



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B -
20th & 21st January 2018

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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.

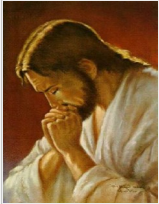
Tues: 6:00 pm

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:

Saturday 6pm: Len Byrne, Mary Gadanec, Mary & Andrew Matulin

Sunday 9am: Steve Panuccio, Sarah Leonardis

Sunday 5pm: Nadia Wolczek, Anna Pytel, Gennaro Palazzo (one month 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.

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

Most of the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end, attending to the story line, to indications of place and time, to all the actors or characters in the story, human and other-than-human. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. The "worlds" we encounter include the celestial world, the world of spirits and demons, the human, the animal and the plant worlds. In many ways, we can resonate with the worlds that Mark creates. In other ways, they are alien to 21st century scientific sensibilities. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties" (GS 1) of our world today. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text.

As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama (Mark 1:1-8:26) raises the question, "Who is this?" The central scene (Mark 8:27-30) provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One, the Christos. The second act of the drama (Mark 8:31-16:8) is full of surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death.

The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teachings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God's kin-dom, God's way of being in the world. Jesus proclaims the advent of God's "time" or *kairos*, as opposed to ordinary clock time (*chronos*). It is crisis time, time to attend to the cries of the earth and the cries of those rendered poor in every age.

One might get the impression that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women "who came up with him to Jerusalem" from Galilee. The central section of the gospel (Mark 9-10) makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. So let us imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests. Women, men, and children, all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's empire into our world.

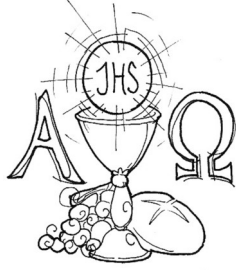
Veronica Lawson RSM



SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

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.



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

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PROCLAIM Conference 2018 - Sponsorship Opportunity

This exciting conference will engage parishes in an ongoing conversation focusing on Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. This conversation will draw together over 500 participants from across Australia for keynote presentations, facilitated conversation sessions, peer learning, expert discussion panels and future visionary planning. Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane).

The Diocesan Foundation has offered sponsorship for six people from the diocese (two from each zone) to attend the PROCLAIM 2018 Conference in Brisbane from July 12-14 (www.proclaimconference.com.au).

If you are interested in attending, please complete an application form available from the Sacred Heart parish Office, addressing the selection criteria, and return this to the Pastoral Ministry Office by Friday, February 16, 2018.

For any enquiries, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or email pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on Monday 29th January 6pm in the Hillman Room.

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



CELEBRATION OF THE 70TH JUBILEE OF SR GRACE ROGERS'S PROFESSION

Will be held on Monday, 22nd 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.

HELPERS NEEDED

To help Althea Mitting with the Shared Table Trading stall.

If you can help out please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

At this stage it is being held on the 2nd Sunday of each month, possibly looking at having another stall on the 4th Sunday of each month?

Just over \$102 was raised for the Shared Table last weekend.

CUPPA AFTER 9am MASS

The Tongan Community have kindly offered to help with CUPPA's after the 9am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1476.35
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3212.55
Loose Plate	\$ 804.05

AUSTRALIA DAY HAS NEVER BEEN UNIFYING

Let's be clear. Australia Day, in its various iterations over the life of the commonwealth, has never been unifying. The earliest form on record was an exclusive [dinner party](#) in 1817 attended by 40 people at the postmaster's house, marking the anniversary of the New South Wales colony.

Subsequent affairs were private and 'official', given that the convicts that comprised most of the population at the time 'were [not encouraged](#) to celebrate', and probably were not inclined anyway. Hardly an egalitarian background for a national day.

The minor inaccuracies involved in marking 26 January make it even more patchy: the First Fleet had actually arrived on earlier dates; Britain had formally annexed NSW on a different date; and the country as a whole had already been 'appropriated' by James Cook in August 1770. Other states, having been founded on various dates, regarded it as a Sydney thing until 1935.

