



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
26th & 27th August 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: Kevin Coogan
(Funeral Wednesday, 30th August 1.30pm, Werrimull)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Maria Carmela Dichiera (30 day Mass), Frank Puleio, Rok & Maria Tisler, Steven & Maria Friscic

Sunday 9am: Joseph Grivec, Joseph & Tony Habjan

(Only members immediate to arrange Masses.)



of the deceased's family are permitted anniversary

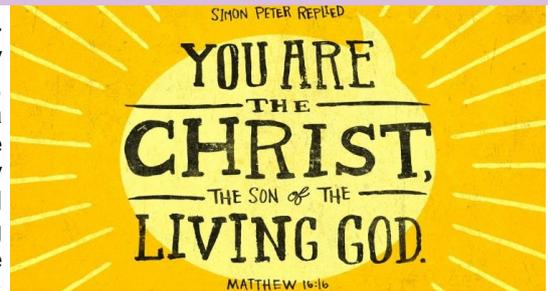
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

Nada Zudetich, Phil & Dorothy Mullane, Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Be yourself. Everybody else is taken", sings Melinda Schneider. The lyrics of this lovely song, composed for Melinda's dying father, affirm some fairly obvious



truths. Even though we know that "everybody else is taken", most of us spend much of our lives trying to measure up to other peoples' expectations and fail to be truly ourselves. In our self-absorption, we can also misread others and fail to know them as they are. Being accepted as we are is among the most precious of gifts. Jesus knew this. He was utterly true to himself and he allowed others time to discover for themselves his real identity and the nature of his mission. If the mission was to succeed, then "people" needed to look beyond their preconceptions about him and accept him as God's anointed one, as the revelation of the living God.

Jesus' true identity is a key issue for Matthew's community as it is for us. In the first verse of the gospel, he is presented as the anointed one of God, the Messiah or Christ. Before his birth, the reader knows him as "Emmanuel", God with us. What the narrator asserts at the outset, certain characters in the story come to understand as the narrative unfolds. Jesus' fearless teaching and his healing ministry bring the crowd to recognise him as a prophet in the tradition of Elijah or Jeremiah or John the Baptist, and as the incarnate Wisdom of God. The power of God at work in Peter leads him to a deeper understanding of Jesus' identity. No matter that Peter has faltered in the past and will falter again, even to the point of denying any knowledge of or association with Jesus. He finally arrives at deep insight and proclaims his faith in Jesus as both Christ or Messiah and son of the living God. Insight is a gift, and God can work wherever there is openness and goodwill. Peter has both in abundance. He is declared "blessed" on account of this gift of insight, and entrusted with the "keys" of God's kingdom.

The specific power of binding and loosing that is given to Peter is subsequently given to the community of disciples (18:18) where the saying is framed on the one hand by instructions about dealing with transgressors and on the other by the assertion that where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, he is there in their midst. "Binding and loosing" belongs to Peter and to all who gather in the name of Jesus whom Matthew presents as God-with-us, as prophet and Wisdom, as the Christ or Messiah, and as the revelation of the living God. The exercise of the power "to bind and to loose" demands the same wisdom and insight as does the capacity to recognise and affirm the true identity of Jesus.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Jasmin & Logan Pike, Halle Mammoni & Riley O'Callaghan whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

BAPTISM



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

Parents of children in Grade 5 who celebrated First Eucharist last year are reminded that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on the weekends of the **11th & 12th November and the 18th & 19th of November.**



The **Parent Information Evening** will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 18th of October 7:00pm – 8:00pm.**

Parents **must** attend this evening to enrol their children in the Program. More information is available at the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm.

The **RCIA** will commence at the end of September. Please pass on this information to anybody you may know who is interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation & Eucharist during our Easter Ceremonies in 2018.



MUSICIANS & SINGERS

If you can play either an instrument or sing or both, the Parish would love to hear from you, as we are in need of musicians for our weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 if you can help out.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Parish is looking for a volunteer/s to help take photos when there are baptisms in the Church and/or any social event held in the church. A camera will be provided. If you can help out please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

The Sacred Heart Passionist Group luncheon will be held 12noon Sunday 27th August 2017 at Cafe 1909 (The Rowers) 143 Hugh King Dr.

