



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
9th & 10th September 2017

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: Beatrice Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Edward Wolczek

Sunday 9am: Pasquale Vartuli, Robert Macri, Benito Colaiacovo

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



PLEASE NOTE:

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

6:00PM MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED

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.

Nada Zudetich, Phil & Dorothy Mullane, Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

What does a just society or community do with its persistent offenders, with those whose behaviour continually disrupts or even destroys the unity of a group? This is an age old question that has no easy answer. The people of South Africa in the wake of apartheid and Timor Leste after twenty-five years of oppression recognised that a too easy amnesty is no solution for violent and destructive behaviour. Offences need to be named and acknowledged by their perpetrators for the sake of community reconciliation and for building the trust essential to the creation of a new future.

For where
two or three
are gathered in
my name,
there am I
among them.
Matthew 18:20

The processes followed in South Africa and in Timor Leste were similar to those proposed in today's gospel for members of the church community. The power to deal with transgression is firmly in the hands of the community members. All care must be taken to allow an offender to acknowledge the offence in private. If that fails, the matter is referred to a group of two or three witnesses, in line with Israel's ancient legal practice (Deut 19:15). The next step is referral to the assembled community. A person who refuses to listen "to the church" is to be treated as a Gentile or a tax-collector. The meaning here is not at all clear. Some scholars suggest that the Matthean Jesus is proposing exclusion from the community of those who refuse to listen. Others consider that he is advocating the sort of compassionate approach that Jesus has personally shown to outsiders, to those in need of conversion.

If our personal efforts to resolve conflict are unsuccessful, we do well to seek the wisdom of others. Jesus, God-with-us, is present in the assembly. We have that assurance. We also have the assurance that our failure to deal with transgression can leave a person unreconciled. We need to "loose" the sins of those who acknowledge their offences. In other words, we are called to forgive them and thus set them free from the burden of their sins against us. This does not mean that we overlook or in any way condone offences. In response to a request from Pope Francis, this Sunday has been named Child Protection Sunday, a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. While the gospel passage focusses on offenders, our first concern must be with those who suffer at their hands.

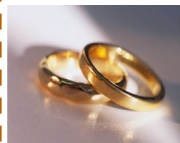
Forgiveness is needed at every level if we are to be in right relationship in the Earth community. Most global tensions have their origin in the unresolved conflicts of the distant past. Our future on this planet depends on our capacity to "surrender to the sky [our] heart of anger" (James K. Baxter) even as we do all we can to ensure that the mistakes of the past are never repeated.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Addison Cole whose Baptism occurs this week-end.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Paul Torrevillas & Yunicé Viray and Goe Mammone & Emma Nesci who were married this weekend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

Parents of children in Grade 5 who celebrated First Eucharist last year are reminded that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on the weekends of the **11th & 12th November and the 18th & 19th of November.**

The **Parent Information Evening** will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 18th of October 7:00pm – 8:00pm.** Parents **must** attend this evening to enrol their children in the Program. More information is available at the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm.



The **RCIA** will commence at the end of September. Please pass on this information to anybody you may know who is interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation & Eucharist during our Easter Ceremonies in 2018.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1270.40
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$4324.00
Loose Plate	\$1930.30

Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th Sep-

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

THE SHARED TABLE

Sunday Market—10th September

This Sunday after the 9am Mass—there will be a Sunday Market with proceeds from this Market supporting the Shared Table Project in Lima, Peru.

Those interested in supporting The Shared Table are welcome to either contribute goods or set up a table themselves in the Monaghan. For more information, please contact the



A petition to appeal against the lenient sentence handed to Karen Belej's killer is now available for you to sign.



Forms are located in all the church entrances.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING

Monthly meeting will be held Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Club rooms.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 12th September 10am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday 12th September from 2pm, in the Hillman Room. All welcome.

WEEKEND RETREAT IN OUYEN

Join us in Ouyen for a weekend retreat for all ages, with talks on the faith, times of prayer, fellowship and an opportunity to be recharged in the love of God.

When: 6-8th Oct (beginning Friday evening, ending before lunch on Sunday)

Where: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ouyen

More info: coming soon!

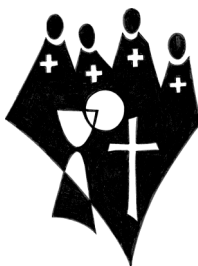
Contact Marie to register your interest on 0417 660 893

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests This weekend

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The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$60,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.



