



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

2nd Sunday of Lent / Year A -
11th & 12th March 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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Rosamma Thomas, Leo Timpano, Natale Mammone

Sunday 9am: Carmela Cirillo (Melbourne –30 day Mass), Michael James McGlashan (5 year anniversary), Noreen O'Brien

Sunday 5pm: Domenico Blefari (30 day Mass) Giuseppe Mammone (Melbourne-30 day Mass—brother-in-law Michele & Nancy Leonardis, Carmela Zaccone, Peppina & Rosario Casale)

(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, 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, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we follow Jesus and three of his companions to a mountain and eventually a cloud-covered mountain. Both wilderness and mountain link Matthew's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old. Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The world we inhabit has an integrity of its own that has not always been acknowledged in our tradition. It is, in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in addition, the place of human-divine encounter and the place of human encounter with the other-than-human material world. Attention to habitat can lead us to a clearer understanding of our own place in the scheme of things and to ever deeper understandings of our relationship with God



The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus struggles with that realisation in the wilderness at the outset of his ministry. On the mountain top, he comes to terms with what that involves. The disciples see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God, as are all who follow in the way of discipleship.

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We need the good sense to listen and to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the moments of glory, and come to terms with the personal cost of being faithful to the gospel mission of justice and compassion with all its painful demands.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Hudson Gray & Bellazoe Simkin whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Lachlan Doody & Janelle Rolski and Heath Kennedy & Josephine Capogreco who were married this weekend.

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.



Community celebration of Reconciliation will be celebrated as Part of the Mission on Friday, 17th March, 7pm. All welcome.

DUE TO THE PARISH MISSION THIS WEEK

Mass Times for this Week Only
Monday – Friday 9:15am

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BURONGA

Have arranged a retreat in April on the 10th, 11th, and 12th Monday Tuesday and Wednesday during holy week from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm .
There is also a one day retreat for Indian People in Malayalam on Tuesday 11th April from 9 am to 5 pm. All welcome.

PARISH MISSION

We welcome Fr. Ray Sanchez CP to our Parish once again to lead us in our Lenten Mission during this coming week. **The Mission begins this Sunday evening 12th March at 7:00pm, and continues until Friday evening 17th March.**



More details are available in the brochures at the Church entrances.

All weekday Masses this week are at 9:15am
Monday Morning Mass will be a Mass of Anointing

Morning Sessions 10:15am – 12:15pm (after 9:15am Mass & cuppa))

Evening Session 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday Evening will conclude with a Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Bring a cushion – the church pews can be hard after an hour!

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 14th March at 10am. All welcome

OASIS AGED CARE IRYMPLE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 15th March at 10.30am. All welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Passionist Family Group will get together for lunch at the Irymple Hotel on Sunday 19th March. All welcome to join us. Intensions to Joe and Lorna 50212530.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

A retired Pilot is looking for either short term or long term accommodation in the Mildura area (Bungalow, Granny Flat or a spare room) from 28th March. If you can help please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

RELIGIOUS MOSAICS FOR SALE

Along the entrance way of the Monaghan Centre you will have noticed a number of Religious Mosaics and other art works from St. Joseph's College.

If you are interested in purchasing an item, you can do so by making a donation to The Shared Table (supporting Fr. Mick's previous Parish in Lima Peru.) Donations can be left in the sacristy or at the Parish Office.

If you ordered one of Fr Pat Flanagan's book "Just What Is Sacrifice", please call in to the Sacred Heart Parish Office and collect it. Cost \$13.00 each.

SACRED HEART YOUTH

During the Season of Lent The Sacred Heart Youth Group will be meeting in the Monaghan Centre every Friday from 6.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 17th March.
New members most welcomed to join.

CUPPA after the Sunday 9am Mass this weekend.



FEAST DAY FOR THE COMING WEEK

Friday 17th March: St Patrick

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1234.45
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1782.00
Project Compassion	\$ 356.55
Loose Plate	\$ 512.45

Finance meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th March 7.30am at the Parish Office.

LARGER PRINCIPLES UNDERPIN POPE'S BEGGAR BELIEF

Andrew Hamilton—consulting editor of *Eureka Street*.

We often find ourselves invited to respond to people who ask us for money on the street. Beggars, homeless people, buskers and charity collectors, and so on. We can respond in different ways: give them something, decline as a matter of course, decline as a matter of principle, not notice them, establish a set of principles that dictates to whom we shall give or refuse, keep a few coins to give to people who ask, intend to give coins only to discover that we have only notes, or act randomly depending on how we feel.

The most common principles that may lead us to decline have to do with the probability that what we give will feed addiction, and that other people will have to deal with its human, social and environmental consequences.

Whether we give or decline, we then have the choice of looking in the eye the people who ask us and so making our response personal, of entering into conversation with them, or of giving our money almost furtively with eyes lowered. When we walk on we can think no more about the encounter or we can wonder if we have done rightly and chat with friends about how best to respond.

