



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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B -
3rd & 4th February 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.

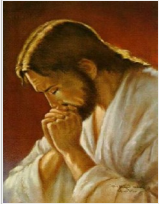
Tues: 6:00 pm

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: Mervin Phelan (Dublin-Ireland-cousin of Brian Grogan)

ANNIVERSARIES: Matteo Zema

Saturday 6pm: Albino Dimasi

Sunday 9am: Maria Blefari (30 day Mass), Carmine Padula, Anna-Maria Gerardis, Pasquale Gerardis (1year 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.

Paul & Dianne Lanigan, 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

In the Mediterranean world of the first century, sickness was attributed to social rather than physical causes. The corollary of this was that healing focussed principally on restoration of the person to her or his place or status in the society or community rather than on the person's bodily affliction or dysfunction. In a very real sense, the healing of an individual brought not only the person but the community itself to wholeness.



Last Sunday, we reflected on the "healing" of a man with an "unclean spirit". Jesus, healer and teacher, expelled the unclean spirit and thus restored health to the man and to the worshipping community. The healing took place in the Capernaum synagogue on the Sabbath. This story began Mark's account of a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Today's gospel passage continues that account. Jesus leaves the synagogue and moves, in the company of two of his new disciples, to the house of Simon and Andrew. In other words, he shifts from a long established gathering place for God's people, the synagogue, to a prospective new locus of communal engagement, the house church. This new locus does not preclude the older locus: Jesus continues to teach and heal in the synagogues throughout Galilee.

In this new place of encounter with God, Jesus heals a woman with a "fever" who is identified only in relation to her son-in-law, Simon. Jesus takes her by the hand and raises her up. She is the first human character in the Markan gospel story who is said to "minister". In other words, the love of God working through Jesus draws her beyond herself to engage in a ministry of leadership in the community of God's people. A little earlier in Mark's gospel we heard that angels "ministered" to Jesus in the desert. In other words, God looked after Jesus as he embarked on his mission of bringing God's love into a broken world. Later in the gospel, Jesus insists that he came "not to be served but to serve/minister" (10:45). This woman is caught up in the same mission of bringing the community to health and wholeness.

That same evening, Simon's house becomes a magnet for "the whole city". Jesus heals their sick and afflicted and, early in the morning, he seeks the solitude of a "desert" place for prayer. The disciples seek him out, as everyone is looking for him. Jesus makes it clear to them that he must move on and bring God's word and healing beyond the city to the neighbouring Galilean towns. The message is for us as well as for those early disciples. Amid all the demands of a sometimes frenetic program, we too must search out the solitude of a "desert" place for prayer, and engage with renewed energy and insight in whatever the new day brings.

Veronica Lawson RSM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

RCIA— THE CHURCH

Thursday, 8th February, 7pm in the Hillman Room.



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Tuesday February 13th - 6pm Mildura
- 6pm Ouyen

Wednesday February 14th - 9.15am Merbein
- 9.30am Red Cliffs
- 10am Combined school Mass Mildura
- 5.40pm: Evening Mass Mildura

LENTEN GROUP

This year the Lenten Group will be starting on Thursday 15th February in the Hillman Room from 10am for approximately 2 hours. Anyone interested in joining please ring Wilma on 5021 4953 or Aileen on 5021 5939 before 13th February.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or if you are no longer available to serve, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872, by Friday 16th February.

New Rosters will become available mid March 2018.



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

Evening Sessions: 7pm—9pm, 18th Feb
Morning Sessions: 10.15m—12.15pm, 19th Feb

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 6th February 9am at the Parish Office.

REGIS 10TH—AGED CARE PRAYERS & ANOINTING

Will be held on Tuesday 6th February 2pm.
All welcome

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 8th February at the KSC Clubrooms from 7pm. All welcome.

CATHOLIC LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet in the Hillman Room at 2pm on Tuesday 13th February. Newcomers most welcome.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Sacred Heart Family Group will begin the 2018 year with breakfast at the Mildura Workers Club on Sunday 11th February after 9.00 am Mass. Intentions for booking Denise or Gerry 50211918. All welcome.

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

This Sunday 4th February following the 9:00am Mass, representatives from the four Parishes associated with our ministry district – Ouyen, Red Cliffs, Mildura and Merbein, will be gathering to discuss practical issues pertaining to the ongoing pastoral care and development of our Region. These meetings will occur quarterly, and are attended by members of the respective Parish Councils.

Some of the key issues at present are:

- Centralisation of banking details for the first collection (presbytery) to save on bank fees and the replication of administration
- One shared Regional Sunday Bulletin for the 3 Sunraysia Parishes
- Combined focus on issues concerning compliance & child safety
- Ongoing formation for people pastorally committed to their Parishes
- Plans for the 2020 Synod
- Year of Youth 2018



We are grateful to those who commit their time on this level, and we pray for the guidance of the Spirit as we consider and plan for the future.

UPDATE ON SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Thanks to all those who have expressed interest in being part of the Scripture Group. The response has been very good for both morning and evening time slots. We will start the evening session from this week, on Thurs Feb 8th at 7:30pm in the Monaghan centre. All welcome. Aileen and Wilma are also now advertising their Lenten Reflection group on Thursday mornings. So as not to clash, we will hold off starting up the morning session until after Easter. The first morning session will therefore be on Wed April 4th after Mass in the Monaghan centre. In the meantime I strongly encourage all who can be part of the Lenten Group. Any questions feel free to speak to Fr James or email jkerr@sacredheartmildura.org.au

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1273.45
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2821.25
Loose Plate	\$ 669.10

Freedom Links Community Crime Prevention Workshop

You are invited to attend a workshop on how to identify and respond to human trafficking, extreme exploitation and forced labour.

