



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

Easter Sunday / Year A -
15th & 16th April 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: Jaxon Brigante

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 10am: Francesca Pelle, Giuseppe Roccisano (Nichols Point)

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



alleluia
THE LORD IS RISEN. INDEED!

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.

Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, John Devilee, Fr Denis Dennehy, Hailey Crossan, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

After death, Jesus is cared for by a faith-filled man in the presence of two faith-filled women.



These three people are fearless in the face of possible reprisals for their support of a "political criminal". Joseph, who comes from Arimathea, a little village just north of Jerusalem, cares for Jesus out of his personal wealth, providing a clean linen cloth and his own newly rock-carved tomb. With his own hands, he performs the burial ritual, lays Jesus' body in the tomb, and rolls the stone into place. The women disciples who witness the closing of the tomb are both named Mary. One is from Magdala, centre of a fish-salting industry by the Sea of Galilee, and the other is the mother of two male disciples. These women have contributed their goods and services to Jesus over the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

The two women set out at dawn 'to see the tomb'. This seems a little strange until we realise that they are once again functioning as witnesses, this time to the dramatic opening of the tomb and the appearance of God's interpretive messenger. 'Seeing' becomes a metaphor for insight. In the earthquake phenomenon and the allusion to lightning, there are echoes of other great moments of God's appearing to Israel, such as the encounter with Moses and the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai.

The two Marys are the first to learn the news of Jesus' resurrection. They are also the first to be commissioned to proclaim it. The women "see" the place where he was laid. They obey the angel's command not to be afraid but to go quickly to the scattered disciples and inform them that the risen Jesus has gone before them to Galilee, the place of mission, where they too will "see" him. Resurrection life energises these faith-filled women disciples/apostles and negates the death-dealing power of the Roman Empire. Ironically, the Roman tomb guards become 'as though dead'.

As the women hurry away from the tomb, Jesus comes to meet them. He addresses them with the familiar greeting, *Chairete*, a greeting of joy. This is the first appearance of the resurrected One and it draws from the women a profoundly reverential response: taking hold of him, they fall down in worship, an action foreshadowed by the courageous but doubly marginalised Canaanite woman (15:25). Jesus reiterates the commission already delivered by the angel: not to be afraid and to let the men know what has happened. These same men will later be commissioned on the mountain top (Matthew 28:16-20). Often, the temptation is to stay on the mountain top instead of recognising the appearances of the Resurrected One on the open road of life and getting on with the mission.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Chimdindu Ilozue and Jediah Pumpa whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

BAPTISM



CONGRATULATIONS

To our RCIA Candidates initiated into our community during the Easter Vigil. We continue to pray with, Robert, Sally, Chiew Kee, Aleisha, Chelsey, Danni-Sue & Rebecca asking God's continued blessing upon them and all who are dear to them.

Thank you to our RCIA Team and Sponsors who have supported our candidates throughout their journey.

SACRAMENTAL TEAM MEETING

Wednesday 19th April 2:00pm
Parish Office



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 18th April
After the 6:00pm Mass at the Presbytery
Light evening meal provided



REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE

Mass will be held on Thursday 20th April at 2pm. All welcome.



DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES TO THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Sacred Heart Parish bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th April with Mass starting at 11am followed by a counter lunch at the pub.

NUMBERS NEEDED.

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office to make a booking on 5021 2872.



alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday 30th April at 9am. All are invited to stay on for food, drinks etc from the Monaghan Centre.



FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 7th at 9am. All welcome. Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants). Please contact Anita 0418 537 959 for more information.



MISSION BOOKLETS

Copies of "The Parish Mission" booklet, from Fr Ray Sanchez, are now available. If you put your name down for copy, please collect your booklet from the Parish Office. A donation to cover printing costs would be greatly appreciated.

SR MARION'S FAREWELL—MERBEIN

The Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Merbein are farewelling our long serving and highly appreciated Parish Leader, Sr. Marion McDonald, who is going into retirement at the end of April. We will have a Mass on Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in the Church, followed by a luncheon in the school multi-purpose hall. You are invited to attend this special event, and if you would like to join us please email principal@olshmerbein.catholic.edu.au for catering purposes, or call our school on 5025 2258.

SACRED HEART PARISH COMMUNITY GROUPS

We are currently in the process of updating the Sacred Heart Parish records of our current community groups, so if you are a leader of a Parish Community Group it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the Parish Office advising: The name of the group, leaders name, telephone number and email address.

It is intended to not only update the Parish records but to also place this information on the Parish web-site.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1285.05
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1310.10
Project Compassion—to date	\$4270.65
Loose Plate	\$ 917.50

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL - 7-9 DECEMBER 2017 IN SYDNEY!

15,000 young people are expected in Sydney from all round Australia for ACYF 2017 - the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival hosted by the Australian Bishops. The theme of this Festival is *Open new horizons for spreading joy*. The Festival offers a multitude of ways of expressing Catholic faith in an amazing 3 day experience. The Festival is for Year 9-25yos. Parishes and schools are asked to consider sending a group. Smaller parishes might join together or connect their young people with another parish. Ballarat Diocese will be assisting with this, including planning travel and accommodation. Festival details and links are on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact us on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

SACRED HEART TENNIS URGENTLY WANTING PLAYERS FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR TEAMS TO ENTER COMPETITION WHICH STARTS MAY 6 WITH SUNRAYSA DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION – practice at AERO COURTS 11TH STREET MILDURA - 4 PM FOR JUNIORS 5PM SENIORS – NAMES CAN BE REGISTERED AT THE COURTS OR RING MERLE WATSON 50 232883 OR INEZ SULLIVAN 50 230742



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY—RED CLIFFS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 3rd June from 6.30pm at the
Quality Grand Hotel

Entertainment by Adelaide Band
Keep the Change.