Last week Pope Francis entered the conversation, as always with a challenging point of view. In an interview for what would once have been thought a decidedly unpopal forum — *Scarp de 'tenis*, the Italian equivalent of the *Big Issue* — he recommended always giving coins to people who ask for money on the street.

Dismissing the most common reason offered for refusal — that the money will only be spent on alcohol or other drugs — he asked how we spend our own surplus money.

He added that the most important part of giving to the poor is to engage the recipient personally and to enter imaginatively into their situation. He also spoke of the duty of society to provide for shelter and the basic needs of all its members, and to make migrants and refugees welcome.

Francis' advice recalled the legendary Melbourne Archbishop Mannix's practice of walking into the city each morning and giving coins to people who asked.

To many it will seem to be too categorical. The more interesting point, however, is what underlies his dismissal of principled reasons that permit you to pass by without responding to the person who asks. Our principles leave us in control, with an unbridgeable gap between ourselves and the persons who beg. The Pope's line echoed a pithier line from a priest who told how a dishevelled man had come up and asked him for money. He said, 'I thought that if I gave it to him he would only spend it on grog. But then I thought that if I kept it, I would only spend it on grog. So I gave it to him.'

The humour of the story makes the serious point that we all have one skin, and that the implicit difference between us and them is trivial compared to our shared human dignity and frailty. Furthermore, any principles that shift our attention away from the human being before us are evasions of responsibility. It is dehumanising for us as well as for the person who begs from us. We must constantly renegotiate our principles about people through uncontrolled encounters with the persons themselves. That is true of the principles that form our personal policies. It is also pertinent to public policy that affects the vulnerable: homeless people, people seeking protection, and disadvantaged young people in the justice system. It is easy to look at the big picture, at the economic and political situation, at the need to allay public disquiet, and to impose a solution. This is then left to the officers of government to administer by implementing the principles inherent in the policy. Asylum seekers are to be deterred, young offenders to be locked up and the homeless kept out of sight.

Of course governments and their officers will also want polices to be administered correctly and humanely. The problem is that humanity and correctness are defined within the limits of that policy, not negotiated through meeting the people affected by it. If the policy itself is inhumane, the great human suffering and alienation that result from it will be seen as by definition acceptable. Policy will have then made invisible the harsh reality of people's lives and its causes.

As has so often been the case, Francis' throwaway lines about giving money to those who ask us illuminate much larger social issues.



SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL ST PATRICK'S EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday 24th March 2017 from 4pm

Sacred Heart Primary School Entrance from 12th Street
Food vans, licensed bar, children's rides, face painting, showbags, craft stalls, spinning wheel, Irish dancers and entertainment.
Major Raffle drawn 6pm.



All most welcome to attend.



Sacred Heart Tennis Club invites Senior tennis players for the Competition starting May 6 – Men & Ladies required to set teams NOW - also Junior players are required for the Junior competition starting same time SATURDAY MAY 6TH but we need names of interested seniors & Juniors to set teams for 2017 season - Senior teams all standards S/H enter A to C all graded for the winter competition New players are very welcome with Juniors & Seniors but we need the names registered NOW - Courts are situated at the Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex 11th Street Mildura. For further information please contact Merle Watson 50 232883 or Inez Sullivan 50230742.

FAREWELL SISTER CAROLYN

Sister Carolyn Coyle RSM who has been part of our Parish Community over the past 5 years is leaving us to take up residence in Geelong. We wish Sister Carolyn every blessing, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to her for the pastoral contribution she has made, especially in the area of aged care and the spiritual accompaniment of the sick. Many thanks Sister Carolyn and God bless.

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 March 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4
Resp Psalm: PS 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22
Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Taiana Fatai	Rose Op’t Hoog	Clem Carlucci
Margaret McDonald	Rini Op’t Hoog	Vittorio Carlucci
Trish McNamara	Cora Howell	Christine Slattery
Morris Henderson	Narie Lewis	Jacinta Macri
Anita Naray	Renata Byra	Petelo Mafi
Maria Cirillo	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Paula Cox
	Sonia Opie	

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	Baptism	

READERS

Jen Ditchfield	Julie O’Bryan	Inez Sullivan

COUNTING TEAM 2

JOE DE JONG 5023 7802

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
P Riordan	M Hill

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NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7
Resp Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8
Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts
Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: Jn 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

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6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Christine Carmichael	Philip Opie	Jennifer Boord
Ellen Frauenfelder	Catherine McErvale	Reni Cheriyan
Jacinda Deacon	Elvira Mazza	Wendy Finn
Katy Quinlan	Jill Joslyn	Tony Finn
Irene Morello	Lisa Cirillo	Melanie Ransome
Volunteer Please	Katalina Mafi	Bill Dolence
	Aloisia Mafi	

MUSIC

Youth Group	Tongan Choir	TBA
K Mafi	M Guthrie	

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Louise Belej	

READERS

Gary Huxtable	Maria Page	Jim Graham

COUNTING TEAM 3

PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
M Smith	Malcolm Hoy