A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

SUNRAYSA REGIONAL GATHERING

Will be held on Sunday 1st October 11.45am in the Monaghan Centre. All Parish Council members are expected to be present. A plate to share, please see Lyn Welsh.

This is an important meeting as we need to begin to undertake some serious strategic planning for the future of this Catholic Region.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA

This Tuesday marked the 20th Anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. To celebrate here are some great quotes from her to reflect upon during the week.

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

"Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat."

"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."

"Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person."

In speaking of the poor: "Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

"Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of peace of the world."

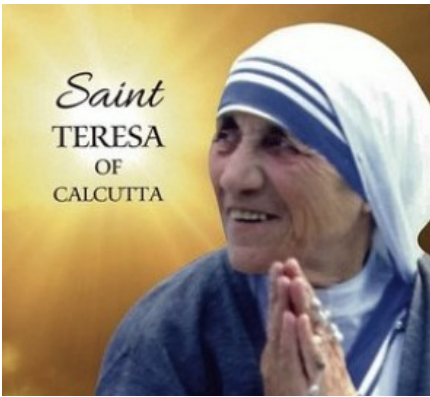
"Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

"Good works are links that form a chain of love."

"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."

"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I don't know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will NOT ask, How many good things have you done in your life?, rather he will ask, How much LOVE did you put into what you did?"

"I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness."



"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."


And one I am sure we can all relate to: "I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much."

Pope Francis and Reconciliation: A Healing Encounter with God's Mercy

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of being reconciled. The memory of past hurts can overshadow us and hold us back, but Jesus has left us a great gift in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.




Let us never tire of seeking out his mercy. Pope Francis has often spoken of confession and encouraged us to make use of the sacrament. Maybe we might be a bit nervous? "Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession," Acknowledging a popular objection to the sacrament, Pope Francis noted, "someone can say, 'I confess my sins only to God.' Yes, you can say to God, 'forgive me,' and say your sins. But our sins are also against our brothers, against the Church. This is why it is necessary to ask forgiveness of the Church and of our brothers, in the person of the priest. Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves. One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus. Forgiveness is not a result of our efforts, but is a gift. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit who showers us with mercy and grace that pours forth unceasingly from the open heart of Christ crucified and risen... Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things (embarrassment etc.) - even shame - but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy. The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing... I say to you, every time we go to confession, God embraces us."

RFB 

Presents

COFFEE WITH JESUS

It's Not Easy




God knows it's not easy, Jesus.



Yes I do, Ann.



So you hear me?



Hear you, Ann. See you. Know you. Got this whole crazy thing wired, believe it or not.

Hang in there.

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

9th & 10th September 2017

16th & 17th September 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Ezek 33:7-9
Resp Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8
Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden
not your hearts.
Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10
Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

First Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7
Resp Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 9-12. R. v. 8
Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich
in compassion.
Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9
Gospel: Mt 13:34

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY		SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM	6PM	9AM	5PM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Ross Tongue	Bill Dolence	Maria Cirillo	Anna Vartuli	Maree Irvin	
Taiana Fatai	Talia Faingaanuku	Jacqui Willis	Christine Carmichael	Nada Zudetich	Sue Hermans	
Margaret McDonald	Michael Faingaanuku	Barbara Bunting	Ellen Frauenfelder	Sara Visona	Danielle Mazzini	
Trish McNamara	Maureen Speed	Katrina Groves	Jacinda Deacon	Juliet Cresp	Naomi Kennedy	
Morris Henderson	Peter O’Donnell	Judy Hall	Katy Quinlan	Louise Belej	Mario Zema	
Anita Naray	Greg Johnston	Myrna Rodi	Katelin Anesbury	Nancy Leonardis	Josie Zema	
	Gina Raiti			Elina Garreffa		

MUSIC

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Filipino Choir	M Guthrie	M Sullivan		Tongan Choir	NO MUSIC
N Armsden	B Lewis/B Prescott	J Macri		M Sullivan	
	J O’Bryan	J Ljubic			

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
Baptism	Baptism			Mary Gobbo	

READERS

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Rosemary Barnes	Maria Munro	Barb Bunting	Tricia McNamara	Luke Guthrie	Tony Finn

COUNTING TEAM 9

COUNTING TEAM 8

GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7933			TREVOR AUST 5023 6597		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
K Modoo	R Barbary		G McCracken	P Riordan	