3 course meal, drinks at bar prices. Tickets—\$60 each. Please see Carmel at the Parish Office for tickets or contact Marianna Cavallaro 0419 860 247

Easter Message

A happy and holy Easter to all of our Parishioners and families, especially our newly baptised and confirmed members and their families. Thank you to all who have contributed to the planning of our Easter Ceremonies. We all appreciate the fact that much time and energy goes into this preparation, and so we are most grateful for the prayerful liturgies through which we are inspired to enter more deeply into the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. As a Parish Community, we can be very proud of the talent that is so generously shared between us. We thank God for these many gifts with which we are blessed.

Fr. Michael & Fr. James



EASTER IS THE RIGHT TIME TO FIND HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Sometimes events coincide happily. At other times the coincidence rings strangely. This year Youth Homelessness Matters Day is celebrated the day before Easter Sunday: desolation confronts happiness, penury plenty, and deprivation plenitude. When events clash most sharply, they may also illuminate one another most brightly. The Easter stories invite deep reflection on home and on homelessness, on finding a home and being made to feel at home. The stories told about Jesus' rising begin with homelessness — with people grieving for Jesus. When we are in grief we are made homeless. Our loss turns our physical home into a mere house.

The connections between the house and the person whom we have loved no longer ground and reassure us. They torment us. We mistake friends for the council gardeners. We feel alone in a world without walls or roof, where the wind blows coldly and the rain pours in. That is what grief does to adults. It is also what homelessness does to children. It robs their present of meaning, their future of hope and their relationships of constancy. Homelessness is no place for children.

The stories of Jesus' death explore homelessness. As it is for all of us his home was his body. It was lived in, fed, cared for, hospitable to friends and formidable to enemies. His body was the place where dreams were nurtured, life's projects planned and personality displayed. It was the monument by which he would be remembered.

The Romans did their best to ensure that it was forgotten. They did a demolition job on his body, making sure that everyone saw it marked with whips, thorns, nails, blood and dirt and put on display like a side of beef in a butcher shop. His memory was to be a home for no one.

His friends' homelessness was compounded by the disappearance of his body. It thwarted their desire to wash and lay out his body so that they could remember his life as their home. Their last contact with him was cut. They shared momentarily the terrible suffering of those whose children have been killed but whose bodies are not to be found. They have no closure, we say. But in reality they have no opening — the door of their home is padlocked.

This is also true of young people made homeless. They lose their bodies: their dreams, their security, their self-respect, their connections and their address. They are vulnerable, constantly at risk of intrusion and exclusion. Their heads drop, their shoulders sag, their faces pale and their skin roughens. Homelessness is no place for children.

The Gospel stories do not end with homelessness. They are about rebuilding body and home. They remake connections in which memories turn from absence to presence, from devastation to joy. They are about shared meals by the shore, about touching wounds in consolation, not in revulsion, about angels and not ghosts waiting in tombs, about embracing, about gathering. They are about a hope that is not limited by locked doors and walls or by the intractability of the body, the obverse of Richard Wilbur's lines:
Kick at the rock, Sam Johnson, break your bones:
But cloudy, cloudy is the stuff of stones.

Nor should any child's story end in homelessness or in a body gone cloudy. It is the responsibility of society to find them a home in which they can be safe to make connections, see possibilities, heal their wounds and allow others to touch them in love, share food and stories. These are the things that make the stuff of bodies solid and luminescent - Easter is the right time to find homes for children.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of Eureka Street.

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

15th & 16th April 2017

22nd & 23rd April 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Resp Psalm: Ps 117
Response: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Second Reading: Col 3:1-3
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Resp Psalm: Ps 11:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:3-9
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY			SUNDAY			SATURDAY			SUNDAY		
7.30PM			8AM			6PM			9AM		
10AM			5PM			6PM			9AM		
6 Ministers required			7 Ministers required			6 Ministers required			6 Ministers required		
AS PER			AS PER			AS PER			AS PER		
EASTER			EASTER			EASTER			EASTER		
ROSTER			ROSTER			ROSTER			ROSTER		
VOLUNTEER			VOLUNTEER			VOLUNTEER			VOLUNTEER		
SHEETS			SHEETS			SHEETS			SHEETS		
						Anita Naray			Lyn Welsh		
						Maria Cirillo			Loretta Thompson		
						Christine Carmichael			Giuseppe Scopacasa		
						Ellen Frauenfelder			Maria Scopacasa		
						Jacinda Deacon			Susan lewis		
						Katy Quinlan			Minda Wright		
									Rose Op’t Hoog		

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As per Easter Roster			As per Easter Roster			M Guthrie			Youth Group		
Volunteer Sheets			Volunteer Sheets			All welcome			K Mafi		
									J Macri		
									J Ljubic		

ALTAR SERVERS

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Please volunteer			Please volunteer			Please volunteer			Please volunteer		

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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2 Volunteers required			2 Volunteers required			2 Volunteers required			2 Volunteers required		
As per Easter Roster			As per Easter Roster			Baptism			Baptism		
Volunteer Sheets			Volunteer Sheets								

READERS

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As per Easter Roster			As per Easter Roster			Rosemary Barnes			Nicholas Mataele		
Volunteer Sheets			Volunteer Sheets						Peter Hammond		

COUNTING TEAM 7

COUNTING TEAM 8

HELEN KAY 0429 135 053 **TREVOR AUST 5023 6597**

IRYMPLE - SATURDAY 6PM

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER			EUCHARIST MINISTER			READER			EUCHARIST MINISTER		
As per Easter Roster			As per Easter Roster			D Knight			R Barbary		