# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura



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Our Lady of Lourdes Werrimull

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

Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo
Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

4th Sunday of Easter / Year C - 16th & 17th April 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 **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:** Monica Baldock, Ellen Carmichael, Shirley Chamberlain (Benalla) mother of Anne Burke, grandmother of Rachel & Rebecca Burke

ANNIVERSARIES: Richard Murphy (one year anniversary)

Saturday 6pm: Paul Matulin, Giuseppe Roccisano (Nichols

Point)

Irymple 8.30am: Souls in Purgatory

Friday 5.40pm: Iolanda Circosta (30 day remembrance Mass)

(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.

Lourdes Stanislaus (Fr Neville's mother), 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, Sid Robinson, Judy Hunt, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner,

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

One of the blessings of my life has been the opportunity to work in several different cultural contexts. My ministry has taken me twice to the Good Shepherd Centre in Angers in France. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd were founded in post-revolution France to shepherd God's people, especially young women at risk. Taking their inspiration from the gospel image of the Good Shepherd, they continue to shepherd God's people, including women



who have been trafficked as sexual slaves. In recent years they have expanded their mission and, together with their associates and partners in ministry, have decided "to shepherd God's creation".

Good Shepherd foundress, Sr. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, understood the ways of shepherds in mid-19<sup>th</sup> century rural France: "How, in fact, do good shepherds act? They forget themselves and often have to endure hunger and thirst. They are crushed by fatigue and difficulties – no matter! They are happy if their sheep do not suffer and if they find those that are lost. What trouble they take to lead their sheep to good pastures! In summer they seek out places where there is water and shade; in winter they lead them to where the cold is less biting and the grass more abundant. If they notice poisonous plants near the little lambs they hasten to pull them up. Day and night they are on guard against wolves – they never completely relax." The same respectful stance is needed as we seek, like the Good Shepherd family, to care for our threatened Earth community.

Strangely enough, for the earliest readers of John's gospel, the term "good shepherd" was a contradiction in terms. Most shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others in their search for feed. They thus broke the Jewish purity laws and were considered unclean. A positive image of the shepherd is nonetheless part of Israel's prophetic tradition. It is that tradition that the gospel evokes. Today's gospel has Jesus say: "The sheep that belong to me hear my voice...." Later in John's gospel, Mary Magdalene will hear Jesus' voice and recognise him when he calls her by name. She is one of Jesus' "own", one who knows his voice. Her faithful following of Jesus will find expression in her presence at the foot of the cross and her visit to the empty tomb.

Eternal life and the oneness of Jesus with God are also features of today's gospel. Jesus announces: "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Eternal life is never-ending life. It is the inheritance of those who hear his voice. To hear is to follow through with action. That is the way of those inspired by Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It is the way of the Good Shepherd family and of all who hear the voice of the Shepherd.

Veronica Lawson rsm

#### SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



#### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Samuel Judd & Eden Murray who were married this weekend.



# Marriage & Family— Luke & Marion Guthrie

74 to be held Thursday 21st April, 7pm in the Hillman Room..

#### FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

Parents of children in Grade Four and above who would like their children to receive First Eucharist in 2016 need to attend two Parent Formation Evenings. The First Evening will be held on Wednesday 27th



April 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church and will be presented by Fr Elio Capra.

The Second Evening will be held on Wednesday 4th May 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church and will be presented by Rose Marie Prosser.

Children do not attend these evenings. Parents must attend both sessions, at the end of which their children will be enrolled in the First Eucharist Program.



#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

New Rosters commencing 30th April/1st May are now available. Please collect your copy from the table at the back of the Church.

#### **PARISH FINANCE**

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1311.05
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2717.25
Loose Plate	\$ 495.35
<b>Project Compassion</b>	\$ 760.00

#### STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (Planned Giving)

This weekend during the Masses we will be invited to fill out our PLEDGE CARDS once again. If your contribution is to remain the same, please fill the card in regardless. We invite new Parishioners and those participating in the Parish who are not currently contributing to consider making a pledge.

