



# 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**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C -  
15th & 16th October 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

**Rosary:** Monday 5:00pm

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

**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:** Anna Andrasak, Pasquale Gerardis

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Saturday 6pm:** Francesco DeMaria

**Sunday 9am:** Albino Dimasi (50th Birthday remembrance),  
Grazia Macri, Mary Giraldi

**Sunday 5pm:** Bruno Timpano, Domenica Ficarra

**Tuesday 7pm:** Giovanni Gallace (one year anniversary)

*(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.*

Moataane Vatuvei, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio,

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

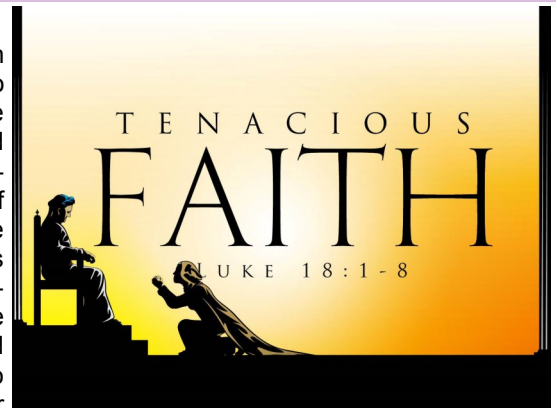
Today's gospel begins with a reference to prayer, a favourite theme in Luke, and ends with a question about faith. If the parable were about prayer as the narrator suggests, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for

anyone and is slow to hear the cry of the poor! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has made three key additions to the story: the introduction about prayer; the final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words; and the three questions at the end. The original parable probably ended with the words of the judge. What difference might this make for us as 21<sup>st</sup> century readers? The story almost certainly took on different meanings as it shifted from an oral to a written context. Luke fits the parable rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities.

The scene for the verses representing the original parable is "a certain city", possibly suggesting that it is a story for any and every city. There are two main human characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? Is it because he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary? What sort of judge would admit to having no respect for anyone, even to himself?

A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. It literally reads: "so that she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Is Jesus drawing attention to the plight of widows in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. A system that provides no other recourse for the vulnerable simply has to change. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not at all clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that even those who seem to have little power can win out in the end.

**Veronica Lawson rsm**



## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Haydn McAullay & Becky Doyle who were married this weekend.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

#### Period of Enquiry—Welcome and Introduction

Will be held on Thursday 20th October, 7pm in the Hillman Room.



**REMEMBRANCE MASS** for all deceased family members will be held on Sunday 6th November at 9.00am. Cuppa after Mass.

### ADVENT BOOKS 2016

If you are interested in purchasing a book or forming a group for Advent Reflection, please contact the Parish Office by October 28th, so that an order can be placed with the supplier. Approximate cost \$3.00 per book.

### MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY

**Murray Pines Cemetery**, Tuesday 1st November 6pm.  
**Nichols Point Cemetery**, Wednesday 2nd November 6pm.

Cari amici Italiani come sapete la messa di Novembre e la messa per i nostri cari defunti al cimitero andiamo a visitare le tombe dei nostri cari defunti una bella messa e primo la messa che il Rosario per Italiano alla 5.30pm tutti benvenuti.

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1148.20</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$3135.30</b>
<b>BCSF</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 418.25</b>

Next Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th October, 7.30am in the Parish Office.

### BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$ 2287.50 to this collection, which raised nearly \$54,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1854.00 so far to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

**A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**



**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US –  
THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 18th October, 7.30pm in the Hillman Room.

### REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS

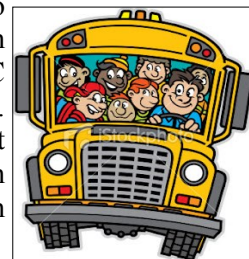
Will be held on Thursday 20th October at 2pm. All welcome.

### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Will gather at the Irymple Hotel for Lunch on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Noon. Please let Elaine and Frank know your intentions for bookings on 0417031175 / 0422069117. All welcomed.

### BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Sacred Heart Parish last bus trip to Werrimull for 2016 will leave on Sunday 30th October from the SJC 12th Street entrance at 10am sharp. Mass at 11am followed by lunch at the Pub. Please contact the Parish Office to register your attendance on 50212872.



## SACRED HEART YOUTH

Every Friday during the month of October the Youth will be saying the rosary after the 5.40pm mass.

The following activities have been organised for the month of October:-

**Friday 21/10:** Movie night.

**Friday 28/10:** Short Trivia on rosary & general faith related questions & games.

## MIRP AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

### Mildura Mercy International Reflection Process Group

The MIRP group have been looking at Sustainable Living in our local environment. The group has specifically been researching how plastic bags have damaged our Worldwide environment. Plastic bags may break down but they never fully disappear and end up in our waterways and landfills. Our wildlife are harmed by getting caught in or by consuming plastic bags. Therefore, this group is looking at minimising the use of plastic bags in the Sunraysia District.

How can you help this cause?

1. Complete an online submission at [www.parliament.vic.gov.au/committees](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/committees) to support the Environment Protection Amendment 'Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads Bill 2016' that is currently being discussed to restrict the supply and sale of plastic pages, plastics and polystyrene packaging and to prohibit the supply and sale of plastic microbeads in Victoria.
2. Write a letter to Ms Sarah O'Connor (Waste Management Coordinator) asking that Mildura be one of the three towns that will trial plastic bag free area. Address the letters to 108 Madden Avenue, Mildura 3500.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

There are Ten Steps to Creating a Place at the Table. During the next 9 weeks you will be given a step.

### 3. Help your parish include older people in the life of the Church

Through the simple acts of gathering and talking, eating and drinking, Jesus made manifest the mercy and love of God. The sacramentality of this shared table is held of us now most strongly in the Eucharist...The Christian community is built on the Eucharist, and older people have an important place around that table. For them it is a place of prayer and offering, comfort and petition, hope and sacrifice. (Social Justice Statement 2016-2017.

Ways the parish can help include: arranging transport to the church for Sunday Eucharist; providing comfortable facilities for older people; bringing communion to older people in their homes; arranging seminars, books, films or talks on spirituality of ageing.

## PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILIES

### Sunday 9th October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families

Heavenly Father, rant true peace and joy to our family members and friends who experience same sex attractions or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and supportive especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

### YOUNG MEN INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

A Priesthood Vocations Retreat Day for any young student/men around the diocese hosted by St Patrick's College Ballarat will take the form of pilgrimage on Saturday 12th November. Bus will leave 10.30am from St Patrick's College to Scarsdale for a 13km walk to Linton followed by Mass and lunch concluding at 3pm. Fr James Kerr and two Melbourne seminarians from Corpus Christi College will participate in this Retreat Day to answer questions about life in the seminary. For more information or to register attendance please contact Fr Ed Maloney Vocations Director at:  
[Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au](mailto:Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au)

## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

### BEST WISHES TO OUR CLASS OF 2016

How quickly we find ourselves at the point of saying farewell and best wishes to our Year 12 students. I am delighted with the way in which our Leaving Class of 2016 have approached their secondary education and their involvement in the multitude of activities which have been on offer inside and outside the classroom. We are very grateful for the leadership and service our Year 12 students have provided to the College community. I extend the very best wishes of our community to all our graduates for their graduation celebrations, the coming examinations, their future study and training and their employment prospects. I hope the coming years bring happiness and success to the lives of each of our graduates and I look forward to meeting them at future reunions of their class and hearing of their life after St Joseph's College.

### Farewell to our Year Twelve Students

We pray you'll choose happiness when at all possible.

We pray you'll keep good memories and discard hurts and failures.

We pray you'll allow yourself to make mistakes and realise that's when we learn our biggest lessons. You are a precious and valued person who deserves the best in life - take it - and share it with others.

