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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

2nd Sunday of Lent / Year B -
24th & 25th 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 (this week only)

If there is a Funeral Mass on **Wednesday** or **Thursday**, the advertised Mass will be cancelled.

Tues: 6:00 pm

Wed: 9:15 am (Anointing Mass)

Thurs: 5:40pm

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: Norma Sherlock (sister of Mary Jackson), Marjorie Challman (mother of Liz Collihole)

ANNIVERSARIES: Elena Callipari

Saturday 6pm: Percy Richardson

Sunday 9am: Giovanni Testa (birthday remembrance)

Josefina Esteves

Sunday 5pm:

Wednesday 9.15am: Joseph Grivec (birthday remembrance)

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Tuesday 6pm: For Ilario (Larry) Deluca on his birthday

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

The wilderness was the geographical and key symbolic focus of last week's gospel story. This week, the focus is a mountain. Wilderness and mountain remind us that God's Earth itself is the locus of mystery and grace, the place of Earth-divine encounter. The mountain, like the wilderness, links Mark's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites. Moses' encounter with God on the mountain of Sinai was a defining moment in the life of the people: the Israelites entered into covenant with God at this mountain and received the Law that was to guide their lives as a people. Some centuries later, at a time of crisis in Israel's life, the prophet Elijah returned to this mountain and experienced the presence of God in the gentle breeze.



In the gospel passage for today, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain and is "transfigured" before them and "his clothes become dazzling white". In the Book of Revelation, white clothes come to symbolise the clothing of martyrs, of those who die for their faith. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, appear and enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet. The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he accepts his likely fate. If he continues to challenge oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with that realisation in the "wilderness" and comes to terms with what it involves on this unidentified mountain.

The voice of God reaffirms the identity of Jesus that was announced in the opening words of the gospel and proclaimed at his baptism in the Jordan. It calls for a response from the disciples who have ascended the mountain in his company: "Listen to him". In the two preceding scenes, Jesus has spoken of the suffering that he and his followers will have to face. These words are crucial to an understanding, not only of Jesus, but of what it means to follow him. They seem to fall on deaf ears.

Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" and settle down. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We also need the courage and the good sense to return from the mountain and follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain.
Veronica Lawson RSM

THURSDAY MASS THIS WEEK—5:40PM
due to St. Joseph's College Mass at 9:00am

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Pia Cavallo, Romeo Dichiera, Ronan Doyle, John Hardy & Henry McAullay whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



RCIA— The Creed

Thursday 1st March in the Hillman Room.

MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

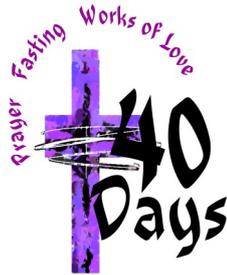
Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Monday 5pm or
Friday after the 5.40pm Mass.
All welcome.

EASTER DATES

Palm Sunday—25th March
Holy Thursday—29th March
Good Friday— 30th March
Easter Vigil—31st March
Easter Sunday—1st April



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday: 7pm
Good Friday: Way of the Cross 10.30am
Ceremony 3pm

Easter Vigil Saturday
Mildura: 7.30pm
Irymple: 6pm (for this year only)

Easter Sunday
Mildura: 8am and 10am
(No 5pm Mass)

Werrimull: 8.30am
Red Cliffs: 10am
Merbein: 10.30am



MUSIC – LITURGY MEETING

All musicians/leaders are invited to a Liturgy meeting in the **Parish Office on Wednesday, 28th February at 6pm.** Preparation for Holy Week and Easter and Music Roster will be discussed. *Marion Guthrie*



THANK YOU FR RAY SANCHEZ

Many thanks once again to Fr. Ray for his time with us over the past week. His sessions were both enlightening and at times, challenging. We are grateful for this time given to us as a means of entering more wholeheartedly into the Season of Lent. Over the past three years, we have come to know Fr. Ray well, and so we wish him blessings in his ministry and good health. Hopefully in a couple of years more he will return to us once again.

