



# 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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B -  
13th & 14th January 2018

## 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.

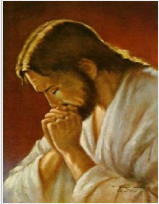
Tues: 6:00 pm

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:** Margaret Robinson, Cooper Sheahan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** (A one month mass for Gennaro Palazzo will be held on Sunday 21st January at 5pm)

**Sunday 9am:** Mario Venneri (1st anniversary), Maria Lando, Elda Gagliardi, Nivea & Karen, Stelio Gagliardi, Carmelo Lando (birthday remembrance) Vincent Zappia (birthday remembrance)

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



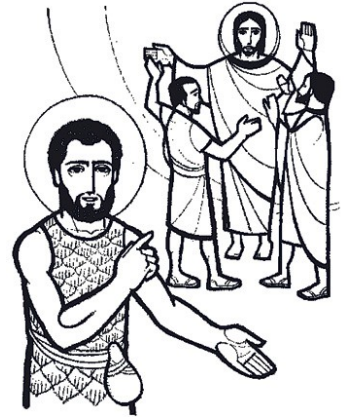
## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

*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.*

Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

A personal call to a particular way of life is not always easy to explain, even to oneself. At my religious profession, I chose the challenging motto "To give without counting the cost". I have taken that motto seriously, even if I have often wanted to change it. Today's liturgy calls me back to what that commitment entails: I have come to realise that, in a very real sense, it encapsulates the gospel call to all the baptised.



The first reading describes a prophetic call, the "call" of the young Samuel who is to become a prophet of great stature within Israel. The story insists that God who takes the initiative while Samuel hears God's call. Initially Samuel hears the word of God, but needs an interpreter in order to understand the import of God's word to him. Eli acts as interpreter and guide, so that Samuel can respond with confidence and faith and grow up to speak God's word to the people.

The gospel focuses on the "call" to discipleship, a call that addresses to every baptised Christian. The opening scene depicts John the Baptist with two of his disciples. John actually points the two disciples away from himself and towards Jesus whom he identifies as "the lamb of God".

What does it mean to call Jesus "God's lamb"? Does the expression refer to the *Passover lamb* whose blood signifies deliverance? Is it a reference to the *Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53* who takes on the sins of the many? Is it an image of the *lamb that God provides for Abraham's sacrifice* (Genesis 22)? Is it the *apocalyptic lamb* of Jewish literature of the time, the powerful conquering lamb that destroys evil in the world? Is it intended to suggest vulnerability as in the prophecy of Jeremiah 11:19 ("I was like a *gentle lamb led to the slaughter*").

There is never a simple explanation for the symbolism in John's gospel. There can be many levels of meaning at the one time. The symbol of strength in vulnerability certainly has potential for understanding who Jesus is in this gospel. John 1:29 tells us that the Lamb of God "takes away" the sinful condition of the world. Twenty-one centuries down the track there is still violence and hunger and exploitation of planetary resources on a massive scale. The work of the one strong enough to risk vulnerability so that others may have life, the work of God's Lamb, is also the work of disciples. It is the way of those who hear God's call and choose to walk the way of Jesus of Nazareth, in openness and love for God's people. The call to discipleship is a call to pour out one's lifeblood for the sake of the gospel, "to give without counting the cost".

Veronica Lawson RSM

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Grace Caristo, Domenica Cavallo, Luca Cursaro, Lucas & Mason Edwards, Amelia De Angelis & Isla Lynch whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



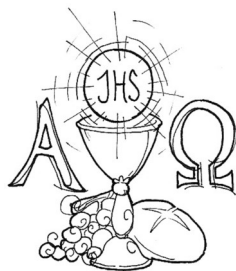
### FIRST EUCHARIST 2018

All information pertaining to preparation for the reception of Reconciliation & First Eucharist in 2018 is now available at the Parish Office. Parents of our children in Catholic Schools should receive information from their School.

