



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 A -
11th & 12th February 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: 7:00 pm

Wed: 9:10 am

Thurs: 9:30 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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Gemma De Bortoli

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Patrick & John Donnellon, Rosamma Thomas, Mario Venneri (one month Mass)

Sunday 5pm: Rosario & Giuseppina Panetta, David Porter

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



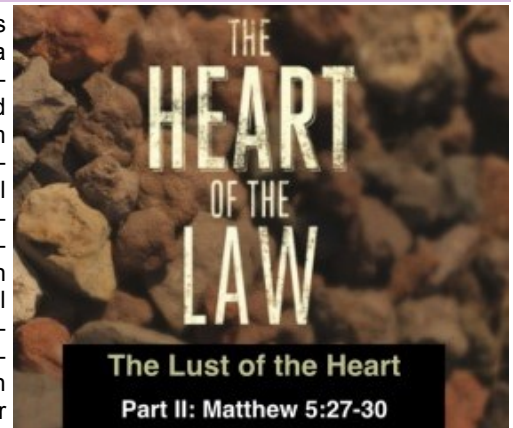
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, Moataane Vatuvei, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We sometimes forget that Jesus was a faithful Jew who observed the Law handed down within Israel from generation to generation. Today's gospel brings us the continuation of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount in which Jesus, the faithful Jewish teacher, addresses his Jewish disciples and the Jewish crowds gathered to hear his words.



The mission of Jesus ("I have come to...") is to fulfill the law, not to do away with it, and fulfilling the law is a question of "righteousness". The Greek term for righteousness, *dikaïosunē*, translates both the Hebrew *sedeqah* meaning "right relationship" and *mishpat* meaning "justice". The righteousness of the official teachers of the Law, the scribes and Pharisees, their manner of relating to others and their notions of justice, are judged to be quite inadequate for those who are part of God's reign, "the kingdom of heaven" in Matthew's terminology. The righteousness of Jesus' followers is to "exceed" such minimalist interpretations and expressions of the Law.

Jesus, authentic teacher and interpreter of the Law, offers six examples of the righteousness that "fulfils" the Law. Four of these examples are included in today's reading. What was heard "of old" is contrasted with what Jesus wants to say to them. In the first instance, they all know that the Law forbids murder. They may not have considered the connection between unrestrained anger or murderous thoughts and murder itself. In a series of cascading sentences, Jesus presents a charter for reconciliation and forgiveness. He reminds his audience that true worship demands a forgiving heart expressed in action. He includes a fairly pragmatic reason for settling out of court: you may actually find yourself in prison. There may be an implicit criticism here of the increasingly punitive legal system of the time.

The second example puts "lustful looking" on a par with adultery. In an age of easy access to internet pornography, this example has a particular resonance. Such activities make a travesty of gospel righteousness. The third example on divorce is complicated by the exceptive clause, "except in the case of *porneia*". *Porneia* referred to any illicit sexual activity. Here it probably means marriages within degrees of kinship prohibited by Jews but not by Gentiles. The question seems to have arisen as to whether couples in such unions could stay together on becoming Christian. While Jesus presents the ideal (no divorce), we have to put this teaching into a broader context. Writing to the people of Corinth on this subject, Paul allows for exceptions, since "God has called us to peace". The fourth example is about swearing on oath. Righteousness calls for honesty and transparency in every day dealings. If the words we use are congruent with the intentions of our heart, we should not have to invoke God as a witness to the veracity of our claims.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Joseph Pascale, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

RCIA—The Catechumenate- The Liturgical Year

Will be held on Thursday 16th February, 7pm in the Hillman Room.



CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please be advised that from the beginning of Lent our Weekday Mass times will be as follows:

Tuesday: 6:00pm

Wednesday: 9:15am

Thursday: 9:15am

Friday: 5:40pm

Mass Times

Please note however, that the Ash Wednesday morning Mass will be at 9:30am for the sake of St. Paul's Primary School who will be attending.