**MASS THIS THURSDAY
5:40PM**

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on **Wednesday 28th** February 9.15am. All welcome.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 1st March 7pm at the KSC Clubrooms. All welcome.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NOTICE

Due to limitations for Baptism when they occur, please book and prepare early for your Baptism Preparation Evening. Which are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The baptism should occur at least 2 to 3 months after you have attending the Preparation Evening. For further information and bookings please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

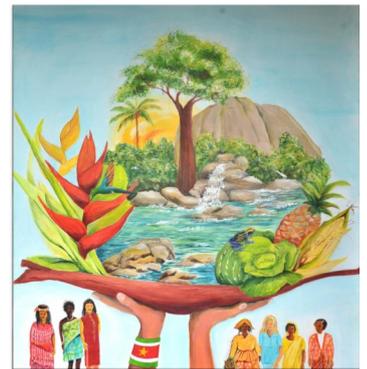
World Day of Prayer—March 2018

**Suriname—All God's
Creation is Very Good!**

SURINAME
All God's Creation is Very Good!



This year's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 2nd March 10am at the Salvation Army, cnr Etiwanda & 14th Street. All welcome



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOOL MASS

St. Joseph's opening school Mass will be held this Thursday morning at the stadium. The Parish Mass Thursday morning will be at 5:40pm

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$
Loose Plate	\$
The Shared Table	\$ 300.00

Available now for collection your Planned Giving Receipt from 3/9/2017 to 31/1/2018.

Should there be any discrepancies please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.



*Growing
For
Generations*

Florida shooting and the cult of individuality

Shootings in the United States — the spectacular ones, that is — tend to follow a pattern now etched in social response.

The culprit, estranged and ill, plots revenge over a grievance, actual or perceived. A lethal arsenal is accumulated, assisted by carefree regulations, poor background checks, and rudimentary efforts made to plan an attack. When inflicted, the damage is often catastrophic.

Shootings in US schools, however, demonstrate an inner disturbance that is even more profound than standard mass killings. Criminology, that most imperfect of social sciences, struggles to peer into such minds, and finds, as the authors of a work on mass shootings in the US surmised on Cho Seung-Hui of Virginia Tech, a 'history of mental illness and a skein of red flags popping up since he was a child'. They often feature former students, disgruntled and corroded. They are dormant psychotics, primed for triggering.

The teenager accused of the shootings in Parkland, Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was one such figure. Before the court, the accused, Nikolas Cruz, had the arm of his attorney around him.

The shooting was the 17th school shooting incident this year, involving the wounding and death of students. With the infliction of 17 deaths, it had the dubious honour of being the deadliest since 26 people lost their lives at Connecticut's Sandy Hook school in 2012.

Cruz had been active, noisily so, on social media. Word got around that he was intent on becoming a professional school shooter. That alert came from a YouTube post from user Ben Bennight, who contacted the FBI for some 20 minutes.

Cruz's digital footprint, his presence, had landed the FBI in some hot water. 'Our investigators,' according to Broward Sheriff Scott Israel, 'are dissecting social media. Some of the things that come to mind are very, very disturbing.' All in all, investigative bureaucracy had lagged. Note was made, for instance, of Cruz's behaviour among teaching staff. 'We were told last year,' explained maths teacher Jim Gard to the *Miami Herald*, 'that he wasn't allowed on campus with a backpack on him.'

The *Miami Herald* went on to elaborate, 'He preened with guns and knives on social media, bragged about shooting rats with a BB gun and got kicked out of school — in part because he had brought bullets in his backpack, according to one classmate.'

Focus in responding to such killings involves two tracks. Rather than being seen as intertwined, critics prefer to segregate the issues. One is the character of the killer, disturbed, isolated, the ignoble bad apple; the other is the character of the society that fosters him. Far easier for gun enthusiasts to focus on the former than the latter. A common deflective approach, one taken by White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, is that a mass gun shooting should never permit a debate on guns in light of the grief it causes. Praying is better than legislating.