Parent must attend the Parent Information evenings to enrol your child:-

**Reconciliation Wednesday 7th February**  
**First Eucharist Wednesday 23rd April**

*Please make a note of these dates now.*



## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### LOST PROPERTY

A pair of prescription glasses were found by the Presbytery Front Gate—Christmas Eve also a toddlers size 5 shoe. If they belong to you please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

### Scripture Group

A few parishioners have asked about the possibility of forming a Scripture/Bible Study group. Please put your name down on the sheets provided if you are interested in being part of a

weekly Scripture group with Fr James. The exact format will depend on the desires of those who wish to take part. Depending on numbers, we are looking at either a Thursday evening or Wednesday morning session, or possibly both if numbers are large enough. If you can't make either time but are still interested, speak to Fr James or email [jkerr@sacredheartmildura.org.au](mailto:jkerr@sacredheartmildura.org.au)



## STAYING WITH THE LORD



Sacred Heart Parish  
**Mission**  
 WITH  
**FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP**

**Sunday February 18th 2018**  
**Friday February 23rd—2018**

**Sunday**—Growing Up Catholic  
**Monday**—Jesus & Justice  
**Tuesday**—Male & Female Spirituality  
**Thursday**—Growing Old & Facing Death  
**Friday**—The Problem of Evil

### PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1294.30</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$1219.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 508.55</b>

### CELEBRATION OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE OF SR GRACE ROGERS'S PROFESSION

Will be held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 2.30pm Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Merbein followed by afternoon tea at Merbein RSL. Family and friends most welcome to join the Sisters in celebrating this significant milestone. No gifts thank you.

### CUPPA, CONVERSATION AND COMMUNITY

All are invited to stay for a **CUPPA** after the 9am Mass this Sunday January 14th..



### THE SHARED TABLE STALL

This **Sunday, 14th January 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.



## THE RATIONALITY OF KIM JONG UN

The ongoing talk of war with North Korea and the threat of nuclear weapons has everybody dusting off their copies of *Dr Strangelove* and rewatching that classic black farce of innuendo, misunderstanding and paranoia in an age of Mutually Assured Destruction.

Ironically, for all the rhetoric about Kim Jong Un as crazed tin pot dictator with his finger on the button, he may just have got this one right. He is undoubtedly a cruel dictator presiding over a deprived wasteland but, for all his bluster and viciousness, it would be a mistake to regard him as an irrational actor. It is entirely reasonable for him to detect a pattern in recent US diplomacy and military activity.

Saddam gave away his chemical weapons under UN supervision in the aftermath of his expulsion from Kuwait — and the US invaded again to finish the job and hang him in front of a jeering mob of his political enemies.

Libya halted its nuke programme — and the US, France and UK invaded, resulting in Muammar being sodomised with a bayonet while futilely pleading for his life on the streets of Sirte. Syria gave up its chemical weapons — and is knee deep in foreign invaders, including the US whose 'moderate rebels', including Al Qaeda offshoot Hayat Tahrir Al Sham would have burned the country from end to end were it not for Russia's reluctance to lose its sole Mediterranean ally.



Then, too, there is Iran — where euphoria at the conclusion of an historic nuclear agreement has now turned to talk of US repudiation of that agreement and a growing drum beat for war. One might certainly argue that there were complex factors at play in each case and some might even say, as the US often has (remember Ms Clinton's famous 'we came, we saw, he died' quote on Qaddafi) that many, if not most, of these worthies had it coming to them.

Nevertheless, viewing things from the point of view of a stated enemy of the US being asked to disarm, you have to admit that the precedents (regardless of which major party holds power in the US) do not point to a happy retirement on the Costa del Sol for those who comply with the indispensable world power's demands.

On this basis, I suspect that Kim believes, not unreasonably, that the current threats from the US of 'fire and fury' and an army 'locked and loaded' are designed to make him climb down and follow the well-established pattern set out above, presumably under the guise of a UN brokered compromise.

He has even less reason to believe in the US' good faith than most: the Americans conspicuously **failed** to live up to previous nuclear agreements with the North (namely to construct light water reactors and deliver on sanctions relief. While Congress was to blame for some of this, Clinton administration officials openly admitted that they never intended to build the reactors because they assumed the North Korean government would have collapsed by the time the obligations fell due).

The US knows as well as the North does that any war directly threatens Seoul and Japan — and perhaps (but less likely) the US as well. Most of Seoul, a vast city containing some of the world's high tech leaders, is in easy range of the North's artillery and nuclear weapons. Japan, another high tech leader and home to many US troops, is also well within North Korean missile range.

