



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
14th & 15th October 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: Quintino Mastrippolito,
Josef Krahberger

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Mary Giraldi, Grazia Macri

Sunday 9am: Peter Manno

Sunday 5pm: Francesco De Maria, Bruno Timpano,
Domenica Ficarra

Tuesday 6pm: Rosa Dichiera (1 year anniversary)

(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.

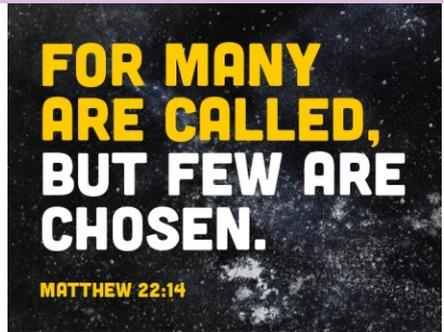
Kevin Curran, Nada Zudetich, Dorothy Mullane, Yvonne Ash,
Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan,
Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner,

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The increasing wealth of the mega rich and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, are challenging us all to consider our attitudes to the planet's resources. Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to share the riches of God's creation. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all.

Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. The privileged are the first to be invited while the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation.

So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the poor and vulnerable of our world. We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget in order to keep asylum seekers off-shore at staggering expense, some \$6,000 per person per day on Nauru for instance. On the other hand, if we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will only be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.



MATTHEW 22:14

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PARENT EVENING

Wednesday 18th October 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church



All parents of children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this November need to be present at this evening.

We currently have seven people enrolled in our RCIA Program for this year, with the possibility of an eighth.



Our first **Inquiry Evening** will be held on **Thursday 19th of October in the Hillman Room**. Team Members are asked to be present also.

REMEMBRANCE MASS for all deceased family members will be held on Sunday 5th November 9.00am Mass. Cuppa after Mass.

READERS

As a new Reader Roster is due the first weekend of November, could new and retiring readers please contact the Parish Office on 50 21 2872.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Those who have joined our parish, please make yourselves known to our Parish Welcomers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Money Counters are required. If you are able to spare an hour every 10 weeks, please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872 for further details.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Wednesday 1st November 9.15am, Sacred Heart Church

MASSES FOR ALL SOULS

Wednesday 1st November 6pm

Nichols Point Cemetery (preceded by the Rosary in Italian).

Special Mass of Remembrance for deceased Sisters of Mercy

Thursday 2nd November

9.15am Sacred Heart Church

5.30pm Murray Pines Cemetery (preceded by the Rosary in Italian)

Cari amici Italiani come sapete la messa di Novembre e la messa per i nostri cari defunti al cimitero una bella messa e primo la messa che il Rosario per Italiano tutti benvenuti.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1362.00
2 nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3187.80
Loose Plate	\$ 457.45

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

LITURGY MEETING

Tuesday 17th October 4.15pm at the parish Office.

REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Thursday 19th October at 2pm. All welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council met on Tuesday night. One of the major items was discussion around how we can develop a more welcoming environment as we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. It has been decided that Parish Council members and Ministers of the Eucharist assume the duty of welcoming people at the doors of the Church each Sunday, handing them a bulletin, welcoming visitors, and directing new comers toward the relevant information they need to feel a part of the Community.

On Sunday 26th of November we will hold a Regional Gathering at Red Cliffs which will also include the Parish of Ouyen which is now a part of our Ministry District. This Gathering will discuss plans and opportunities for 2018.

Although there is no desire to close the Church at Werrimull, there is concern about local attendance and future maintenance of the building. We are therefore asking Parishioners to make the effort to support our 5th Sunday trips out to Werrimull. The next trip is scheduled for 29th October, the last Sunday of this month.

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP 29th OCTOBER

The last Sunday of this month we are due run our Bus Trip to Werrimull for Mass followed by a meal at the Pub. Numbers at the monthly Mass at Werrimull have reached a point where we will have to seriously consider the prospect of keeping the Church open. It would be good if we could at least keep the 5th Sunday Bus Trip with Mass and lunch going for a while. On the last occasion we had to cancel the trip due to lack of numbers. Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking on 5021 2872.



CAMINO 2018

There are currently a couple of places left for anyone interested in doing 2 weeks of the Camino next year in Spain. Once again I stress that health and fitness are of the utmost priority.

The ability to pack light, sleep occasionally in dormitory accommodation and enjoy the odd glass of wine will also be among the demands placed upon those who wish to participate.

The exact date for the walk to be confirmed: within the last 2 weeks of **September & first 2 week of October**. Interested people can contact the Parish Office

Tuesday to

Friday 9am – 4pm on



SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES

October 17: Eradication of poverty Day

We usually think of poverty as something that afflicts third world nations. But it is also present in Australia - shamefully so, in a nation of great wealth. We can see its effects in the lives of Indigenous Australians, with their poorer life expectancy income and educational opportunities, and greater likelihood of addiction, hospitalisation and jailing. We see it also in the lives of homeless people, whether visible or forced to remain invisible in our cities, in the poor who can remain on benefits, and in the low level of benefits that make it impossible to live with decency.

We sometimes see the effects of poverty in the lives of vulnerable young people, often from dysfunctional families, lacking appropriate child care, support to take advantage of education and to find work, liable to physical and mental illness, lacking the social skills to connect with society and shamed by the conditions placed on the inadequate benefits open to them.

It is easy to say that the poor are always with us and to claim that that we cannot eradicate poverty. No doubt we shall never eradicate poverty totally, but poverty is neither natural, necessary nor inevitable. It is someone's fault - the result of conscious decisions taken by human beings that result in some people increasing their already extreme wealth and in making other people vulnerable and excluded. Poverty grows when we attribute to our economic framework a sacred power and privilege economic growth over the welfare of people who are poor. It will be eradicated when we all see people as more important than an economic system designed for inequality.