To that end, the louse that tends to crawl out of the locks in these cases is always gun control, or its conspicuous lack. Cruz assumed the visage of a murderous combatant in an urban setting, sporting that now unsettling symbol of gun freedom: the AR-15 rifle. The description by Sheriff Scott Israel for the press was not that of a civilian but of an urban guerrilla's exploits.

Each massacre prompts a furious round of discussions, speculations and suggestions. Each time, the pro-gun lobby, infused with an indignation fuelled by the protective armour of the constitution, succeeds in limiting change. Such actions demonstrate the sometimes cruel reality that change in the US is rarely conditioned by paternal legislation. The cult of individuality is all powerful.

Florida remains, to that end, both test case and problem. Last week, the Judiciary Committee of the Florida House of Representatives, by a vote of 14-6, passed HB-39/SB 148, a bill affirming the position that a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon 'does not violate the law if the firearms is temporarily and openly displayed'.

The bill is one of 11 on the Florida legislative agenda, including instruments that would permit concealed weapons permit holders to carry firearms on school property 'if a religious institution is located on the property'. They constitute fruit of campaigning by the National Rifle Association, which proudly declares 'its ownership of Republican state legislators' in some three quarters of the 50 states. It also supplied some \$10 million to the Trump presidential campaign.

Then come the vain efforts of such figures as Senator Linda Stewart, an Orlando Democrat who had attempted to push a legislative agenda prohibiting the sale or transfer of assault weapons. 'There is no reason for high-powered assault weapons to be so readily available in a civilised society.'

Unfortunately for Stewart, the mass murderous gun, even in the hands of a disgruntled teenager, remains a manifestation that will linger in the face of legislative apathy and constitutional fervour. A civilised society may, according to Stewart, not require such guns, but US civilisation expresses a certain frontier brutality that refuses to abandon them. Such an essence has proven nigh impossible to change.

Dr Binoy Kampmark is a former Commonwealth Scholar who lectures at RMIT University, Melbourne.

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE

Second Sunday of Lent
25th February 2018

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.



A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
CELEBRATIONS
Saturday 17th of
March
following the 6:00pm
Mass**

BYO drinks and nibbles for some music and dancing around the Monaghan Centre—inside and outside.

#LIVELENT | **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**

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

24th & 25th February 2018

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13,15-18
Resp Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9
Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living
Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34
Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Maria Cirillo	Elena Garreffa	Joyce Ribarits
Christine Carmichael	Maryanne Modica	Clem Carlucci
Ellen Frauenfelder	Lyn Welsh	Vittorio Carlucci
Jacinda Deacon	Loretta Thompson	Jacinta Macri
Katelin Anesbury	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Christine Slattery
Katy Quinlan	Maria Scopacasa	Volunteer Please
	Susan Lewis	

MUSIC

M Guthrie	Singing Group	NO MUSIC
All welcome	M Sullivan	

ALTAR SERV ERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	Baptism	

READERS

Rosemary Barnes	Luke Guthrie	Bill Dolence

COUNTING TEAM 2

JOE DE JONG 5023 7802	
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM	
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
M Smith	W Smith

3rd & 4th March 2018

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Exo 20:1-17
Resp Psalm: Ps 18:8-11
Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting love.
Second Reading: Cor 1:22-25
Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

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6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Minda Wright	Paula Cox
Taiana Fatai	Rose Op’t Hoog	Jennifer Boord
Margaret McDonald	Rini Op’t Hoog	Reni Cheriyan
Trish McNamara	Cora Howell	Wendy Finn
Paul Kerr	Narie Lewis	Tony Finn
Anita Nary	Renata Byra	Melanie Ransome
	Kapeli Mapapalangi	

MUSIC

Singing Group	Italian Choir	Lam Duy
M Sullivan	N Armsden	J Ljubic
		J Macri

ALTAR SERV ERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Joy Morvell	

READERS

Trish McNamara	Lyn Welsh	Christine Slattery

COUNTING TEAM 3

PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531	
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM	
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
J Kearney	R Hill