A war would kill thousands of US troops and **halt** technology production, and thereby probably bring much of the world's economic system grinding to a halt. For as long as this is the case, I suspect that Kim Jong Un is right to calculate that he will not be attacked. While the countless civilians who would die may not matter to what Bob Dylan so long ago called 'the masters of war', the bottom line and, to some extent, troops coming home in coffins, do. The massive — and immediate term — blow back of destroying a small country with very little reward (there is no oil in the North) means that the game is not worth the candle. There may, however, be a lot of bluster (which will serve to hide other atrocities and bad news — and push **up** the stocks of arms manufacturers).

There is, of course, always a risk that someone will do something stupid (particularly since the US seems to be ginning up talk with a war with Iran as well). As ever, deterrence is a high stakes game of chicken with everyone the loser in the long term as resources which could have gone into feeding, healing and clothing people and mending the planet are channelled into mistrust and weapons for better and better killing.

The chance that someone will, as in *Dr Strangelove*, miscalculate and kill millions, is very real. Nevertheless, in the short term, it may well be that Kim's cold calculus is the one thing which actually prevents a resumption of the Korean War.

*Fr Justin Glyn SJ is studying canon law in Canada. Previously he practised law in South Africa and New Zealand and has a PhD in administrative and international law.*

## COME AND SEE

### THE ROYAL COMMISSION

The Church has now been through five years of Royal Commission hearings, what has it done to ensure children are now safe in the church and that abuse survivors are now being treated fairly and with respect?

- Reviewed and changed many of the child protection and welfare policies and procedures in Church authorities;
- Increased staffing and resources for child protection activities with many dioceses and religious orders now having put in place dedicated professional standards offices to respond to complaints against people within these organisations;
- Put in place a new functionally independent company, Catholic Professional Standards, to develop, audit and report on the way in which church leaders adhere to child and vulnerable adult standards within their dioceses and religious orders;
- Put in place a new body to oversee the Church's implementation of the Royal Commission's recommendations;
- Fully supported the national redress scheme for child sexual abuse survivors so that the Church will no longer be responsible for determining compensation for abuse survivors;
- Reassessed hundreds of past abuse settlements which have been determined to be clearly inadequate — this has seen survivors receive more compensation and increased support; and
- Put in place new guidelines for the way in which Church authorities engage in civil litigation.

### Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul has appointed Frs Eugene McKinnon and Peter Jose CMI to the parishes of Charlton and St Arnaud, effective from January 1st 2018. Fr Eugene, as Parish Priest and Fr Peter as Assistant, will continue to minister in each of the parishes of the North Central Ministry District. The Ministry District will encompass pastoral care, educational chaplaincy and governance, financial consolidation, and resource sharing. A new schedule for worship across the North Central will come into effect from February 2018 with the Cathedral priests assisting until then.

*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

13th & 14th January 2018

20th & 21st January 2018

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9**  
**Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20**  
**Gospel: Jn 1:35-42**

**First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 24:4-9, R. v. 4**  
**Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31**  
**Gospel: Mk 1:14-20**

**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			Talia Faingaanuku			Tony Finn			Anne-Maree Greville		
Taiana Fatai			Michael Faingaanuku			Melanie Ransome			Taiana Fatai		
Margaret McDonald			Laurie Fry			Bill Dolence			Margaret McDonald		
Trish McNamara			Judy Webster			Jacqui Willis			Trish McNamara		
Paul Kerr			Jean Rocca			Barbara Bunting			Paul Kerr		
Anita Naray			Bobby Castillo			Katrina Groves			Anita Naray		
			Ross Tongue						Rose Op’t Hoog		

**MUSIC**

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Filipino Choir			M Guthrie			NO MUSIC			Volunteer Please		
MN Armsden			All welcome						All welcome		

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Please volunteer			Please volunteer			Please volunteer			Please volunteer		

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

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2 Volunteers required			2 Volunteers required			2 Volunteers required			2 Volunteers required		
Baptism			Baptism						Jim O’Donnell		

**READERS**

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Tricia McNamara			Sonia Opie			Rosemarie Zalec			Anita Naray		
									Talia Faingaanuku		
									Sue Hermans		

**COUNTING TEAM 6**

**COUNTING TEAM 7**

JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939						HELEN KAY 0429 135 053					
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**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

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READER			EUCCHARIST MINISTER			READER			EUCCHARIST MINISTER		
P Riordan			M Jensen			M Smith			W Schmidt		