In 1938 it was declared an Aboriginal Day of Mourning, and has since been called either Invasion or Survival Day. To press the point, the current momentum against Australia Day is not some newfound 'political correctness', not least because it predates the term.

Resistance was paradoxically welded to this nation at the furnace where it was forged. Australia Day excludes Indigenous peoples past and present, and casually erases the incalculable cost that underwrote this country, which they continue to pay.

There is momentum around facing the truth, with a handful of councils dropping citizenship ceremonies on the day and the ritual Triple J Hottest 100 countdown being moved as well. It is apparent that the issue has become permanently mainstream, and can no longer be minimised as solely an Indigenous agenda or something driven by 'the left'.

A growing number of Australians accept that being proud about something that alienates Indigenous peoples is a jerk thing to do. Most people would rather not be jerks. A recent poll found more than half of the respondents don't mind moving the day, and 70 per cent preferred a date not associated with the First Fleet.

Something in this harkens to the Uluru Statement, which called on all Australians to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples toward a better version of themselves. It is but the first step.

It is also a correction to the patriotic fervour that flourished under John Howard. During his time as prime minister, Australia Day became integral to iterating a white Australian-ness, legitimated through British arrival. Elements of the period give this away: rapidly changing demographics, concentration of seaborne asylum seekers, moral panics against Muslims.

In this sense the date is nothing more than forced compliance with colonial narratives, one that not only disrespects First Peoples but compromises those who have come here for a better life.

Former refugees rightly feel the need to be tethered to something. Migrant parents want their kids to fit in

and thrive. Many of them participate in Australia Day events because it stands for purchase. It means they are here, living ever after. There is a reason why far-right groups got het up last year over Australia Day billboards that featured smiling Muslim girls.

The incident suggests that the contest over Australia Day extends far beyond the date, and is ultimately about who can belong. This is a fundamentally political question, in the sense that it is those who wield power that are preoccupied with it, and who come from a framework where people belong to nations. The reality is that nation is what people make it. Rather than belonging to it, we belong to each other, and must be similarly accountable.

Fatima Measham is a *Eureka Street* consulting editor. She co-hosts the ChatterSquare podcast, tweets as @foomeister and blogs on Medium.



Australia Day Mass will be held on Friday 26th January at 5.40pm. All welcome

FOLLOWING JESUS

Break Through in your Relationship

We all struggle at times in our marriage but it's not always easy to find good advice or practical help.

SmartLoving BreakThrough is an online course **FREE** until St Valentine's Day. It will help you understand how conflict happens, guide you to develop an effective strategy for managing it, and lead you through a process of personal rejuvenation designed to heal the pain caused by conflict with your loved one.

The course is designed for individual spouses so you don't need your spouse to do the course with you.

www.smartloving.org/breakthrough

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

20th & 21st January 2018

27th & 28th January 2018

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

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

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20
Resp Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9
Response: If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

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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	
Anne-Maree Greville	Lyn Welsh	Mario Zema	Maria Cirillo	Rini Op’t Hoog	Vittorio Carlucci	
Taiana Fatai	Loretta Thompson	Josie Zema	Christine Carmichael	Cora Howell	Christine Slattery	
Margaret McDonald	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Trish Cirillo	Ellen Frauenfelder	Narie Lewis	Jacinta Maci	
Trish McNamara	Maria Scopacasa	Jeena Jose	Jacinda Deacon	Renata Byra	Paula Cox	
Paul Kerr	Susan lewis	Joyce Ribarits	Katy Quinlan	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Jennifer Boord	
Anita Naray	Minda Wright	Clem Carlucci	Katelin Anesbury	Sonia Opie	Volunteer Please	
	Rose Op’t Hoog			Philip Opie		

MUSIC

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Volunteer Please	M Guthrie	NO MUSIC	Singing Group	NO MUSIC	NO MUSIC
	All welcome		M Sullivan		

ALTAR SERV ERS

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

READERS

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Anita Naray	Talia Faingaanuku	Sue Hermans	Christine Carmichael	Cathy/Paul	Tony Finn
				McErvale	

COUNTING TEAM 7

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

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READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
M Smith	W Schmidt	D Knight	K Knight