Dealing with poverty demands that good people who are not poor take pains to notice it and accept the responsibility of addressing it. Pope Francis calls this process conversion. We are invited to see the world and the people in it through Christ's eyes and with Christ's heart. When we do this we notice what poverty does to people: the anxiety, the bad diet and problems with hygiene, the mental and physical ill-health, the lack of mobility to find jobs. We also see the inequality that exists alongside poverty and the ways in which people fight to defend the advantages that allows them to amass wealth. We see the ways that governments blame people for their poverty and humiliate them when they claim their inadequate benefits.

To make the world more just is a long and hard task. We can be discouraged when we see how tiny is our power to change things. The Eradication of Poverty Day encourages us to think and to speak about the causes of poverty. It is also important to light candles rather than curse the darkness. We might stop to chat with a homeless person instead of passing by, spend some of our time with the local Vinnies, or devote an evening to the soup kitchen. These are small things. But they say to the people whom we meet that they matter. And because they matter we become a little more committed to eradicating poverty.

ECO-SPIRITUALITY RETREAT, OCTOBER 23-27, 2017

The Ministry Development Committee of the Ballarat Anglican Diocese is organising an Eco-Spirituality Retreat in Budg Bim (south western Victoria) from 23-27 October 2017. More information at www.ballaratanglican.org.au/ecospirit

"Many Are Called"

Matthew 22:1-14

GRIEF TO GRACE – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8 – 13, 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing: info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griefftograce.org

COMMUNITY FORUM – MODERN SLAVERY IN AUSTRALIA

Currently the Australian Government is holding a Federal Inquiry into Modern Slavery and the Committee will be visiting Mildura on Monday 30 October with the purpose "to further investigate the issue of wage exploitation and slavery-like practices in the agricultural sector, particularly for migrants and backpackers."

By way of background the Salvation Army has independently run Australia's only safe-house for victims of human trafficking for the past 10 years and has been bringing together community and faith based organisations to raise awareness about modern slavery.

An invitation is extended to be part of:

A Community Forum – Modern Slavery in Australia

Sunday 29th October
2pm for 2:30pm start – 4pm finish
The Salvation Army 699-705 Fourteenth St, Mildura VIC
Afternoon tea provided



For catering and resource printing purposes please RSVP here:

For further information please contact Alison Rahill The Salvation Army - The Freedom Partnership to end modern slavery mob 0427 517 157

Alison.rahill@ae.salvationarmy.org

'A Documentary you should not miss.'

A Plastic Ocean is a new feature-length, adventure documentary, (102 mins.) that brings to light the consequences of our global, disposable lifestyle. It begins when journalist, Craig Leeson, discovers plastic waste in what should be a pristine ocean. In this adventure documentary, Craig teams up with an international team of scientists and researchers, and they travel to twenty locations around the world over the next four years, to explore the fragile state of our oceans, uncover alarming truths about plastic pollution, and reveal working solutions that can be put into immediate effect. The results will astound viewers – just as it did the adventurers – who captured never before seen images of marine life, plastic pollution, and its ultimate consequences for human health.

This documentary is being promoted by Bill and Jude Dolence, Mildura, whose recent experiences at the Eyre Bird Observatory in WA, gave them some valuable insight, knowledge, and the confidence to bring this to Mildura for everyone to share.

WHERE: Cinema Deakin Complex Mildura

WHEN: 2nd. November 2017 6:30pm

COST: \$20.00 plus \$1.65 booking fee.

Concession \$16.50 plus \$1.65 booking fee

Tickets are only available on-line at the following website, or alternatively, we are happy to purchase them on your behalf. Ring Bill or Jude on 0408-171-566 / 0428-231-114

<http://tickets.demand.film/event/2215>



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

14th & 15th October 2017

21st & 22nd October 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Isa 25:6-10
Resp Psalm: Ps 22. R. v. 6
Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Mt 22:1-14

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Resp Psalm: Ps 95:1, 3-, 7-10. R. v. 7
Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.
Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:1-5
Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY			SUNDAY			SATURDAY			SUNDAY		
6PM			9AM			6PM			9AM		
6 Ministers required			7 Ministers required			6 Ministers required			6 Ministers required		
Maria Cirillo			Jean Rocca			Judy Hall			Anne-Maree Greville		
Christine Carmichael			Bobby Castillo			Myrna Rodi			Taiana Fatai		
Ellen Frauenfelder			Ross Tongue			Maree Irvin			Margaret McDonald		
Jacinda Deacon			Talia Faingaanuku			Sue Hermans			Trish McNamara		
Katy Quinlan			Michael Faingaanuku			Danielle Mazzini			Morris Henderson		
Katelin Anesbury			Maureen Speed			Clem Carlucci			Anita Naray		
			Peter O'Donnell						Louise Belej		

MUSIC

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Filipino Choir			Tongan Choir			M Sullivan			M Guthrie		
N Armsden			M Guthrie			J Macri			All welcome		
						J Ljubic					

ALTAR SERVERS

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Please volunteer											

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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2 Volunteers required											
			Cathy & Paul			Baptism			Baptism		
			McErvale								

READERS

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Jen Ditchfield			Rose Op't Hoog			Jim Graham			Gary Huxtable		
									Peter Issanchon		
									Sue Hermans		

COUNTING TEAM 3

COUNTING TEAM 4

PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531						KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778					
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM											
READER			EUCCHARIST MINISTER			READER			EUCCHARIST MINISTER		
G McCracken			Malcolm Hoy			M Hill			G Schmidt		