



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

**St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple**

**5th Sunday of Lent/ Year C -
12th & 13th March 2016**

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 Wed, Thurs,
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

Stations of the Cross: Monday 5:00pm followed by Rosary

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am

Scripture Reading: Thurs 10:30 am - 20 Beasy Court

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues 7:30pm in Church

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Emma Deluca (one year anniversary), Michael Coppola

Sunday 9am: Mary O'Bryan, Josephina Esteves, Mary Milic (30 day anniversary)

Sunday 5pm: Francesco Parisi (one year anniversary), Leo Timpano, Natale Mammone

Wednesday 7pm: Ilario & Domenico Dichiera

(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. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Mad-den-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns, Betty Krake, Sid Robinson, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Judy Hunt

GOSPEL REFLECTION



On Ash Wednesday, we were reminded to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel. Turning away from sin means different things for different people. Some are sinners like the woman in today's gospel who finds forgiveness. Others are like her critics: not even recognising that they are sinners, they seem less inclined to turn away from sin.

Every woman in first century Palestine was the possession of a man: of her father initially; and then of her husband or successive husbands. Slaves, both men and women, were the property of the head of the patriarchal household and were expected to be sexually available to the master who was also husband and father. Even free women had fewer choices than men in regard to such matters as choice of life partners and social contact outside the family. In the context of Second Temple Judaism, a woman's sexual liaison with another man was a sin against her husband. Her shame was of less consequence than her husband's loss of status and honour.

We are told nothing of the circumstances of the woman "taken in adultery". We do not even know her name. We know that she could not have been alone in her adultery: there is a man involved who is at least as guilty as the woman. But only the woman is "brought" to Jesus in the public arena, as a spectacle for the assembled crowd. Ironically, the lawyers have little interest in the woman or in her fate. Their interest is in Jesus. They want to test him and catch him out on his attitude to the Law of Moses. They objectify the woman in the interests of their legal debate.

In other words, Jesus is the one on trial in this public setting, and the woman is no more than a dispensable object in the process, a means to a sinister end. Her life is of little concern to her accusers who ask Jesus for a legal opinion on her case. Should the full force of the law be exercised? Should she be stoned to death? Jesus does not dignify their manipulation with a response. Rather, he takes away their power over the woman by bending down and writing with his finger on the ground. What does he write? We can never have an answer to that question. Her accusers keep asking Jesus to provide a ruling. He subverts their ploy by confronting them with their own sinfulness: let the one without sin cast the first stone. They move off one by one and the woman is finally accorded the dignity of responding for herself. She is freed from the burden of condemnation. She can move forward with a strong sense of her worth and the realisation that she has encountered the mercy of God in the person of Jesus.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Riley Cook, Elke Brady, Cooper Fitzpatrick, Indigo & Willow Morris & Victoria Pedler whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Joseph Cavallo and Stephanie Bozzi who were married this weekend.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

As new rosters are being compiled please advise the Parish Office on 5021 2872 by 17th March, if you are no longer available or wish to change your Mass time or contact details. More Ministers are urgently needed for both Saturday 6pm and Sunday 5pm Masses. New Eucharistic Ministers most welcome and training will be provided.



MUSICIANS; New Members

If you are interested in being on our parish music roster, please let the office know this week on 5021 2872. With thanks—all help gratefully accepted. *Marion Guthrie*



THE SEASON OF LENT 2016

MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Will be held every Friday in the Church after the 5.40pm Mass. All welcome.

Community celebration of Reconciliation—Friday, 18th March, 7pm. All welcome.



PALM SUNDAY—All parishioners are encouraged to wear a SPLASH of red for our 9am Palm Sunday Mass next week.

HOLY WEEK ROSTER

Volunteers are needed for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses: readers, Eucharistic ministers; altar servers etc. **Please place your names on the roster sheets provided at the back of the church.**

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Palm Sunday: 19th & 20th March—Masses as per normal

Holy Thursday: 24th March, 7pm

Good Friday: 25th March Stations of the Cross 10am Ceremony 3pm

Easter Vigil Saturday: 26th March, 7.30pm

Easter Sunday: 27th March **Mildura:** 8am and 10am (No 5pm Mass)

Irymple: 8.30am

Werrimull: 8.30am



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING

Will be held on Monday 14th March at the KSC Clubrooms at 7.30pm.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 17th March at the Parish Office meeting room at 7pm. All welcome.

CATECHISM CLASSES

The Sisters of Charity—Dareton will host Catechism Classes in the Hillman Room every Saturday from 10.30am—11.30am. Scripture Classes for children aged 3-8.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK ONLY

Tuesday 15th March, Mass will be held at 9am and not at 7pm.

Wednesday 16th March, Mass will be held at 7pm and not at 9.10am.

RECOMMENDED ARTICLE

With the Royal Commission into Institutional Sexual Abuse coming to a close, I recommend a very good article written by Phil Cleary, printed in the Age last week titled *After Pell, the question we all need to answer*. Copies are available at the Church entrances.
Fr. Michael

SOCIAL JUSTICE

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy you are INVITED to join the Social Justice Group to discuss, discern and act on *the urgent cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*.

