



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

**St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Trymple**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
11th & 12th November 2017**

Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 6:00 pm

Sun: 9:00 am, 5:00 pm

Trymple: 8:30 am

Werrimull 11:00 am (last Sunday of each month)

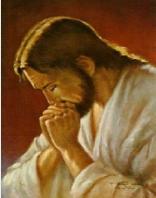
Weekday Masses

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: Sr Carmel Pascoe rsm

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Marion Sharman

Sunday 9am: Luigi, Maria Michela & Incoranata Resta, Donato & Elizabeth De Angelis, Sergio Malcotti, Michael, Maria & Joe Surace

Friday 5.40pm: Remembrance Mass for Deceased members of the St Vincent de Paul society.

(Only members of the deceased's immediate family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)



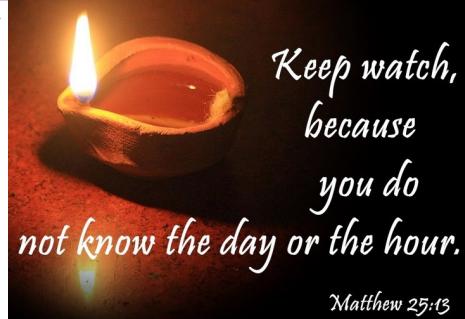
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

Jennifer Hardingham, Ron Russell, Gino D'Amico, Kevin Curran, Nada Zudetich, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner,

GOSPEL REFLECTION

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing or for the expected arrival of visitors or for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? Sometimes it matters little whether we are ready or not. Sometimes it really matters and today's gospel parable depicts one of those situations when it is of crucial importance to be prepared.



*Keep watch,
because
you do
not know the day or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

The imminent event is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. The young women in their turn can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated "wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The young women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signalled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way.

The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that today's parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed time. In the interim, the members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1-7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish one builds on sand while the wise one builds on rock.

The behaviour of the "wise" in today's parable is as puzzling as that of the "foolish". The "foolish" fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The "wise" have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there wisdom, however, in sending their "foolish" friends to buy olive oil at midnight? There are more unanswered questions than we can address in this little reflection. We can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We need the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right measure or in right relationship.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Frankie Bozzi & Karina Wilson who were married this weekend.



RCIA—Team Meeting Choosing Sponsors

Will be held on Thursday November 16th, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the children who are celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend, and thank you to all those who have been responsible for their preparation.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

Every Friday until 15th December, the Tongan Community will be saying the Rosary in the Monaghan Centre from 7pm, all most welcome to attend.



ADVANCE NOTICE

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER at 6pm

Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's Peace at Christmas by acknowledging our need for healing and forgiveness.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1278.30
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1279.00
Loose Plate	\$ 739.90

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Will hold their Monthly meeting on Monday 13th November 7.30pm in the Club rooms.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 14th November at 10am. All welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Presbytery **Tuesday 14th of November after the 6:00pm Mass.**



On Sunday 26th of November there will be a Regional Meeting including Parish Council members from the Parishes of Sunraysia and Ouyen. This meeting will be in Red Cliffs including the 10am Mass. The agenda will include our strategic planning as we move towards the Plenary Council in 2020. Members attending, a plate to share please.

OASIA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 10.30am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY GROUP

Will be lunching at Woodies on Sunday 19th November at Noon. Please let Elaine or Frank know your intentions on 0422069117. All welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2018

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

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

This week at St Joseph's College a number of our Year 12 students finished their final exams, with a few to finish their examinations this coming week. The College will celebrate our Year 12 Graduation on Thursday 30th November.

On Friday our College Assembly was for Remembrance Day, the day that Australians remember those who have died at war. Staff and students paused to remember the sacrifice of those men and women who have died or suffered in wars and conflicts and all those who have served, protecting our rights and freedoms.

On Friday the College celebrated International Cup of Tea Day in honour of Catherine McAuley, who in her last few words was thinking of others, instructing her fellow Sisters to comfort each other with a Good Cup of Tea. So at recess staff and students alike enjoyed a nice cup of tea.

As Christmas approaches the College would like to invite you all to our Carols on Cleland on Wednesday 6th December. The night will begin at 6.30pm for people to purchase some lovely BBQ goodies and refreshments, followed by entertainment from 7.00pm onwards. BYO blanket and chairs. Everyone most welcome to come along.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DAY

November 14

In recent years in Australia justice has increasingly been seen through the lens of punishment. It is retributive. You do the crime, you do the time. In public controversies about justice critics usually complain that the punishment is too soft for the crime. Practices like granting bail, giving discretion to judges to take into account when imposing sentences the circumstances of the offenders in sentencing, and awarding parole are heavily criticised. An eye must be plucked for an eye, and a tooth drawn for a tooth.