ADVANCE NOTICE

March 1: Ash Wednesday

April 9th: Palm Sunday

April 13th: Holy Thursday

April 14th: Good Friday

April 15th: Easter Saturday Vigil

April 16th: Easter Sunday



Sacred Heart Parish

Mission

WITH

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

Sunday March 12th 2017

Friday March 17th 2017

The Family & How We Communicate
Grief, Loss & the Mystery of Human Suffering
Sharing Our Faith with Our Children
Prayer, Solitude & Everyday Spirituality
Reconciliation & Eucharist

RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

All information is available from the Parish Office
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
and enrolment of children Wednesday 22nd February at
7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

KSC Monthly meeting will be held in the Club rooms on Monday 13th Feb 2017 at 7.30pm.

REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Thursday 16th February at 2pm. All welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Family Group will breakfast at the Mildura Workers on Sunday 19th February 10.00am. Please let Denise or Gerry know your intensions 50211918. All welcome.

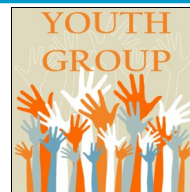
SOUP KITCHEN

Seeking volunteers for the soup kitchen (Monday and Wednesday nights - 5.30 to 6.30pm). Chefs needed to cook meals (Stew, Soup, Lasagna, Pies and/or desserts) - often have food to use if required. Also needed are Waiters/ Waitresses to set up, serve, clean and pack up from 5.00 - 7.00pm. *Please email Paula Cox pcox@sjcmda.vic.edu.au with your availability, or contact the Parish Office.*

SUNDAY HOSPITAL COMMUNION ROSTER

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help with taking Communion to those in Hospital on a Sunday. Fr James is hoping to meet with all who have volunteered after the 9am Mass on Sunday 19th February in the Monaghan Centre to explain the procedure and work on a roster. We should be finished by 10:30am.

SACRED HEART YOUTH



The Sacred Heart Youth Group will be meeting in the Monaghan Centre every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 6.30pm. New members most welcomed to join. The next meeting will be held on Friday 17th February.



The Youth group will also be organising morning tea on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month after the 9am Mass. All welcome. Cuppa after 9am Mass this Sunday.

FRANCISCO – THE MAN BEHIND THE POPE Deakin Cinema February 15th at 6:30pm

You can still purchase your tickets online:
<https://tickets.demand.film/event/1407>
or you can purchase your tickets on the night only.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

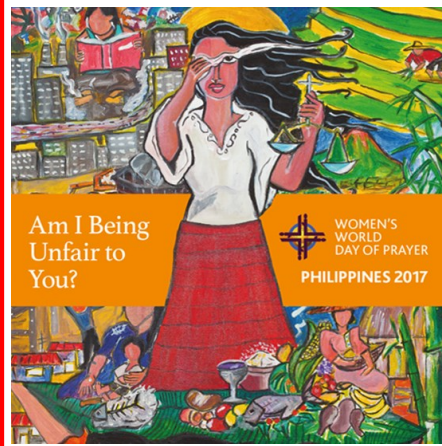
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1146.70
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2811.00
Loose Plate	\$ 524.45

The next Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th February, 7.30am at the Parish Office.

LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM UPDATE

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Subjects are available in a wide range of topics including sacraments, youth ministry, scripture, social justice, leadership, catechesis and liturgy. Each subject is done in a 5-week long study cycle. Registration for the March study cycle closes on 27 February so contact us now - or you can start in May or later in the year. If you are interested, first check out the details on the diocesan website (link to Lay Pastoral Ministry Program in lower part of front page), then contact Amanda Smith, ph: 5337 7125, email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017 -Theme: Am I being Unfair to You



The annual World Day of Prayer for 2017 will be held at **St Andrew's Uniting Church, Deakin Ave, Mildura on Friday 3rd March at 10am** followed by morning tea. All welcome.

STATEMENT FROM THE JUSTICE AND HEALING COUNCIL

Case Study 50 - Catholic Church authorities in Australia

Copies of this Statement presented to the Royal Commission by Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth Justice and Healing Council, are available at entrances of the Church for those who would like a copy. If none are available, more can be found at the Parish Office.

Included below is a quote from the Statement:

The most significant and far reaching change is the establishment in November last year of a new and independent body to set standards within the Church for child safety.

The company, Catholic Professional Standards Limited, will audit and report on the compliance by bishops and religious leaders with the standards. It is a not for profit company, with its own governance structure, and with a board made up of lay professionals.