As a follow up activity to the community forum held in 2017 and with the support of Mildura Rural City Council we are pleased to invite you to attend a training workshop.

Fri. 16 February 2018

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

LOCATION The Salvation Army

699-705 Fourteenth St

Many people, from local residents to business owners through day-to-day activities may encounter victims of criminal exploitation and uncover activities linked to modern slavery crimes.

It is therefore crucial that more people are aware of their potential roles in addressing modern slavery. Conditions in industries with high rates of mistreatment and exploitation have been identified as agriculture, construction, hospitality and cleaning.

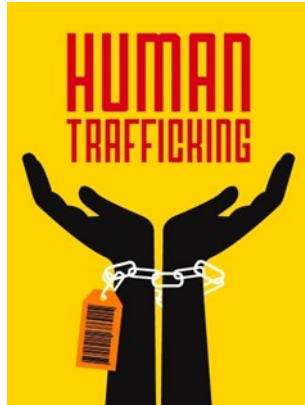
Workshop participants will learn:

- 1) About human trafficking, forced labour and modern slavery crimes in Australian law;**
- 2) Key indicators of human trafficking, forced labour and slavery;**
- 3) Australia's legal and social response to slavery;**
- 4) Actions you can take in your community to raise awareness, refer and support victims and prevent slavery through social inclusion, advocacy and organising;**

We will also provide the latest information on the Government's plans to introduce new legislation around supply chain transparency for business in the form of a Modern Slavery Act for Australia.

Your assistance to help raise awareness in the Sunraysia district about how to identify and respond to human trafficking, criminal exploitation and forced labour would be greatly appreciated.

To register for this Workshop contact Sacred Heart Parish Office: 50 212872 or access the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/freedom-links-community-crime-prevention-workshop-sunraysia-tickets-42448571821>



ANNIVERSARY OF APOLOGY

Ten years have passed since the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on behalf of Parliament and the nation. It seems longer. That was a time of great hope. Today, with respect to Indigenous affairs as to much else, fewer people hold great hope that anything good can come out of Government. The evidence of the harmful effects of the Intervention, of the continuing disproportionate and brutal incarceration of young Indigenous people at Don Dale, the lack of progress on the indices of Indigenous disadvantage, the brusque dismissal by the Government of the proposals by the Constitutional recognition Summit of an Indigenous advisory body and the defensive refusal to discuss any alteration to Australia Day suggest that we are back to unapologetic business as usual in Australia.

Yet the Apology remains important as a marker of what is decent and what may be possible. It was whole hearted and warm hearted in its rhetoric; it was made face to face to representatives of the Indigenous community, including many who had been taken away from their parents as children. It was made solemnly in Parliament on behalf of all Australians. The setting and the solemnity of the occasion implied a commitment to Indigenous Australians that they would be listened to and consulted, not decided for, when their welfare was at stake.

The Apology engendered great hope. It remains unrealised. Indigenous Australians are still treated as the objects of policy and not as subjects who help shape it. Their voice is still shouted down.

But there are signs that public acceptance of this unacceptable business as usual is running thin. When thinking of the celebration of Australia Day, an issue perhaps more important for the self-respect of non-Indigenous Australians than it is a high priority for the First People, an increasing number of people recognise how problematic is the date. This was evident this year in the marches on Australia Day. As was the case with the symbolism of same sex marriage, which was seen as the necessary ending of discrimination, and so brutality, against a significant group of Australians, so people now increasingly regard as inappropriate the celebration as Australia's national day of an event that marked the beginning of the dispossession and discrimination against the first Australians and their descendants.

Despite strident opposition, that sentiment will surely grow. With time, negotiation and courageous leadership Australia will find a date to remember and celebrate the different strands of our history that unite us. Similarly, more people are open to a consultative body for decisions touching Indigenous Australians, seeing them as a unique group in Australian society. Prejudice and contempt remain, but sprigs of green keep pushing through the concrete.

Andrew Hamilton SJ

**"NEVER
RUIN
AN
APOLOGY
WITH
AN
EXCUSE."**

- The Fresh Quotes -

THE SHARED TABLE STALL

On **Sunday, 11th February** 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.



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

3rd & 4th February 2018

10th & 11th February 2018

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Resp Psalm: Ps 146:1-6. R. v. 3
Response: Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

First Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46
Resp Psalm: Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11. R. v. 5
Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31:-11:1
Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

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	Catherine McErvale	Reni Cheriyan	STAFF	Bobby Castillo	Barbara Bunting	
Taiana Fatai	Elvira Mazza	Wendy Finn	COMMISSIONING	Ross Tongue	Katrina Groves	
Margret McDonald	Jill Joslyn	Tony Finn	MASS	Talia Faingaanuku	Judy Hall	
Trish McNamara	Lisa Cirillo	Melanie Ransome		Michael Faingaanuku	Myrna Rodi	
P Kerr	Laurie Fry	Bill Dolence		Maureen Speed	Maree Irvin	
Anita Naray	Judy Webster	Jacqui Willis		Peter O’Donnell	Sue Hermans	
	Jean Rocca			Greg Johnston		

MUSIC

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M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Lam Duy	Staff Commissioning	Singing Group	M Guthrie
All welcome	N Armsden		Mass	M Sullivan	All welcome

ALTAR SERVERS

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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
	Lyn & Colin Welsh		Staff Commissioning	Baptism	
			Mass		

READERS

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Gary Huxtable	Jill Joslyn	Vince Muscatello	Staff Commissioning	Jim O’Brien	Barb Kelly
			Mass		

COUNTING TEAM 9

COUNTING TEAM 10

GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993	BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099
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IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

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READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
G McCracken	R Barbary	M Hill	J Kearney