



# 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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B -  
10th & 11th 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.

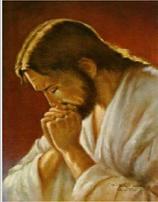
Tues: 6:00 pm

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:** Florence Drewry

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Saturday 6pm:** Bob McKenzie (80th birthday remembrance), Robert James O'Farrell

**Sunday 9am:** Patrick & John Donnellon, Dominic Antonio Bleferi (one year 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

We all seek to be part of family and community because we are social beings who need to engage with others and with our environment. Some are deprived of choice in this respect, in our times as in ancient times. Repeated name-calling and labelling is an age-old strategy of exclusion. "Illegals" is a label that excludes some of the most vulnerable people in today's world. "Leper" is a label that is used metaphorically of those who are not welcome, of those deemed to be "infectious".



Today's gospel about a man with leprosy invites us to reflect on the pain of exclusion. To be a leper in the world of early Judaism was to have some sort of skin disease that excluded a person from community and in particular from public worship. There were very strict regulations regarding such lepers (see the first reading from Leviticus, dating from several centuries before the time of Jesus). Their condition required ritual cleansing by a priest and an offering that cost money. That seems horrifying from our perspective, and it was. In Mark's story, the man with leprosy approaches Jesus of Nazareth who is not one of the priests. This afflicted person thus cuts across the established procedures. Jesus is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in his gut, or in the depths of his being". In other words, Jesus empathises deeply with the suffering person. He has a physical reaction in the face of suffering. Some manuscripts have "moved with anger". A later scribe probably considered that expression too harsh as an emotion for Jesus and softened the text. Jesus speaks and acts. He declares that he wills the cure of the man. He actually reaches out and touches him: a bodily encounter brings healing. He then sends the man back to tell the priests "as a proof to them". The verb used for "send back" suggests that the priests had already been approached without success. Jesus, the Galilean healer, succeeds in mediating the power of the God of Israel and so restores this outcast to life in the community and the community itself to greater wholeness through this healing. The widespread report of Jesus' healing activity will incur the anger of some of the authorities. For our part, as followers of Jesus, we might reflect on the fact that sickness and disability are not only physical phenomena. They also have social and emotional impacts on individuals and the communities to which they belong. Healing enables people to live again, to be with others, to do the things they want to do. It brings new life and integrity to community. Jesus demonstrates that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. That was true in the ancient world. It is equally true for us today.

Veronica Lawson RSM

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Emilia Gauci and Hudson Gray, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

### RCIA— THE LITURGICAL YEAR & THE SEASON OF LENT



Thursday, 15th February, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

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

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



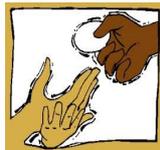
# HOLINESS

### 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

### SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

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

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

KSC Monthly meeting to be held Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm, in the Clubrooms

### CATHOLIC LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

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

### REGIS ONTARIO—AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Thursday 15th February at 2pm. All welcome.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE

### A Just Future Starts with Empowerment Janaki, Nepal

Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. She's now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club formed by Caritas Australia partners, Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation Surkhet, as part of the Children and Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP) which provides youth with job skills and income-generating projects. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine.

Nine years on, Janaki has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business, teaching others and is considered a community role model.

"My confidence level has raised," Janaki says. "I appreciate all those respected peoples of Australia who are supporting this wise cause. Through their help, women who experience domestic violence and who are financially vulnerable are getting new hope in their life. I thank them from bottom of my heart."



### CUPPA, CONVERSATION AND COMMUNITY

A CUPPA will be held after the 9am Mass this Sunday. **ALL WELCOME.**



## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1303.35</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$3032.70</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 654.70</b>

## 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.

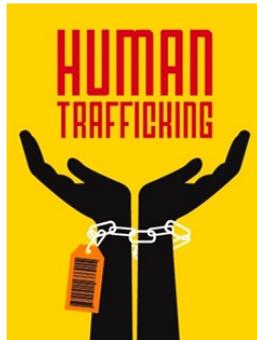
Workshop participants will learn:

- 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>



## FREEDOM FROM THE TYRANNY OF DOING

### A pre-Lenten reflection

Some years ago, I was asked to mind a house in inner Melbourne, so for weeks I rattled around in a boom-period mansion of 11 large rooms. Nervous at night, I took myself in hand: 'They've got to find me first,' I told myself when thinking of would-be intruders.

The other reason for nerves was the noise level: in the Greek village house I had been without a phone for ten years, and the most common sounds were those of donkeys sobbing in the olive groves and tractors grinding along the street.

In the Melbourne house there were numerous phones, so that I never knew which one to answer. There were also machines that I was ignorant of, but which emitted noise very regularly: the air conditioner, various exhaust fans, the enormous freezer, the fax machine, the intercom, the house alarm. The whole building gave out a constant hum, even in the days before the computer ping of email.