Professional standards will apply across all aspects of Catholic Church activities and will cover not only children but anyone who comes into contact with the Church. The Company will audit the performance of bishops and religious leaders on how their services comply with the standards. The audit reports will be made public. In this way the leaders will be held accountable.

This is a dramatic change to the accountability of bishops and congregational leaders. The significance of this change will have ramifications for many years to come.

We continue to pray for victims and survivors of sexual abuse and their families. We remember them especially during these weeks as the Royal Commission reaches its conclusion. We cannot change what has happened in the past, but it is our solemn duty to do all in our power to identify and eradicate systemic factors that have either led to abuse or accommodated it in the past.

Although the revelations are disturbing and upsetting for us all, the set of statistics below revealed from data from the Royal Commission can give us some hope that we are in fact much more vigilant in our efforts to effect change. The figures below show what proportion of the total number of priests who ministered in the Ballarat Diocese within a particular decade were alleged perpetrators subject to an allegation of abuse falling within that decade.

BALLARAT	1950s%	1960s%	1970s%	1980s%	1990s%	2000s%
	3.2	6.6	3.8	2.5	2.0	0.0

The media can tend to support and foster a public perception that sexual abuse continues to occur even now on the same level it has in the past. These statistics refute that claim, and support the fact that the Diocese of Ballarat over the past 20 years has worked hard to change a culture that has assisted the development of a harmful and unsafe environment within our Church Community.

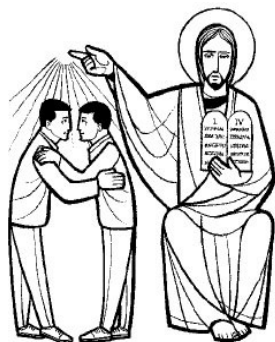
NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

It was welcome back to everyone for the first full week at St Joseph's College for both staff and students after last's week Seminar

Days. Thanks again to Mr Chris Doyle and Dr Tony Finn for leading the two days. Staff and students were engaged and enjoy their days of reflection. On Tuesday our Year 12 students and parents were able to attend an Information Session about Year 12 at the Mercy Theatre. Mrs Marg Blythman stressed the importance of family and how the College will support everyone through this final school year. She highlighted the importance of stress and time management while Mr George Paolucci explained the University Application process, supervised studies and Academe program and Mr Greg Kluske outlined the use of Edrolo and Tutoring. Following the meeting parents were invited to meet their child's teachers.

Next week the College is looking forward to the whole school swimming sports on Tuesday. While on Friday the Year 7's will have their first community day where they can bond together as a year level group.

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.”*



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

11th & 12th February 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20
Resp Psalm: Ps118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1
Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10
Gospel: Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Trish McNamara	Aloisia Mafi	Paula Cox
Morris Henderson	Jean Rocco	Jennifer Boord
Anita Naray	Bobby Castello	Reni Cheriyan
Maria Cirillo	Ross Tongue	Wendy Finn
Christine Carmichael	Talia Faingaanuku	Tony Finn
Ellen Frauenfelder	Michael Faingaanuku	Melanie Ransome
	Maureen Speed	

MUSIC

Filipino Group	Marion Guthrie	M Sullivan
N Armsden	All welcome	J Macri
		J Ljubic

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	J Morvell	

READERS

Rosemary Barnes	Soane Fati	Vince Muscatello

COUNTING TEAM 8

TREVOR AUST 5023 6597

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
M Hoy	R Barbary

18th & 19th February 2017

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18
Resp Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8
Response: The Lord is kind and merciful
Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Jacinda Deacon	Peter O’Donnell	St Joseph’s College
Katy Quinlan	Filomena Carbone	St Joseph’s College
Margaret Sheahan	Gina Raiti	St Joseph’s College
Irene Morello	Anna Vartuli	St Joseph’s College
Anne-Maree Greville	Nada Zudetich	St Joseph’s College
Taiana Fatai	Volunteer please	St Joseph’s College
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MUSIC

Youth Group	Tongan Choir	St Joseph’s College
K Mafi	M Guthrie	

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Colin & Lyn Welsh	St Joseph’s College

READERS

Tricia McNamara	Sr Rosemary	St Joseph’s College

COUNTING TEAM 9

GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
G Schmidt	D Knight