



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
15th & 16th July 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: Maddelena Filippi (Angelo's sister)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Kevin Robinson (one year anniversary), Giuseppe Carbone, Herb, Kelleen, Gordon, Pat, Doug & Colleen Curran, Joe Sestak

Sunday 9am: Gino Savogin (10 year anniversary), Stefan Belej, Domenico (Nico) Filippi, Elda Gagilardi

Friday 5.40pm:

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

One of the privileges of my life has been an ongoing involvement in Catholic education, especially in religious and theological education of staff. While my connection now is somewhat removed from the day to day life of schools, I am keenly aware of the selfless dedication of leadership and staff in their efforts to create environments for the children and young adults in our communities to receive God's word in its multi-layered reality. A sense of wonder and appreciation of the goodness of creation, of respect for the human and the more-than-human Earth community, is at the heart of any truly worthwhile education. The experience of violence or broken trust in the lives of some children may inhibit that sense of wonder and respect. Sensitive educators, at home and at school, are attuned to the diversity of experience among children and are called to attend to the inevitable diversity of needs so that all might be open to learn and to grow in wisdom and grace.



Jesus' parable of the soil, seed and sower reminds us that the grace of God's word is there for everyone who is open to receive it. If the seed takes root in rich soil, the harvest is assured. If it misses the mark and falls on the path, the benefit is for the birds alone and not for the human community. If the soil is rocky, the growth is premature and short-lived and the harvest is very limited, so that the birds are deprived along with the human community. If the seed falls among thorns, it is choked-so once again, there is no harvest. The readiness of the soil is all important, though the extent of the yield is the measure of God's abundant grace.

This parable reflects Jesus' closeness to the whole Earth community and his familiarity with the lives of ordinary people. While scattering of seed before ploughing seems a rather wasteful method of sowing a crop, such a practice is attested in the ancient world. Is the sower an extraordinarily generous God or an exploitative and wasteful estate owner? Parables tease their hearers and invite them to ponder their many levels of meaning. We have to bring our own life experience into dialogue with the word of each parable and search out its meaning for us. When we consider our children, the parable of the soil, seed and sower may yield its wisdom more slowly than parents and teachers may wish. Young people tend to mature at different rates and their faith develops in myriad ways that only God as harvester truly comprehends. We do whatever we can and trust that God will ensure an abundant harvest.

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 9:00am – 4:00pm.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1074.50
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2611.00
Loose Plate	\$ 655.20

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

Our Parish Stewardship Program officially commences this weekend. Over the next four weekends there will be different attachments to our weekly bulletin with information on the Program. Parishioners are invited to take our parish bulletins and attachments home and to support the Program by participating in our daily community and also committing to sharing responsibilities that will help make our parish an interactive, vibrant and faithful place of worship. This is our parish community—we are all invited to renew our commitment to the parish.

As you are leaving the church today please collect your letter which includes an invitation to our parish Information Meeting. Please note school families will receive their letter through their child from the school. If there is no letter for you please complete a Census Card and please take a spare envelope

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING:

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend one of our **Parish Information Meetings in Mildura, 1st August, Red Cliffs 2nd August or Merbein 3rd August commencing at 7pm** where we come together as a community to hear about our recent achievements and future plans. Please join us in praying for the success of our Stewardship Program.



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

SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

Will lunch at the Mildura RSL Club on Sunday 16th July at noon. All welcome. Please let Helen or Gary know your intentions on 50235035

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th July at 4pm in the Hillman Room.

OASIS AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 19th July at 10.30am. All welcome.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY



Will be celebrated on Saturday 5th August at 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by procession to the Sacred Heart Hall. There will be a free BBQ & Pasta meal and entertainment.

Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and Knights of the Southern Cross. All parishioners are most welcome.

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

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

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



CAMINO 2018

There are currently a couple of places left for anyone interested in doing 2 weeks of the Camino next year in Spain. Once again I stress that health and fitness are of the utmost priority. The ability to pack light, sleep occasionally in dormitory accommodation and enjoy the odd glass of wine will also be among the demands placed upon those who wish to participate. The date will be the third term holidays of next year: **last week of September & first week of October**. Interested people can contact the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm.



BOOKENDING AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY

Andrew Hamilton *Eureka Street* 11 July 2017

In manorial houses bookends were impressive in their own right, ready to bear the weight of expectation that was placed on their lords. The carvings, the shields and the embossing matched the conviction, embodied in the texts and documents housed between them, that this was no ordinary house, the history held between the bookends no ordinary history.

Modern Australian history is bookended by the arrival of white settlers in which Indigenous Australians were expelled to the margins, and by the arrival of people seeking protection who were themselves expelled to the margins on Manus Island and Nauru.

Between these bookends lie the events, the people, the relationships, the enterprises and the experiences that compose the story of Australia. They include acts of courage and cowardice, wisdom and stupidity, selfishness and generosity, nobility and barbarism. There are incidents that evoke shame and others that arouse pride.

There is a history of sin and a history of grace, and both intermingle in the story of what has mattered to Australians over more than two centuries.