At present, our weekly target is down about \$450.00. This is a fairly normal occurrence throughout any Stewardship Program due to the loss of Parishioners over a three year period. However, it is good to note and to be aware of this trend.

I am pleased to be able to say that our debt on the Monaghan Centre is \$259,000.00 at this point. We will need to consider ways through which we can raise extra funds from time to time to assist with the cancelation of this debt.

Once again, thank you for your generous support towards the life of our Parish. Fr. Michael



is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

#### COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Will be held on Tuesday 19th April, 7.30pm in the Hillman Room.

#### **REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS**

Will be held on Thursday 21st April 2pm. All welcome.

#### **PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP**

Will breakfast at the Mildura Working Man's Club Sunday April 24th after the 9.00 am Mass. Please let Lyn and Clive your intensions for booking purposes on 50211422. All welcome.



#### FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday 1st May at 9am. All are invited to stay on for food, drinks etc from the Monaghan Centre.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

Don't forget to bring in your Envelopes to the Parish Office.

#### **MISSION BOOKLETS**

If you ordered a copy of "The Parish Mission" booklet, from Fr Ray Sanchez, please collect your booklet from the Parish Office.

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

#### **Mercy International Reflection Process (MIRP)**

At a recent meeting the members of this group it was decided to focus on educating themselves on"

'Sustainable Living.' We thank those who attended and shared their concerns about this issue.

Anyone who is interested in this topic is most welcome to join this group.

The next meeting will be May 18 at 7 pm in the Monaghan Centre

#### UNI STUDENT REQUIRES ACCOMMODATION

A University Student studying in Mildura from Sri Lanka requires accommodation. His name is Ruvishka Ranpath Joseph. He also requires a second hand push bike and is also looking for a part time /casual job if you can help in anyway please contact him on: 0449 170 228 or email: ruvishka.joseph@gmail.com



#### **REGIONAL GATHERING CONFERENCE**

# Living the Gospel of Mercy and Joy

May 27 - 29 2016

St Paul's Primary School &

St. Joseph's Secondary College MILDURA

#### Keynote addresses

#### Session 1

St Paul's Primary School Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm - 8:30pm

Where the Hell is God? Holding to faith through the tough times."

#### Session 2

St Paul's Primary School Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 9:00am - 10:30am

Nine steps to making better choices for my life in the light of faith"

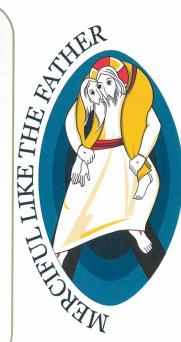
# The Called and Gifted Workshop

For this Workshop participants must attend both sessions

St Joseph's Secondary College Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 12:30pm - 5:30pm

> Sunday 29th May 9:00am - 12:00pm

PRIOR REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL Inquiries: 50212872



#### YOUTH



#### **NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

I hope you all had an enlivening **Easter** celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and had the chance to spend some relaxing time with family and friends...A huge thank you to Mrs Ditchfield on preparing an excellent Holy Week liturgy, that was reflective, meaningful and had a huge impact on all who was present.

We had a brilliant day on Monday and we thank Fr Michael, Mrs Ditchfield and Ms Wade for preparing and leading our professional learning (PL). It was extremely well targeted, with new and reinforced learnings, that highlighted our SHPS relationships with one another, the students and their families and how we are so fortunate to be part of Catholic Education and in particular the Sacred Heart Parish.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, we will be having a special whole school **ANZAC Day Service**. The Mildura RSL has kindly donated ANZAC badges to distribute for every student for this ceremony and Mr John Searle (Mildura RSL) will be our guest speaker. We invite families and friends to join us in the service in the SHPS courtyard starting at 10.15am. Our SHPS Captains will be representing our school community at the Mildura Memorial Service held at Henderson Park on ANZAC Day.

Have a great week.

Des Lowry—Principal

#### ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new term and another new beginning in our learning at St Paul's. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break over the Easter holidays and was able to spend quality time with family and friends. I spoke with some of the Foundation children and chocolate was definitely on the menu.