**Mrs Marg Blythman - Principal**

*May God Bless You*  
ON YOUR JOURNEY

## NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's was great to welcome Fr Michael back into the community and I am sure that he has plenty of stories that we look forward to hearing. **Mission Month** activities are in full swing, and Mrs Guthrie is putting together a great bank of prizes for the Rolling Raffle.

**SHPS School Advisory Council (SAC) and Parents & Friends (P&F) Annual General Meetings (AGM)** will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. This year our Guest Speaker will be Fr Damien Styles, his talk is titled 'Padre on a Tour of Duty'.

Over the last week we have had several of our **students** competing in various events at numerous regional levels. We congratulate them and, of course we are very proud of them all.

A great performance by our School Choir last week, and I hear they got the whole school singing! Enjoy the week...

Regards

**Des Lowry—Principal**

### ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

A special welcome back to Fr Mick from his leave. If you have been reading the parish bulletin he has certainly walked a few kilometres throughout his journey. I think it was somewhere around 2000km in total. An amazing effort finishing his journey in Rome.

Last night the Parents and Friends Committee met for their monthly meeting. It was great to see a couple of new faces. Last week I notified the school community that the Fund-raising ball had been cancelled. As a result the focus of the P&F has centred on developing more family oriented fundraising events. Saturday 5th November from 6.30-9.00pm a family fun night has been planned at Inflatable World. The cost is \$10 per participant, spectators are free. You can BYO Food and soft drinks.

This year's 2016 Sunraysia Community Sleep out is being hosted by St Paul's. It begins on Friday 28th October at 5pm and finishes Saturday morning at 7am. The Sunraysia Community Sleep out will be hosted by Sunraysia Youth Alliance, who are a collective of youth groups from Sunraysia Churches banding together to raise funds and awareness of homelessness in our community. All proceeds raised will be reinvested into our local community and used to care for those in need.

As always, Keep the Faith.

**Vince Muscatello—Principal**



**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 October, 2016**

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Ex 17:8-13**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2**  
**Response: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
**Second Reading: 2 Tim 3:14, 4:2**  
**Gospel: Lk 18:1-8**

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Margaret Sheahan	Gina Raiti	Josie Zema
Irene Morello	Anna Vartuli	Trish Cirillo
Anne-Maree Greville	Nada Zudetich	Jeena Jose
Taiana Fatai	Sara Visona	Joyce Ribarits
Margaret McDonald	Juliet Cresp	Clem Carlucci
Trish McNamara	Robert Tindall	Vittorio Carlucci
	Louise Belej	

**MUSIC**

Youth Group	Tongan Choir	M Hammond
K Mafi	M Guthrie	J Macri
		J Ljubic

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Mary Gobbo	

**READERS**

Gary Huxtable	Lyn Welsh	Vince Muscatello

**COUNTING TEAM 1**

**GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
M Smith	R Hill

**22nd & 23rd October, 2016**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Sir 35:12-14, 16-19**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7**  
**Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
**Second Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18**  
**Gospel: Lk 18:9-14**

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Morris Henderson	Nancy Leonardis	Christine Slattery
Anita Naray	Elena Garreffa	Jacinta Maci
Maria Cirillo	Maryanne Modica	Petelo Mafi
Christine Carmichael	Maria Page	Paula Cox
Ellen Frauenfelder	Lyn Welsh	Jennifer Boord
Jacinda Deacon	Loretta Thompson	Reni Cheriyan
	Giuseppe Scopcasa	

**MUSIC**

M Hammond	Sacred Heart Group	N Armsden
B Prescott	Leader	J Macri
B Lewis	M Fainga’anuku	J Ljubic

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Baptism	Baptism

**READERS**

Katy Quinlan	Luke Guthrie	Melanie Ransome

**COUNTING TEAM 2**

**JOE DEJONG 5023 7802**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
J Kearney	M Hill