Four Group Meetings will be held between April and November. Join our next meeting to be held in the Monaghan Centre Wednesday 12 April 7:00pm. The Reflection Process is supported and led by the Mercy International Association, through the network of Sisters of Mercy and those associated with them in Australia and Papua New Guinea and across the world.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1251.50
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2439.85
Loose Plate	\$ 597.40
Project Compassion	\$ 842.45

Please collect your Planned Giving receipt for the last six months and a letter of thanks from Fr Michael.

Please note that the Receipting period is from 30 August 2015 to 21 February 2016, if you find any discrepancies with your Receipt please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

THE YEAR OF MERCY

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! We can repeat the words of the prophet Micah and make them our



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own: You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord, will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea (cf. 7:18-19).

24 HOURS OF MERCY ADORATION

St Michael the Archangel Church,
Buronga 17th & 18th March 2016

7am - Morning prayer and Mass

8am - 7pm Hourly prayer, adoration,
Reconciliation and Benediction

Please see flyer for further details.

YOUTH

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

(run by Fr Damian)

Will be held in the Hillman Room Fridays following the 5.40pm Mass. All youth of the Parish welcome.



NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 13th April is our School Open Day. We will be conducting school tours at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 6.00pm for 2017 enrolments.

Our Parents & Friends Committee met Tuesday night to finalise details for our first major fundraiser for the year. Friday 15th April is our "Big Night Out Cinema Evening". We have secured a new release movie. It's going to be a ripper!!! Entry is only \$5 per person with children under 5 free. There will be food and drinks available to be purchased on the night. Please bring along your blanket, chair or bean bag and enjoy a great night of family entertainment. We also have a great raffle on offer. 1st Prize-\$1000 Hello world Travel Voucher, 2nd Prize \$700 Panasonic 40 inch LED TV and 3rd Prize \$300 Westinghouse Bar Fridge. Tickets are only \$2 each. The raffle will be drawn on the night.

As always, keep the faith.

Vince Muscatello—Principal

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

The **Parish Mission** was a fantastic initiative of Fr Michael's and we thank him for the opportunity to learn and reflect with such a knowledgeable and personable presenter as Fr Ray Sanchez. Thank you to the many families and staff who took the opportunity to attend Fr Ray's sessions and for the staff who supported Reconciliation on Friday night. Fr Michael wishes to pass on his appreciation to you for the great support. Fr Michael informed us yesterday that Fr Ray will be returning in 2017.

Our **Family Picnic** will be held at Jaycee Park on Wednesday 16th March. Pack up your tea & drinks and come along and join us. We would love to see many families attend.

Our **SHPS Open Day** will be held on Wednesday 13th April. Tours are to be conducted at 9.30am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm. Please ring the school office to book in for your selected tour time. Existing families with siblings to attend next year may collect an enrolment form from the school office.

Have a great week.

Des Lowry—Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

On Friday the College celebrated our opening mass. This mass was attended by over 1000 students & parents & friends. The theme of the Mass "Living in the Spirit of Mercy". The Principal Celebrant of the Mass was the Bishop of Ballarat- Most Rev Paul Bird. A special part of the mass was the welcome to the College of our Year 7 students.

At the conclusion of Mass, Ms Lucy Moloney from Mercy Education Limited conducted a Commissioning ceremony for the new Principal of St. Joseph's College— Mrs Marg Blythman. As well, an investiture of Student Leaders was conducted by the Most Rev Paul Bird. The College Captains are Lachlan Price and Chelsea Rix and College Vice- Captains Jake Cumming and Chloe Stephens. A range of other Student leaders were also inducted. Additionally, Year 12 students were presented with their College badge by their House Leader. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Fr Michael McKinnon blessed the Year 12's, Student Leaders, Year 7's, new students and new staff.

St. Joseph's College is looking forward to a wonderful year in 2016- The Year of Mercy.

Philip Opie
Religious Education Domain Leader

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

12th & 13th March, 2016			19th & 20th March, 2016		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Isa 43:16-21 Resp Psalm: Ps 125. R. v. 3 Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14 Gospel: Jn 8:1-11			First Reading: Isa 50:4-7 Resp Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2 Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel: LK 23:1-49		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	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
Linda Henderson	Filomena Carbone	Reni Cheriyan	Ellen Frauenfelder	Louise Belej	Barbard Bunting
Irene Morello	Gina Raiti	Wendy Finn	Maria Cirillo	Nancy Leonardis	Katrina Groves
Katy Quinlan	Anna Vartuli	Tony Finn	Anne-Maree Greville	Elena Garreffa	Judy Hall
Taiana Fatai	Nada Zudetich	Melanie Ransome	Anthony Henderson	Maryanne Modica	Myrna Rodi
Trish McNamara	Sara Visona	Bill Dolence	Christine Carmichael	Maria Page	Sue Hermans
Morris Henderson	Juliet Cresp	Jacqui Willis	Volunteer Please	Lyn Welsh	Volunteer Please
	Robert Tindall			Volunteer Please	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Youth Group	Italian Choir	M Guthrie	Singing Group	Tongan Community	M Hammond
Leader	N Armsden	All Welcome	M Sullivan		J Ljubic
K Mafi					J Macri
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required
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
Baptism	Baptism	Laura Fisher		Mary Gobbo	
READERS			READERS		
Anita Naray	Cathy McErvale or	Inez Sullivan	Katy Quinlan	Sophie Opie	Jim Graham
	Paul McErvale				
COUNTING TEAM 10			COUNTING TEAM 1		
BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099			GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Denise Knight	Pat Riordan		Wilma Schmidt	George Schmidt	