Whole School Information Evening- Our upcoming evening is next Wednesday 20th April here at school. It is an excellent opportunity for you to learn about how we teach and how children learn at St Paul's. There are a number of workshops on offer you can register for on the evening such as: Literacy, Mathematics, DrumBeat, Investigation, Religious Education, Bounce Back, PLC (Professional Learning Communities), Specialists (Italian, The Arts & Physical Education) and a Foundation Q@A. The night will begin @ 7pm with a welcome with an introduction to PLC and finish with a light supper @ 8.30pm. As always, keep the faith.

Vince Muscatello—Principal

#### **NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE**

#### PROJECT COMPASSION & EASTER LITURGY

From Ash Wednesday through to the final day of Term One, St Joseph's College Mercy Action Groups from both Campuses raised both awareness and funds for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. During this five week period, the students and staff endeavoured to support Caritas Australia's aims of justice, peace, equality and hospitality for all. Both the Mercy and Enright Campus' Mercy Action Groups raised awareness of Project Compassion through bulletin notices, posters, Morning Prayer and Assembly presentations. While in Religious Education classes students visited the Caritas Australia's website to learn about its work in Australia and abroad through real life case studies. Throughout the Lenten Program, staff and students are also encouraged to donate money each morning through the project compassion money boxes. Each campus at The College were involved in the Annual Easter Egg Raffle where students and staff donated eggs, baskets and wrapping to make the prizes and then sell tickets to raise funds for Project Compassion. Between the two campuses a total of 50 Easter egg baskets were made, demonstrating the wonderful support our students have for raising funds for Project Compassion. The students also sold food and drinks at our School Swimming Sports and held a gold coin donation casual day to raise funds. In 2016, we raised nearly \$5000.00 On the last day of Term 1, the College gathered in the Church for our Passion Liturgy. This involved a Year 8 class acting out the last days of Jesus. This wonderful liturgy was a great way to remind our College community of the importance of Easter. Philip Opie Religion 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

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16th & 17th April, 2016		23rd & 24th April, 2016				
THIS WEEK'S READINGS		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS				
First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Resp Psalm: Ps 99:1-3.5 Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Second Reading: Apoc 7:9, 14-17 Gospel: Jn 10:27-30		First Reading: Acts 14:21-27 Resp Psalm: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1 Response: I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God. Second Reading: Apoc 21:1-5 Gospel: Jn 13:31-35				
EUCHARIST MINISTERS		EUCHARIST MINISTERS				
SATURDAY	SATURDAY SUNDAY		SATURDAY	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	
Maria Cirillo	Jill Joslyn	Jacinta Macri	Leo Kearney	Talia Faingaanuku	Wendy Finn	
Anne-Maree Greville	Lisa Cirillo	Petelo Mafi	Margaret Sheahan	Michael Faingaanuku	Tony Finn	
<b>Anthony Henderson</b>	Katalina Mafi	Paula Cox	Linda Henderson	Maureen Speed	Melanie Ransome	
Christine Carmichael	Aloisia Mafi	Jennifer Boord	Irene Morello	Alicia Tindall	Bill Dolence	
Margaret McDonald	Jean Rocca	Reni Cheriyan	Katy Quinlan	Lily Tindall	Jacqui Willis	
Anita Naray	Bobby Castillo	Volunteer please	Taiana Fatai	Peter O'Donnell	Barbara Bunting	
	Ross Tongue		Filomena Carbone			
MUSIC		MUSIC				
Singing Group	Tongan Choir	Youth Group	Youth Group	M Guthrie	N Armsden	
M Sullivan	M Guthrie	K Mafi	K Mafi	B Lewis, B Prescott	J Macri	
				J O'Bryan	J Ljubic	
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	
	Jim O'Donnell		Baptism	Baptism		
READERS		READERS				
Mary Jackson	Kevin Schultz	Barb Kelly	Irene Morello	Volunteer please	Peter Hammond	
	COUNTING TEAM			COUNTING TEAS		
COUNTING TEAM 5		COUNTING TEAM 6				
JIM FARRELLY 5021 5646  IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939				
		READER	IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM FUCHARIST MINISTER			
Pat Riordan			Marty Smith	EUCHARIST MINISTER Wendy Smith		
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