I realised then that I had spent a quiet childhood: in the country township we had no car, no refrigerator, little background noise apart from birdsong. When we listened to the wireless it was with a purpose, for a particular program. As for other noise, we made our own when the spirit moved us: piano, violin, our singing voices. In between we had our quiet interludes: sometimes my mother would demand what she called 'a drop of hush'.

The human brain has always needed silence, and there have always been people who needed solitude, at least for certain periods. In 1948 war hero and adventurer Patrick Leigh Fermor (pictured) retreated to a French monastery simply in order to write. But the experience of silence was an unexpected bonus. At first he found it simply depressing, and was prey to terrible feelings of loneliness and flatness. But eventually freed from what he termed the 'automatic drains' of talk, movement and nervous expression, he found a unique and restorative freedom that enabled him to work and eventually produce *A Time To Keep Silence*.

Life was simpler then. Now, as well as other sources of noise, we have what British-American writer and self-confessed web freak Andrew Sullivan calls 'online clamour' to contend with. In 2016, fearing a breakdown as a result of what he terms *living in the web*, and apparently doing little else in the way of living, Sullivan booked himself into a retreat, which involved separation from his iPhone, and the subsequent withdrawal pangs.

But like Fermor decades before, Sullivan soon began to appreciate the experience. He contends that his obsession had been leading him to lose his humanity. Freeing himself from the web was hard work, but very much worth the effort: he began to draw closer to the natural world, and had no mediating iPhone to capture the images of light on leaves or the birds whose songs he was genuinely listening to at last. He, too, began to see the positive in the deepening silence that enveloped him during this restorative time, and felt freed from the tyranny of 'doing'.

Sullivan is a practising Catholic, and began to think rather more about the place of silence in our lives, which has been much harder to achieve since 'the roar and disruption of the Industrial Revolution'. He considered silence in spaces like libraries and churches, and the way in which Christ was often silent: he did not defend himself when he could have done, for example. Sullivan comes to a conclusion that I found surprising, but also logical: hedonism is not the enemy of faith, distraction is. In fact, he asserts, distraction is a threat to our souls.

Nor can we blame science and scientists' attempts to disprove the unprovable for the diminution of faith in our culture. Faith, he maintains, needs stillness and silence in order to endure or be reborn. But today that stillness and silence is being constantly challenged by 'the white noise of secularism'. I suppose the moral of Sullivan's story is that we all need to slow down and use all our senses, since the irony is that the urge to be continually connected actually disconnects us from 'real' life. Sometimes we need to stop and smell the roses. And switch off our phones.

*Gillian Bouras is an expatriate Australian writer who has written several books, stories and articles, many of them dealing with her experiences as an Australian woman in Greece.*

## THE SHARED TABLE STALL

**Today, 11th February after the 9am Mass.**

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

**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

10th & 11th February 2018			17th & 18th February 2018		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
<b>First Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46</b> <b>Resp Psalm: Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11. R. v. 5</b> <b>Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.</b> <b>Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31:-11:1</b> <b>Gospel: Mk 1:40-45</b>			<b>First Reading: Gen 9:8-15</b> <b>Resp Psalm: Ps 24:4-9, R. cf. v. 10</b> <b>Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.</b> <b>Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:18-22</b> <b>Gospel: Mk 1:12-15</b>		
EUCARIST MINISTERS			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
STAFF	Bobby Castillo	Barbara Bunting	Anne-Maree Greville	Gina Raiti	Naomi Kennedy
COMMISSIONING	Ross Tongue	Katrina Groves	Taiana Fatai	Anna Vartuli	Mario Zema
MASS	Talia Faingaanuku	Judy Hall	Margaret McDonald	Nada Zudetich	Josie Zema
	Michael Faingaanuku	Myrna Rodi	Trish McNamara	Sara Visona	Trish Cirillo
	Maureen Speed	Maree Irvin	P Kerr	Juliet Cresp	Jeena Jose
	Peter O’Donnell	Sue Hermans	Anita Naray	Louise Belej	
	Greg Johnston			Nancy Leonardis	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Staff Commissioning	Singing Group	M Guthrie	Filipino Group	Tongan Choir	M Sullivan
Mass	M Sullivan	All welcome	N Armsden	M Guthrie	J Macri
					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	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Staff Commissioning	Baptism			Cathy & Paul	
Mass				McErvale	
READERS			READERS		
Staff Commissioning	Jim O’Brien	Barb Kelly	Mary Jackson	Laurie Fry	Barbara Bunting
Mass					
COUNTING TEAM 10			COUNTING TEAM 1		
BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099			GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCARIST MINISTER	
M Hill	J Kearney		P Riordan	D Knight	