All welcome, please let Raylee & Kevin know if you are able to attend Ph 50238778



WEEKEND RETREAT IN OUYEN

Join us in Ouyen for a weekend retreat for all ages, with talks on the faith, times of prayer, fellowship and an opportunity to be recharged in the love of God.

When: 6-8th Oct (beginning Friday evening, ending before lunch on Sunday)

Where: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ouyen

More info: coming soon!

Contact Marie to register your interest on 0417 660 893

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

INDIAN KERALA COMMUNITY

Many thanks to all those involved in organising the Indian Community day. A generous donation of \$1000 was also made towards the needs of the Parish, the Presbytery and the Monaghan Centre Appeal.

PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT

Many thanks to those parishioners who helped organise the recent Parish Renewal Retreat and who carried out so much work behind the scenes. Special thanks to Mary Joseph, Mary Grivec, Rosemary Antoni and Honey Maria Jose. The retreat opportunity was taken up and appreciated by many.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1247.85
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2698.75
Loose Plate	\$ 524.85

NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

are available today in name alphabetical order. The new pledging period begins next weekend. **Please note that envelope numbers have been changed so please destroy your old Envelopes and commence using the new ones as of next week.**

Our Stewardship Program is now coming to a close and again we wish to thank everyone for their involvement during the program and for their generous financial support of our Parish. We currently have received a weekly pledged amount of around \$3623 from about 336 contributors, including 34 New contributors.

A reminder that the **TIME & TALENT** forms can be returned at any of the masses or delivered to the Sacred Heart Parish Office. If you have not yet completed a form we encourage you to do so during the coming week. New volunteers are most welcome to assist with various ministries in the Parish. Forms are available at the back of the church. Those who have offered their time and talent for particular groups or activities for the first time will be contracted by the responsible person within the next few weeks. Thank you again for all your support of your Parish. A special thanks to all the parishioners who helped with the follow-up activity.

Pledge cards are available at the church entrance if you have not yet had a chance to complete one. Completed cards can be left in the collection place or dropped off to the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

THANK YOU

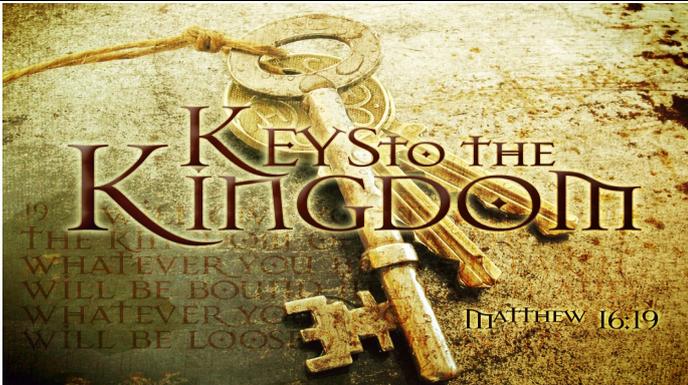
I would like to extend a big thank you to Tony Biviano for his hard work with our recent Stewardship Program. Coordinating the three Parishes of Sunraysia was not without its complications, but the Program was successful and well done. Thanks also to Ross Tongue our local coordinator, Carmel Russo for all of her extra work in the Parish Office, and for all those of the three Parish Communities who assisted in any way during the Program. Finally, thanks to all of our Parishioners who continue to support the financial running of the Parish through their commitment to the Stewardship Program, and to all those who added their names to our "time and talent" sheet by way of volunteering for various groups and rosters.

Fr. Michael

ITEMS OF INTEREST

FAMILY MATTERS: STRENGTHENING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

This forum has been cancelled due to lack of interest.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$60,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.



**CARING FOR THOSE WHO
CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH
COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

iToons

Sunil Agarwal & Ajit Ninan

Eat those veggies or I'll change the wi-fi password.



