



# 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -  
21st & 22nd October 2017

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees who were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians who represented secular Jewish power and wealth despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When both were faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Their “opponent” in that context was Jesus of Nazareth. No good was to come of their alliance. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as “teacher”, they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a “no win” position: “Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?” Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intentions and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, “Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest”.

Jesus’ response, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”, can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God’s prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimizing it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus’ words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church. It is quite anachronistic to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That must be the main criterion for any personal or global alliance, military or otherwise.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## 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.

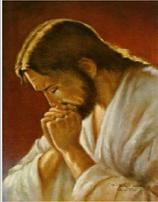
Tues: 6:00 pm

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:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph & Anna Andrasek

**Sunday 9am:** Giovanni Gallace

**Tuesday 6pm:** Theresa Panuccio (30 day Mass),

Caterina Mazza (10 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,



Render to Caesar  
the things that are  
Caesar's,

and to God  
the things that  
are God's.

Matthew 22:21

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Mason Rodi, Harlee Piscioneri and Sebastiano & Raffaele Dimasi whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Nicholas Mataele & Aleisha O'Brien and John Aylinig & Rosemary Ryan who were married this weekend.

### SLOVENIAN ALL SOULS MASS

Fr David Scrupf OFM, Melbourne, will be in Mildura on Friday 27 October and will be celebrating Mass in Slovenian 6.30pm in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

### 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 to commemorate 160 years since sisters of Mercy came to Victoria.

**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.



**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.

### 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.

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1304.95</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$3829.80</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 545.35</b>

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### Baptism Preparation Evening

Held on Wednesday 25th October 7.30am in the Monaghan Centre.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

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

### WERRIMULL BUS TRIP 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Next Sunday is our Bus Trip to Werrimull for Mass followed by a meal at the Pub. Could all who have made a booking please meet at the SJC 12th Street bus entrance at 9.45am for a 10am departure. Thank you



### FOR SALE

310 litre Hot Water Service just on 12 months old, in reasonable condition \$500 or make an offer. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 for further information.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2018

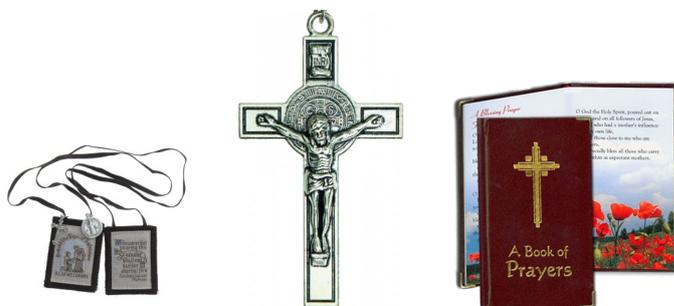
Are now available at the St Vincent de Paul kiosk for at the back of the church—\$9.00 each.

### ITEMS FOR THE SHARED TABLE STALL

If you have any items to donate towards the Shared Table stall please either leave them in the box provided in the back of the church back or items can be left at the Parish Office.

### GIFT OF DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

We have had a request from Nigeria to send any devotional items such as rosaries, medals, scapulars, crucifixes, prayer books or any other religious materials. If you have any items you would like to donate please leave them in the parish office this week. Many thanks.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:** 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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

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



**ENDING POVERTY IS A HUMAN CHALLENGE, NOT A TECHNICAL ONE**

Poverty is an uncomfortable subject for conversation, partly because for most people with leisure to reflect on it, poverty is not their own condition but someone else's. It is difficult to do justice to the experienced reality of poverty and to acknowledge our responsibilities to people whose lives are blighted by poverty.

The complexity and awkwardness of the conversation about poverty are evident in the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty. It embodies a metaphor in which poverty is seen as like a weed or a microorganism that is alien to a crop, and can be extirpated or poisoned without affecting the harvest. The metaphor suggests that dealing with poverty is a technical challenge that requires attention, ingenuity and determination. The Day for the Eradication of Poverty encourages these qualities. Such a vision seems to have inspired Bob Hawke's pledge to end child poverty. He is said later to have regretted his commitment, not simply because his failure to deliver on it reflected badly on him but also because the alleviation of poverty required more than attention, planning and appropriate execution. The pledge drew attention away from the real achievements of good policy and effective administration. But the eradication of poverty was a more utopian goal.

