



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
12th & 13th August 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: Sr Patricia Ryan, Mario Berton, William Golding

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Phonse Taggert

Sunday 9am: Giovanni & Riche Testa, Stan Balog Annunziata Monteleone,

Sunday 5pm: Pasquale & Giuseppina Di Giammichele, Domenico & Carmela Sergi, Joseph Schembri

Tuesday 6pm: Bruin Callipari (30 day Mass)

Friday 5.40pm: Giuseppe (Joe) Martino (30 day Mass)

(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.

Sr Rosemary Graham, Brian Gibson (Hobart), Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The church knows what it means to be “battered by the waves”. Over its two millennia history, there have been periods of discrimination and persecution against its members. Countless church members have died for their faith, while others have been and are being denied the freedom to practice



their religion. There have also been times when the church has fallen far short of its own ideals and has quite seriously betrayed the gospel values it seeks to embody and proclaim. It is presently “battered” by huge even terrifying waves, largely of its own creating. Only God can bring order out of the chaos, and God works through the courageous witness and action of faith-filled disciples.

In today's gospel, Matthew tells of Jesus astride the waves like the God of Israel in Job 9:8. In Israel's mythology, the sea represents chaos. To walk on water is to have power and authority to bring order out of the chaos. Matthew presents Jesus as exercising the power of God over the potentially destructive chaos. Jesus makes his claim to divine power explicit in words that echo God's words from the burning bush: “It is I” (literally “I am”). He tells the frightened disciples to take heart and not to be afraid. Peter, leader of the group, continues to doubt. He asks for a sign and is then prepared to take a risk in order to come to Jesus on the water. He begins to falter when he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses instead on the threatening wind. Jesus reaches out his hand to rescue Peter. In a lovely gesture, Jesus takes him by the hand and holds him firmly in his grip. Jesus names Peter's problem as one of limited faith.

Matthew weaves the story of Peter into an earlier story from Mark's gospel. We can only speculate on the reasons for this. Were Matthew's communities going through hard times? Were they battered by the waves of conflicting loyalties as they found themselves excluded from Pharisaic Judaism? Was the pressure of separation from the synagogue too great for some, even for those in leadership? This is a telling story for anyone who exercises leadership at any level in the church. It is a reminder to us as disciples to keep our eyes firmly fixed on the source of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and on the crucial issues that face our planetary home.

Finally, this story invites us to consider the threatening waves created by the undeniable reality of climate change. The human community has created the problem. The human community must join hands to mitigate the damage. The growing commitment to renewable energy sources provides, for me, a contemporary image of a saving hand reaching out to the Earth communities that are in danger of being submerged.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

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)	\$1401.40
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2597.25
Loose Plate	\$651.00

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

Many thanks to all parishioners who responded to our Stewardship Program last weekend by supporting the parish for the next few years. Pledge cards will be passed around and collected for those who did not have the opportunity to return their pledge cards last week.

Time and Talent sheets need to be returned. Blank sheets are available in the foyer.

A reminder that the **Distribution meeting** is on Tuesday 15th August from 7pm in the Hillman room.

Your **new series of Stewardship Envelopes** will be available for you to collect on the weekend 26th & 27th August. Thank you for your generous response.

PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT

All parishioners who have been involved in the Stewardship Program over the past couple of months are invited to our Final Social Night on Wednesday 23rd August from 6.30pm in the Hillman Room. Come along to hear the results of the Program and have a cuppa.

PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.

Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.

In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.

By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.

By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service

And to give without counting the cost.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Fr. Michael McKinnon



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Will hold their monthly meeting on Monday 14th August, 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS

Will be celebrated on Thursday 17th August at 2pm. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

The Sacred Heart Passionist Group luncheon will be held 12noon Sunday 27th August 2017 at Cafe 1909 (The Rowers) 143 Hugh King Dr.

All welcome, please let Raylee & Kevin know if you are able to attend Ph 0350238778



MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - CELEBRATION 2017

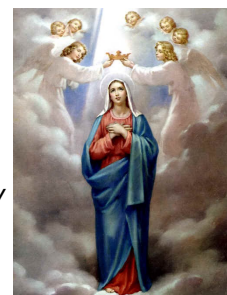
Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 13th August.

Holy Mass at 9am.

Free food and soft drinks will be provided after the Mass.

All welcome.

Organised by the Kerala Community



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Will be celebrated on Tuesday 15th August at 9.15am with Sacred Heart Primary school and at 6pm.

FEAST OF ST ROCCO

Will be held on Sunday 20th August 2017 at 11am. Concelebrated by Fr Adriano Pittarello & Fr George Mankuzhikary. Procession after Mass followed by free Pasta and BBQ lunch from 1pm. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH SOUP KITCHEN

We are very grateful for the continued assistance given by volunteers for the Soup Kitchen on Monday & Wednesday evenings. Particular thanks to Paula Cox and her team of coordinators. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist, please contact the Parish Office.