The bookends themselves, though, are a bit shonky: four-by-two off-cuts nailed together. Not ideal for supporting proudly the heft of the history that lies between them. They are flawed pillars that question the order and the seriousness of the history they hold together. They need fixing.

The arrival of the first fleet was a masterly feat of organisation and initiative, followed by all the hardships, hard work and muddle involved in building and sustaining a colony. But its foundations were the dispossession of the original inhabitants and the disruption of their lives and cultures.

The inevitable conflict of interest between the Indigenous original inhabitants and the newcomers was seasoned by great acts of generosity on both sides, but was resolved in favour of the colonisers' interests. Violent resistance was crushed with overwhelming force and virtual impunity.

Eventually Indigenous Australians won some protection at the cost of free movement on their ancestral lands and vulnerability to catastrophic policies based on racial ideology. The disproportionate number of incarcerated Indigenous Australians is an emblem of this history. This bookend is made of worm-wood.

We Australians are still coming to terms with the consequences of invasion, settlement and exclusion of Indigenous Australians. Among the descendants of the later arrivals is a will for reconciliation, but not if it costs. Indigenous Australians desire recognition that they are the original Australians, but insist that it must be accompanied by measures that give them an assured voice in shaping the policies, laws and administrative regulations that affect their lives.

The first bookend leaves a double inheritance of the readiness to do what it takes in order to secure interests without respect for people who are in the way, and an uneasiness in the presence of Indigenous Australians that the nation was built at such a cost to them and to their cultures.

The second bookend is the way in which we have dealt with people who have come to us seeking protection from persecution. It displays the same readiness to do what it takes to secure perceived interests, and to inflict suffering on some in order to deter others. No excess of cruelty, it has seemed, could sate the cry to be tough on asylum seekers. Manus Island is the emblem of this policy. Australians respond to it with the same ambivalence they feel before Indigenous people, alternating between satisfaction that governments are doing what it takes and occasional shame when the whips and scars of the policy are seen close up. This bookend is made from the wood of the upas tree.

These two bookends need fixing because both involve a policy designed to advantage one group by treating another group

brutally. This has corrupted Australian society and has had fatal consequences both for the persons affected and for the majority group.

In the case of Indigenous Australians it left behind discriminatory regulations, denial of freedoms and mixed defensiveness and shame. In the case of people seeking protection it has left a legacy of depriving minority groups of the protection of law and a fractured sense of community. Left unaddressed these poisons can leach further into Australian society.

To address them will be difficult. The first thing is to attend to the story of our relationships to Indigenous Australians and to refugees, not seeking condemnation or exoneration, but giving weight particularly to the human experience of the people who were participants and affected in this history. This will lead to apology, to reflection on how to make amends, and to the evolution of policies and administration that respect the humanity of those in Australia before our boats arrived and those who came by boat afterwards to seek protection. Then will our history be decently bookended.

ADULT FORMATION

13TH NATIONAL ECONFERENCE

Will be held on **Thursday 10th August 2017 from 10.30am to 2.45pm—Monaghan Centre**
Streamed Live

Theme: Gospel Leadership in times of Chaos—The Hope of Pope Francis

With Guest speakers:

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.



WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS - 30 JULY

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims. In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The United Nations designated **July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons**, declaring that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights." This is an issue that affects people in Australia as well as round the world. You can find more info at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/index.shtml> and <https://acrath.org.au/>
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the worldwide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

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 July 2017

22nd & 23rd July 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Isa 55:10-11
Resp Psalm: Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8
Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23
Gospel: Mt 13:1-23

First Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19
Resp Psalm: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5
Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving
Second Reading: Rom 8:26-27
Gospel: Mt 13-24-43

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Maria Scopacasa	Judy Hall
Taiana Fatai	Susan Lewis	Myrna Rodi
Margaret McDonald	Minda Wright	Maree Irvin
Trish McNamara	Rose Op’t Hoog	Sue Hermans
Morris Henderson	Rini Op’t Hoog	Danielle Mazzini
Anita Naray	Cora Howell	Naomi Kennedy
	Narie Lewis	

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Maria Cirillo	Renata Byra	Mario Zema
Christine Carmichael	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Josie Zema
Ellen Frauenfelder	Sonia Opie	Trish Cirillo
Jacinda Deacon	Philip Opie	Jeena Jose
Katy Quinlan	Catherine McErvale	Joyce Ribarits
Katelin Anesbury	Elvira Mazza	Clem Carlucci
	Jill Joslyn	

MUSIC

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M Hammond	Tongan Choir	NO MUSIC
B Prescott	M Guthrie	

M Guthrie	Youth Group	M Sullivan
All welcome	K Mafi	

ALTAR SERVERS

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Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Louise Belej	

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	Baptism	

READERS

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Christine Carmichael	Kevin Schultz	Sue Hermans

Anita Naray	Talia Faingaanuku	Barb Kelly

COUNTING TEAM 10

COUNTING TEAM 1

BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099

GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM

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READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
M Hoy	W Smith

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P Riordan	Mary Hoy