THE CRUELTY AT MANUS ISLAND

Ann Deslandes

As I write, staff of the Australian immigration authority and their security contractors are working hard to close the detention centre on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea, where Australia has held over 900 refugees for the last four years.

The consequences of their actions for the refugees held at the Manus centre are already severe. Detained refugee Behrouz Boochani, a Kurdish journalist and filmmaker has reported on this over the past week for The Saturday Paper and in regular posts on Facebook and Twitter.

The closure of the Manus Island camp might be worth a certain grim approval if the rest of the message of refugees and their supporters had been heeded. We have been demanding that the government close both camps, and also that the people interned there are brought to Australia and able to live freely in the community. #CloseTheCamps was always followed by #BringThemHere and #LetThemStay.

Such demands were somewhat mollified earlier this year by the promise that refugees would be able to settle in the United States, following negotiations made with the Obama administration that were eventually also consented to by the current administration. We know now that this was fake news.

So not only have those detained on Manus Island been lied to and denied settlement in the United States; the Australian Government immigration authority and its contractors are being as brutal in closing the camp as they have been in running it.

They are attempting to force the refugees out of the centre, cutting off water and power and threatening arrest if refugees refuse. But, the refugees are refusing. As has already become abundantly clear, life outside the centre means exposure to even more danger. Further attacks on refugees from Manus Island locals, who live under the strain of high levels of poverty and unemployment and anti-refugee propaganda, can only be expected to continue.

As Boochani reported last week: 'The pressure on the refugees is increasing day by day. Today they cut the water in Foxtrot, the largest compound in Manus detention centre, and they are planning to cut the power soon ... I am asking all of those advocates who are fighting for change to Australia's illegal and dangerous refugee policies to be with the refugees in this historical period.'

The Australian-run offshore immigration detention on Manus Island may be soon at an end, but the Australian Government seems hell-bent on ensuring those detained continue to face abuse. And this abuse continues to be what the refugees resist.

In a recent missive, Boochani looks us in the eye and says: 'Pressure is increasing inside the prison camp, and on the other side the attacks on the refugees in Lorengau town are increasing.

'The ABF plan is to put pressure on both sides to force the refugees to go back to their countries. I really wonder how Australia is violating human rights in this remote island but the organisations who claim they are fighting for human rights are mostly silent.

'Most of the media don't care about current situation in Manus prison camp. Please become our voice.'

Ann Deslandes is a freelance writer and researcher from Sydney.

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.”

The Parish of Sacred Heart is committed to the obligation to ensure the safety of all children in our care.

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 August 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Isa 22:19-23
Resp Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8
Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands
Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36
Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Cora Howell	Joyce Ribarits
Taiana Fatai	Narie Lewis	Clem Carlucci
Margaret McDonald	Renata Byra	Vittorio Carlucci
Trish McNamara	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Christine Slattery
Morris Henderson	Sonia Opie	Jacinta Macri
Anita Naray	Philip Opie	Volunteer Please
	Catherine McErvale	

MUSIC

M Guthrie	M Guthrie	No Music
All welcome	All welcome	

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	Baptism	

READERS

Mary Jackson	Peter Maloney	Greg Johnston

COUNTING TEAM 6

JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
J Kearney	M Jensen

2nd & 3rd September 2017

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9
Resp Psalm: Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2
Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2
Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Maria Cirillo	Elvira Mazza	Paula Cox
Christine Carmichael	Jill Joslyn	Jennifer Boord
Ellen Frauenfelder	Lisa Cirillo	Reni Cheriyan
Jacinda Deacon	Jean Rocca	Wendy Finn
Katy Quinlan	Bobby Castillo	Tony Finn
Katelin Anesbury	Volunteer please	Melanie Ransome
	Volunteer please	

MUSIC

St Pauls Primary	Fathers Day	NO MUSIC
School	Italian Choir	
	N Armsden	

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	L & C Welsh	

READERS

St Pauls Primary	Julie O’Bryan	Christine Slattery
School		

COUNTING TEAM 7

HELEN KAY 0429 135 053

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
D Nichols	D Knight