



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B -
13th & 14th June, 2015**

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: 10:00 am



Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Rosary: Monday 5:00pm

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 : meet Tues 7:30pm in Church

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00am

RECENT DEATHS: Kathleen Mercovich (sister of Fr Paul Mercovich), William Davey (brother of Fr Brendan Davey), Marlene Nash, Alice Byrne, Giovanna Capogreco

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Di Marti (2 month anniversary)

Saturday 6pm: Rok & Maria Tisler

Thursday 5.40pm: Cavalieri Giuseppe Beniamino Cirillo JP

Friday 5.40pm: Ilario Antonio & Maria Cirillo (ten year anniversary), Giulia Scullino (30 day remembrance), Quintilio Lucidi (30 day remembrance—brother-in-law of Vittorio Carlucci)

Saturday 9.30am: Maria Kondratow

(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.

Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Sophie Sitters, Stephen Sherman (Fr Peter Sherman's brother), John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Dan Roden, Fr Justin Woodford, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eileen Flanner, Vince Manno, Eli Madden-Andrews, Mary Baldock, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro,

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The first of the parables in today's gospel reading has no parallel in the other gospels. It compares God's kin-dom to a trusting sower who scatters the seed by day, sleeps by night, and simply observes the "earth produce of itself" until it is time to harvest the grain. The sower's actions of scattering, sleeping, rising, and going in with his sickle are paralleled by his "not-knowing how" the seed is transformed into grain. We may, in our times, have a more sophisticated understanding of the process of growth. We have no less reason to stand in awe at the wonder of it all.



In an era of urbanization, supermarket chains, and online shopping even for groceries, we can easily lose sight of the source of food and the miracle of food production. This little parable serves as a reminder of the goodness of the earth and of the God who sustains our planetary home. It inspires us to contemplate the myriad ways in which the earth speaks to us of God and God's empire or kin-dom. At another level, we might question how the sower's actions and attitudes provide an image of God's reign. Is it in the sower's trusting that all will be well while "not-knowing"? Is it in the observation that the grain is ripe for the harvest? Is it in the prompt action to bring in the harvest? Parables are meant to tease their hearers/readers. They remain open-ended and challenging.

The second parable is probably familiar to most of us as it appears in all three synoptic gospels. Matthew and Luke both parallel the mustard seed parable with a parable about a woman mixing yeast into flour. Mark, in contrast, juxtaposes his mustard seed parable with that of the trusting sower. Mustard seeds were tiny, although they were not the smallest of seeds and have never been known to become the largest of shrubs. The idea that God's reign provides shelter for the birds to make their nests is a challenging one at a time when so many species are becoming extinct precisely because their habitats are being destroyed by human activity.

Some scholars have pointed out that the mustard seed was a weed. To compare God's reign with a weed may have raised a smile or two. It would certainly have exercised the minds of Jesus' audience. Maybe Jesus' disciples were in need of encouragement even in the early stages of the Galilean ministry. Maybe the curious and hostile were in need of a reminder to take this movement seriously, for extraordinary things can come from the most inauspicious beginnings. Opposition to Jesus had surfaced at the outset. Mark's community may also have been experiencing opposition and feeling the need for the wisdom that comes from a carefully crafted and perfectly timed story.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

**AS THE PRIESTS WILL BE AWAY AT AN INSERVICE
THERE WILL BE NO MASS TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.
PLEASE NOTE: THURSDAY MASS WILL BE AT 5.40PM.**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister please complete the Eucharistic Minister form located at each church entrance and place in the box provided.

If you are no longer available or wish to change your Mass time please indicate this change on the form. Forms need to be handed in by Friday 3rd July.

More Ministers are urgently needed for both Saturday 6pm and Sunday 5pm Masses.

Training will be provided for New Eucharistic Ministers.



FEAST OF ST ANTHONY

The Italian Community will be celebrating their annual Feast of St Anthony Mass on Sunday 14th June at 9am. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Elio Capra.

All are invited to stay for the procession followed by morning tea, entertainment then pasta and BBQ lunch will be provided. Traditional Italian fare will be provided along with great entertainment and the drawing of the raffle.

CATECHISM CLASSES



The Sisters of Charity—Dareton will host **Catechism Classes** in the Hillman Room every **Saturday at 10am**. For more information please see Fr Peter. **All welcome.**

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



If people know of anybody who has expressed interest in becoming Catholic, you can direct them to the Parish Office. We currently have about 5 people who have expressed interest. Evenings will begin after August 2015.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1603.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3714.25
Loose Plate	\$ 688.40

Next Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd June 12.30pm, in the Hillman Room.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

WALNUT AVE BCC

BCC meeting cancelled Sunday 14th June until further notice.

SACRED HEART YOUTH

Next meeting Friday 19th June, 6.30pm in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

The next dinner of the Sacred Heart Passionist Group will be held at Andy's Kitchen, 73 Lime Ave Mildura at 6.30pm on Sunday 28th June 2015. Please RSVP Raylee & Kevin 0350238778



2015 eCONFERENCE

The first eConference for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 23rd June from 10am—3pm in the Monaghan Centre. The topic will tap into interfaith issues surrounding the three Abrahamic traditions: Christianity, Judaism and Islam. All welcome

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 20TH/21ST JUNE

In these hard economic times help support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal scheduled for 20/21st July.

A donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship.

**MONAGHAN CENTRE
RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
PARISH OFFICE FOR COLLECTION.**



**REGIONAL
GATHERING**

**July 18th
MERCY STADIUM
MILDURA**

Registration Forms need to be completed and returned to the Parish Office along with payment asap.

NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families and Friends,

Last week's **Catholic Education Sunraysia Catholic Schools' Mass** was a very spiritual celebration and a fantastic experience to celebrate the liturgy together as a Sunraysia Catholic Community. Well done and thank you to Mrs D and the fellow REC's on their organisation and implementation.

Well done to all our students who have celebrated their **First Eucharist** over the last two weekends, and thank you to the support of parents and staff in their faith journeys. All celebrations were special and memorable occasions.

On Friday 19th June we celebrate **Sacred Heart Feast Day** and we look forward to having another fantastic day together rejoicing in being part of the SHPS. Have a great week.

- *Des Lowry Principal*

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear St Paul's families and friends,

Welcome to our weekly update.

On Wednesday the grade 6 children spent the day at St Joseph's College as a part of the transition program. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about what goes on at secondary school.

Friday was our first National Buddy Day. National Buddy Day is an initiative developed by NAB and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to celebrate friendship and help raise awareness of bullying in Australian primary schools. To help raise funds for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation we had a casual clothes day where students wore a splash of purple and gave a coin donation. We filled up a giant outline of a 'big buddy/ little buddy'. There were lots of other activities for the afternoon as well. As always, Keep the Faith!

- *Vince Muscatello Principal*

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

A short week at St Joseph's College, with Monday being a public holiday, Tuesday a report writing day and Wednesday the GAT day for our senior students. However, the school has still had a very busy week.

On Wednesday while our Year 11 and 12 students completed the GAT we opened our school to the Grade Six students attending the College in 2016. A great day was had by all with an array of subjects being experienced and a BBQ lunch supplied. Students from Years 9 - 11 have been revising for their exams in a couple of weeks. We wish all our students the best in preparing for their exams.

Paula Cox—Mercy Ethos & Mission Co-ordinator

THE QUILT OF HOPE

This is a remarkable work completed by a Ballarat Group: Moving Towards Justice Inc. It aims to garner support for survivors of church related child sexual abuse and symbolises the piecing together of shattered lives.

The Quilt has given rise to interest far & wide: in church communities as well as shopping malls and other public venues. It will be displayed at Parliament House and given prominence in the Museum of Australian Democracy at the Eureka Centre in Ballarat.

On June 21st & 22nd the Quilt will be displayed at The Monaghan Centre and we welcome this opportunity to invite you to come and reflect in hope. By acting together we might share compassion and healing with those who have suffered.



Copies of the Pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops of Australia to All Australians on the 'Same-Sex Marriage' debate are now available for you to read at each church entrance.

HEALING PRAYER

Loving God, we pray for those who have suffered the injustice, humiliation and pain of abuse within our Churches and communities across Australia.

In your mercy, create opportunities for these men, women and children to share their pain, reveal their struggles and expose the hurtful actions of others.

We pray for wisdom and guidance in order to deal with the realities of what has happened in the past.

We pray for healing for those who have been abused.

We pray for sensitivity and wisdom for all who minister to victims and survivors of abuse.

We pray that into the future children everywhere will be protected from all forms of violence.

We pray that the Church responds with love and action in order to heal injustices.

May your Spirit draw us together and strengthen us with the truth of the Gospel through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: *Anthony Banks* 5018 8000

13th & 14th June, 2015			20th & 21st June, 2015		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Ezek 17:22-24 Resp Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2 Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10 Gospel: Mk 4:26-34			First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11 Resp Psalm: Ps 106:23-26, 28-31. R. v. 1 Response: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17 Gospel: Mk 4:35-41		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM	6PM	9AM	5PM
7 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	5 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	5 Ministers required
Christine Carmichael	Sheryl Pettinau	Greg Johnston	Trish McNamara	Rini Op’t Hoog	Clem Carlucci
Judy Hall	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Sandra Walker	Morris Henderson	Narie Lewis	Vittorio Carlucci
Margaret McDonald	Maria Scopacasa	Mario Zema	Leo Kearney	Renata Byra	Christine Slattery
Katy Quinlan	Mary Grivec	Josie Zema	Ellen Frauenfelder	Sonia Opie	Jacinta Macri
Jen Ditchfield	Minda Wright	Joyce Ribarits	Maria Cirillo	Phillip Opie	Paula Cox
Volunteer please	Rose Op’t Hoog		Anne-Maree Greville	Catherine McErvale	
Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Singing Group	Feast St Anthony	Sacred Heart Group	Filipino Group	Tongan Community	M Guthrie
M Sullivan	Italian Choir	Leader	N Armsden		All welcome
	N Armsden	M Faingaanuku			
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
	Feast St Anthony	Laura Fisher			
		Joy Morvell			
READERS			READERS		
Tricia McNamara	Feast St Anthony	Barb Bunting	Rosemary Barnes	Sheryl Pettinau	Peter Hammond
COUNTING TEAM 1			COUNTING TEAM 2		
GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918			JOE DE JONG 5023 7802		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Mary Jackson	Margaret Hill		David Nichols	Ken Knight	