th April 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Resp Psalm: Ps 11:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:3-9
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Resp Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v. 11
Response: Lord, you will show us the path of life.
Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:17-21
Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anita Naray	Lyn Welsh	Vittorio Carlucci
Maria Cirillo	Loretta Thompson	Christine Slattery
Christine Carmichael	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Jacinta Macri
Ellen Frauenfelder	Maria Scopacasa	Petelo Mafi
Jacinda Deacon	Susan lewis	Paula Cox
Katy Quinlan	Minda Wright	Jennifer Boord
	Rose Op’t Hoog	

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6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Rini Op’t Hoog	Reni Cheriyan
Taiana Fatai	Cora Howell	Wendy Finn
Margaret McDonald	Narie Lewis	Tony Finn
Trish McNamara	Renata Byra	Melanie Ransome
Volunteer Please	Kapelli Mapapalangi	Bill Dolence
Volunteer Please	Sonia Opie	Jacqui Willis
	Philip Opie	

MUSIC

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M Guthrie	Youth Group	M Sullivan
All welcome	K Mafi	J Macri
		J Ljubic

Singing Group	St Peter Chanel	NO MUSIC
M Sullivan	Tongan Community	
	M Guthrie	

ALTAR SERVERS

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Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	Baptism	

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Tongan Community	

READERS

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Rosemary Barnes	Nicholas Mataele	Peter Hammond

Tricia McNamara	Tongan Community	Rosemarie Zalec

COUNTING TEAM 8

COUNTING TEAM 9

TREVOR AUST 5023 6597

GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM

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READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
D Knight	R Barbary

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
M Hoy	K Knight