The difficulty inherent in the metaphor of eradication is that it sees poverty as a discrete object that exists independently of the people whom it affects, and that can be dealt with by devising technical solutions. The image certainly has merit in that it avoids blaming poor people for their poverty and so reducing them to objects to be manipulated when dealing with it.

The Victorian Poor Laws, with their institution of work houses, and the refusal to intervene in Ireland during the potato famine because it would interfere with the workings of the market, are examples of how impoverished people are objectified. The harsh conditions imposed on impoverished young people in Australia and the demonisation that they ritually suffer when they are periodically stripped of their benefits are more up to date examples of objectifying the poor. Compared to these practices the metaphor of eradication is harmless.

But like them it still ignores the complex sets of relationships that constitute poverty as a human reality. These include the family relationships that affect people's life chances, so encouraging or undermining self-respect, confidence, affection, trust, curiosity, articulacy and initiative in childhood.

They also include the relationships with neighbours, with child care, with employers, police, schools and hospitals that help shape the way in which people relate to society. They include relationships with alcohol and drugs and with those who profit from their sale and promotion, and the relationship to domestic and social violence. They may also include the contemptuous social attitudes shaped by media and by public leaders, and the way that negative images are internalised by society and by the people who are poor.

This argues that poverty should not be objectified as a negative quality detached from human beings, and still less as a group of persons who are a threat to good human living and accordingly to be firmly dealt with. Poverty, like happiness or good fortune, is expressed in a pattern of relationships that constitute human lives. These relationships themselves always have an element of gift. But where poverty marks a human life, they are also marked by a deficit. For a child who grows up in an abusive family, the deficit in the affection, predictability, self-respect and other qualities that help people build a productive life is very high. But as stories of even the most deprived childhoods tell us, some aspects and memories often prove central to building hope. They are a gift to be built upon. From this human perspective poverty is not something to be eradicated like a cancer or a pest. It refers to an incompleteness that must be supplied for and complemented by enriched human relationships. To transcend poverty requires us to affirm what is good, to supply for what is distorted or inadequate, and to build what is strong. It is about enrichment, not about stripping.

Good policy and targeted intervention can enrich people's lives. But they will not eradicate poverty once and for all. Relationships always need mending, celebrating and complementing. This is a continuing human and not a technical challenge.

*Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of Eureka Street. 17 October International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.*



*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

21st & 22nd October 2017

28th & 29th October 2017

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Isa 45:1, 4-6**  
**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**

**First Reading: Ex 22:20-26**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2**  
**Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:5-10**  
**Gospel: Mt 22:34-40**

**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		
Anne-Maree Greville			Greg Johnston			Vittorio Carlucci			Maria Cirillo		
Taiana Fatai			Gina Raiti			Christine Slattery			Christine Carmichael		
Margaret McDonald			Anna Vartuli			Jacinta Macri			Ellen Frauenfelder		
Trish McNamara			Nada Zudetich			Paula Cox			Jacinda Deacon		
Morris Henderson			Sara Visona			Jennifer Boord			Katy Quinlan		
Anita Naray			Juliet Cresp						Katelin Anesbury		
			Louise Belej						Maria Scopacasa		

**MUSIC**

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M Guthrie			M Sullivan			NO MUSIC			M Guthrie		
All welcome									Singing Group		
									M Sullivan		
									J Hammond		
									J Macri		
									J Ljubic		

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Please volunteer											

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

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2 Volunteers required											
Baptism			Baptism						J Morvell		
									L Fisher		

**READERS**

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Gary Huxtable			Peter Issanchon			Sue Hermans			Mary Jackson		
									Maureen Speed		
									Barb Kelly		

**COUNTING TEAM 4**

**COUNTING TEAM 5**

**KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778**

**JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

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READER		EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER		EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
M Hill		G Schmidt		P Riordan		P Riordan	