



# 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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -  
18th & 19th November 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.

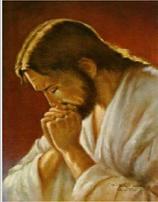
Tues: 6:00 pm

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:** Sebastiana Mosello, Gino D'Amico

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pietro Callipari

**Saturday 6pm:** Gabriela & Lubo Zvonar

**Sunday 9am:** Rosa, Francesco & Tony Modica, Teresa, Vincenzo, Bruno & Vince Piscioneri

**Sunday 5pm:** Peter Belej, Maria & Steven Friscio

**Friday 5.40pm:** Leo Monteleone (30 day Mass)

*(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

In answer to my usual greeting, "G'day Muff, what are you up to?" my polymath brother-in-law, David (nicknamed Muff), would invariably reply, "Just contemplating the eternal verities!" The conversation that followed, usually over a glass of wine, would confirm the truth of his response. Contemplating the eternal verities was a way of life for my brother-in-law over the six decades of his life, until his all too early death 12 years ago.

# The Parable of the Talents



As the end of the church year approaches, the liturgy presents us with texts that invite us all to consider the big questions of life and death, including the day of reckoning that will inevitably confront each one of us. Matthew's parable of the talents is part of a discourse about the final realities. It is sandwiched between the parable of the ten lamp-bearers, five of whom are unprepared for the bridegroom, and the end time judgement of the nations (next week's gospel).

The previous story has concluded with the warning: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is usually interpreted as a reference to the second coming of Christ. Today's story continues this motif. It opens: "For it is as if a man going abroad summons his slaves and entrusts his property to them...." The slaves are entrusted with phenomenal wealth: ten talents, five talents, and one talent respectively. A talent was a measure of weight rather than a coin and one silver talent was the equivalent of 1000 days wages for an ordinary labourer.

The slaves receive no instructions, but later events indicate that the man expects a good return on his wealth. The first two slaves deliver and are invited into the joy of the master, another possible reference to the end time when God will embrace those who are faithful to their mission. The third slave buries his talent and provides a reasonable rationale: the master is a hard man who inspires a fear-ridden response in the slave. The master does not resile from this description. The seemingly unproductive slave loses even what he has and is banished to a place "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Is the master an image of God? There are some elements in the story that may point in this direction. There are other features, however, such as the concentration of wealth in one person and the treatment of the fearful slave, that suggest this may be too simplistic an answer. In face of the present global unrest, we may find ourselves in sympathy with the third slave insofar as he challenges the violence and exploitative ways of the master. Parables are open to multiple interpretations and the eternal verities cannot be encapsulated in one story or one image. They bear ongoing reflection and call us to responsible action.

**Veronica Lawson rsm**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Eve Caristo and Leo Caristo whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Michael Brigante & Maria Zappia and David Garratt & Salvacion Bagon who were married this weekend.



### RCIA—Meeting with Sponsors

Will be held on Thursday November 23rd, 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

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1690.05
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3513.75
Loose Plate	\$ 918.00

Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st November 7.30am at the Parish office.

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 22nd November 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

### PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Presbytery **Tuesday 21st of November after the 6:00pm Mass.**

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



### SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY GROUP

Will be lunching at Woodies on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PRESENTATION: EYRE BIRD OBSERVATORY

Thursday 30 November 6.30 pm in Sacred heart Parish, Monahan Centre—Bill and Jude Dolence will present Eyre Bird Observatory.

Bill and Jude volunteered for 3 months earlier this year at this observatory near Cocklebidy on the Eyre Highway in Western Australia. Their experiences are fascinating and well worth seeing.

Please ring Jill Joslyn 50236797 or 0407 787 989 to indicate attendance for catering purposes. Gold coin donation for Fr Micks Shared Table. Light supper to follow.

Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



### THE SHARED TABLE STALL

Our next Shared Table Stall will be held on: **Sunday 10 December after the 9am Mass.**

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

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

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

## NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last weekend saw the commencement of the **Confirmation Masses** and they conclude this weekend. We continue to keep the candidates in our prayers as they celebrate the reception of this Sacrament. Thank you to our School Captains and the fellow students who proudly represented SHPS at the **Mildura Remembrance Day Service** last Saturday morning

Once again well done to our wonderful SHPS community on their Mission Fundraising efforts. The school community raised a total of **\$7600...Outstanding!**

Last evening the combined SHPS School Advisory Council (SAC) and the **Parents & Friends (P&F) Annual General Meeting** was held. Last Friday the first **2018 St Patrick's Extravaganza** planning meeting was held and it was pleasing to see a good number of attendees.

*Our Pink Stumps event was a tremendous success. As well as sharing a fantastic social occasion we also managed to raise \$2254 to support the McGrath foundation. Breast cancer has affected, and continues to affect many in our SH community, so this cause is clearly very important to all of us. Have a great week,*  
Des Lowry—Principal

### ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday was the launch of our fantastic School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS). This is a whole-school approach to creating a safe and supportive environment that has a strong evidence-base and is used in many Australian schools and thousands of schools across the world. It is a behaviour framework based on teaching, reinforcing and rewarding desired student behaviour based on following our new school norms: Be Safe, Be your Best; Be Respectful.

The day had man 'bee' and 'norm' themed activities, 'bee' based food stall at recess. The students dressed in yellow and/or black and the staff also got into the 'bee' spirit...see if you can recognise our "King Bee".