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

YOUTH & YOUNG PEOPLE

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on / Youth and Young Adult pages.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

SACRED HEART PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT

Fr Rojan George VC

Director Vincentian Retreat Centre Melbourne

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd August
2017

From 6.30pm to 9pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;

Save me, and I shall be save; for you are my praise

Jer 17:14

FAMILY MATTERS: STRENGTHENING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

MILDURA Saturday 26th August at
St Joseph's College

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ providing the opening address, followed by a number of workshops. The recent Ballarat event was an excellent opportunity to learn, connect and reflect. **The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat in conjunction with Centacare.**

Workshops/seminars to choose from include:

- Family violence
- Having the suicide conversation
- Building trust/listening
- Enriching family relationships
- Keeping children the focus in blended families
- Tuning into Kids

To register, contact
Sacred Heart parish
Office by no later than
the 18th August 2017,
5021 2872



REAL CARE, LOVE AND COMPASSION: THE ALTERNATIVE TO EUTHANASIA

In the light of the proposed legislation of euthanasia and assisted suicide, there are two short publications available at the entrances to the Church. A booklet entitled: ***When Life is ending***. A leaflet entitled: ***Real care, love and compassion: an alternative to euthanasia***.

More information is available from the Archdiocese of Melbourne website:
<http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Culture-of-Life/Euthanasia>



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Are you a former student of Assumption College Kilmore? If so, Alumni Development Officer Maria Cleve would love to hear from you. ACK will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2018 and there are many events being planned for former students. Please phone Maria Cleve in our Alumni office on 03 5783 5343 or email her: maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

Corrie Conway is moving to Melbourne!

Members of Our Lady's Parish Merbein and the many organisations supported by Corrie, will gather for a luncheon in appreciation of her contribution to the needs of our region.

You are invited to join us
Sunday 20th August 2017
12.30 pm

Merbein Vineleaf Bistro
(Merbein Pub)

Bookings are essential.

Please RSVP by 16th August – to either:
Kay Wagner – 5025 2585 or 0498 252 580

THE SHARED TABLE Sunday Market

Due to a local initiative, we have decided to begin a Sunday Morning Market after the 9:00am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. The proceeds from this Market will go to supporting the Shared Table Project in Lima, Peru. This Project continues to operate in the Parish where Fr. Michael spent 6 years. All proceeds go directly to the Project through the Columbans with whom Fr. Michael worked both in Peru and Chile.

Those interested in supporting The Shared Table are welcome to either contribute goods or set up a table themselves in the Monaghan Centre on the second Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



Congratulations to Kevin & Mary Curran on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Mildura on August 17th 1957.

Celebrating
60
Years...

FEAR & FAITH

IN THE FACE OF UNCERTAINTY

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Over the past few years, we have all been keenly aware of the proceedings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The Commission has highlighted the need to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered abuse and to do all we can to ensure that children are safe now and in the future. A letter which provides an update on what our diocese is doing in this regard, is available at each church entrance.

Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat

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

5th & 6th August 2017			19th & 20th August 2017		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Resp Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8 Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5 Gospel: Mt 14:22-33			First Reading: Isa 56:1, 6-7 Resp Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 8 Response: O God, let all the nations praise you! Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Gospel: Mt 15:21-28		
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCCHARIST 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
Anne-Maree Greville	Sara Visona	Barbara Bunting	Maria Cirillo	Loretta Thompson	Danielle Mazzini
Taiana Fatai	Juliet Cresp	Katrina Groves	Christine Carmichael	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Manomi Kennedy
Margaret McDonald	Louise Belej	Judy Hall	Ellen Frauenfelder	Maria Scopacasa	Mario Zema
Trish McNamara	Nancy Leonardis	Myrna Rodi	Jacinda Deacon	Susan lewis	Josie Zema
Morris Henderson	Elena Garreffa	Maree Irvin	Katy Quinlan	Minda Wright	Trish Cirillo
Anita Naray	Maryanne Modica	Sue Hermans	Katelin Anesbury	Rose Op’t Hoog	Jeena Jose
	Lyn Welsh			Rini Op’t Hoog	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Filipino Choir	Indian Feast Day	M Sullivan	Youth Group	Tongan Choir	No Music
N Armsden	Indian Community	J Macri	K Mafi	M Guthrie	
	M Guthrie	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
	Indian Feast Day			Jim O’Donnell	
READERS			READERS		
Jen Ditchfield	Indian Feast Day	Peter Hammond	Gary Huxtable	Lyn Welsh	Rosemarie Zalec
COUNTING TEAM 4			COUNTING TEAM 5		
KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
P Riordan	K Night		M Smith	P Riordan	