The difficulty with this simple view of justice is that people don't get along well without teeth or eyes, no matter whether they be criminals or victims of crime. Society puts more people into prison and builds more prisons, but the cost of this increased punishment is paid by society itself. Imprisonment makes it more likely that offenders will reoffend when they leave prison. Nor does the threat of punishment seem to deter others from following their example. Meanwhile, for every new prison cell that is built there is less money available for each new hospital bed and each new classroom desk. For society the emphasis on punishment, on retributive justice, looks increasingly like self-laceration.

That is why in many societies there has been considerable interest in restorative justice. This looks beyond punishment to restoring the broken relationships between offender, victims, society and society. It leads ideally to offenders acknowledging responsibility for their actions, responding to the damage done to the victims of their actions, and connecting with society in other ways.

Justice conferencing is one form of restorative justice in which we have been involved at Jesuit Social Services. It involves bringing together the offender, the victims and representatives of the State and of the community. Offenders have the opportunity to hear face to face the effects of criminal actions on their victims, to be moved by them and to see their own actions in a new light.

Victims have the opportunity to hear the life story of the offenders, to see their remorse and to note their desire to find a better way. Community representatives can then invite the offenders, in the presence of the victims of crime, to suggest ways in which they can set right the wrongs they have done.

If this process is effective it can help offenders appreciate the harm they have caused and to change their way of life. It can help victims move beyond bitterness to satisfaction that things have been set right and that life can begin again. It can give society confidence that crime is regarded seriously, that punishment does not have to be the last word, and that there are better things to spend money on than new jails.

TOWARDS 2020

The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced preparations for a Plenary Council to be held in 2020. A Plenary Council provides an occasion for the whole Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church at this time. For this to happen, wide consultation of the entire Australian Church will be necessary so that all voices have an opportunity to be heard. Processes that enable all to genuinely listen to each other will also be required.

The last time a Plenary Council was held in Australia was 80 years ago in 1937. At that time those engaged in the Plenary Council were advised to “*take care that provision is made for the pastoral needs of the people of God... and to decide what seems opportune for the increase of the faith, the organisation of common pastoral actions and the regulation of morals and of common ecclesiastical discipline which is to be observed, promoted and protected.*” A Plenary Council has legislative capacity that will be applicable to the Church in Australia.

Pope Francis is encouraging what is called a “synodal” style of leadership – collegial and collaborative. The aim of the synodal process is that, as the Church, we walk together, no one is excluded, no one is left behind. Synodality enriches, enhances and enlivens.

The synodal process has three stages – preparation, celebration and implementation. Throughout the preparation stage, the Diocese of Ballarat will commence with Praying towards 2020. This will take place in the Easter Season of 2018, from April 21st till May 7th. Over these weeks, the whole Diocese, its parishes, faith communities, schools, institutions and agencies will be invited to participate in prayer to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us. *Twelve Redemptorist Priests will lead what will be something of a mini mission throughout the Diocese, with four Redemptorists in the northern, central and southern zones of the Diocese for these two weeks.*



THE SHARED TABLE STALL

Sunday 12 November after the 9am Mass.

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, conserves, home baked and home crafted items.

Items that are not purchased need to be taken home as we cannot provide storage facilities.

**Second hand items are not suitable.
Thank you for your contribution.**

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.

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**

11th & 12th November 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading: Wis 6:12-16
Resp Psalm: Ps 62:2-8. R. v. 2
Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel: Mt 25:1-13**

18th & 19th November 2017

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Resp Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v. 1
Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.
Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6
Gospel: Mt 25:14-30**

EUCARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM	6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Maria Cirillo	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Danielle Mazzini	Anne-Maree Greville	Laurie Fry	Joyce Ribarits
Christine Carmichael	Sonia Opie	Naomi Kennedy	Taiana Fatai	Judy Webster	Clem Carlucci
Ellen Frauenfelder	Philip Opie	Mario Zema	Mrgaret McDonald	Jean Rocca	Vittorio Carlucci
Jacinda Deacon	Catherine McErvale	Josie Zema	Trish McNamara	Bobby Castillo	Christine Slattery
Katy Quinlan	Elvira Mazza	Trish Cirillo	Anita Naray	Ross Tongue	Jacinta Macri
Katelin Anesbury	Jill Joslyn	Jeena Jose	Volunteer Please	Talia Faingaanuku	Volunteer please
	Lisa Cirillo			Michael Faingaanuku	

MUSIC

Confirmation	Confirmation	M Sullivan	Confirmation	Confirmation	M Hammond
M Guthrie	M Guthrie	J Macri	M Guthrie	Tongan Choir	J Macri
B Prescott		J Ljubic		M Guthrie	J Ljubic

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer					

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required					
Confirmation	Confirmation		Confirmation	Confirmation	

READERS

Confirmation	Confirmation	Bill Dolence	Confirmation	Confirmation	Christine Slattery

COUNTING TEAM 8

TREVOR AUST 5023 6597	HELEN KAY 0429 135 053
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM	IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCARIST MINISTER	READER	EUCARIST MINISTER
J Kearney	W Schmidt	D Nichols	R Barbary