## 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. While our Year 11 students started their Unit 2 examinations and next week will begin their Head Start Program for 2018. The College will celebrate our Year 12 Graduation on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

The College celebrated Remembrance Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This is 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 10<sup>th</sup> November, 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 raising \$300 for Mercy International.

As Christmas approaches the College would like to invite you all to our Carols on Cleadon on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## NOVEMBER 25

### International Day for the elimination of violence against women

Some people have asked why there is a special day dedicated to the elimination of violence against women. Is not all violence equally reprehensible, whether directed against men or women? The answer, of course, is that all violence is equally to be deplored and eliminated. But the fact is that most people who experience domestic violence are women, and they are generally most helpless in the face of it.

Whether in war or at home women bear the brunt of unprovoked violence. In addition, because in most societies women are primarily responsible for caring for children, the violence women suffer has a particularly destructive effect on the development of children into responsible and self-reliant adults. Violence against women is a crime against the whole of society.

It is important that we keep before our eyes the pain, shame and physical harm caused by violence, and that we acknowledge it can never be justified by custom or by extenuating circumstances. The extent and seriousness of violence against women has long been masked by neglect, by blinding ourselves to bruises of body and spirit that are clear to see, and by assuming that each man's home is his castle with its own justice system, violent or not, which must not be interfered with. The opinion that what happens in the family stays in the family is a charter for violence. At a time when the extent of domestic violence in Australia has become clearer, it is necessary to reject all the things that conceal and minimise it.

Although the day for the elimination of violence against women begins rightly by focusing on women, it should not be allowed to end there. Most violence against women is perpetrated by men. It follows that we must turn our attention to the reasons by men bash women, not to find an excuse for their behaviour, but to protect victims of violence by helping men understand and change their ways. If they learn to respect their wives and partners, both women and men will flourish.

That is the significance of the Jesuit Social Services Men's Project. It asks what factors in men's backgrounds and cultural assumptions leads them to act violently to women. Many men grow with stunted understanding of what it means to be male and of what women expect of men. Where masculinity is associated with aggression and stoicism in accepting pain, and no weight is placed on emotional honesty or on the exploration of feelings, frustration and resentment are likely to be expressed in violence. Patterns of behaviour learned as children are likely to be repeated as adults.

This suggests the size of the challenge of changing violent ways of acting towards woman. But for the sake both of women and men this challenge must be met.

## APPLICATIONS FOR 2018 STUDIES

Would you like to become a Spiritual Director? The 'Siloam' Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied on Mondays (9am-5pm) over two years at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The program fosters a discerning, contemplative approach whereby spiritual directors-in-formation become more and more attuned to the movement of God's spirit in themselves and in their directees. The Program may be studied as a Grad Dip in Spiritual Direction for those who meet the criteria. Further info: [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or tel 03 9890 1101.

*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

18th & 19th November 2017

25th & 26th November 2017

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**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**

**First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1**  
**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28**  
**Gospel: Mt 25:31-46**

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

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**SATURDAY**

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**6PM**

**9AM**

**5PM**

**6PM**

**9AM**

**5PM**

**6 Ministers required**

**7 Ministers required**

**6 Ministers required**

**6 Ministers required**

**7 Ministers required**

**6 Ministers required**

**Anne-Maree Greville**

**Laurie Fry**

**Joyce Ribarits**

**Maria Cirillo**

**Maureen Speed**

**Paula Cox**

**Taiana Fatai**

**Judy Webster**

**Clem Carlucci**

**Christine Carmichael**

**Peter O’Donnell**

**Jennifer Boord**

**Mrgaret McDonald**

**Jean Rocca**

**Vittorio Carlucci**

**Ellen Frauenfelder**

**Greg Johnston**

**Reni Cheriyan**

**Trish McNamara**

**Bobby Castillo**

**Christine Slattery**

**Jacinda Deacon**

**Gina Raiti**

**Wendy Finn**

**Anita Naray**

**Ross Tongue**

**Jacinta Macri**

**Katy Quinlan**

**Anna Vartuli**

**Tony Finn**

**Volunteer Please**

**Talia Faingaanuku**

**Volunteer please**

**Katelin Anesbury**

**Nada Zudetich**

**Melanie Ransome**

**Michael Faingaanuku**

**Sara Visona**

**MUSIC**

**MUSIC**

**Confirmation**

**Confirmation**

**M Hammond**

**M Guthrie**

**M Sullivan**

**M Guthrie**

**Tongan Choir**

**J Macri**

**All welcome**

**J Macri**

**M Guthrie**

**J Ljubic**

**J Ljubic**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Please volunteer**

**Please volunteer**

**Please volunteer**

**Please volunteer**

**Please volunteer**

**Please volunteer**

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**2 Volunteers required**

**Confirmation**

**Confirmation**

**Baptism**

**Baptism**

**READERS**

**READERS**

**Confirmation**

**Confirmation**

**Christine Slattery**

**Christine Carmichael**

**Nicholas Mataele**

**Greg Johnston**

**COUNTING TEAM 7**

**COUNTING TEAM 9**

**HELEN KAY 0429 135 053**

**GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

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**READER**

**EUCHARIST MINISTER**

**READER**

**EUCHARIST MINISTER**

**D Nichols**

**R Barbary**

**K Moodoo**

**K Knight**