



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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
16th & 17th September 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: John Klaric, Mary Cappola, Lucia Fiorenza, Paul Robinson (Bendigo-brother-in-law to Eric Kondratow),

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday Irymple 8.30am: All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 9am: Cath Fry, Gino Resta, Angelo Resta, Gino DeAngelis, Stefano Batistta

Sunday 5pm: Tom Marciano (10 year anniversary), Luigi & Virginia Varacalli

Friday 5.40pm: Ilario Dichiera (Shepparton-30 day mass—brother to Francesco & Octtavio Dichiera)

(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.

Nada Zudetich, Phil & Dorothy Mullane, Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

While the opening verses of this Sunday's gospel reading have Jesus advocating endless forgiveness (not seven but seventy-seven times), the

I tell you, not seven times, but **seventy-seven** times.- Jesus

parable that follows is anything but consistent with this teaching and the teaching of Jesus in the gospel as a whole. We are all familiar with the beatitude, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall be mercied" (5:7) and with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (6:12).

How then do we read today's story of a king who is prepared initially to forgive the debt that his slave has incurred, only to resort to torture when that slave fails to forgive his fellow slave? This story raises more problems than we can address in this short reflection: the unquestioning acceptance of slavery and the plight of slaves; the absolute power of the king over his subjects; the institution of debt slavery; the treatment of women and children; the collection of crippling taxes to finance the power of the king; an unjust and cruel ruler as an image of the God of Israel; imaging God as a loving father who nonetheless acts in tyrannical ways. In other words, the parable encodes institutions and practices of the time that Jesus and/or the Matthean community seem to accept without question.

Does this parable come from the lips of Jesus or from the Matthean community? It would be anachronistic to expect a critique of slavery from Jesus or from Matthew's community since the institution of slavery was simply taken for granted. It persisted without critique for some 1800 years. It is totally out of character, however, for Jesus to image his "heavenly Father" as a merciless torturer. It may be that Jesus did in fact tell such a story in another context and that the Matthean author has rather arbitrarily linked the sayings on forgiveness (forgiving 77 times and forgiving brothers and sisters from one's heart) with this story. It is conceivable that Jesus insisted on the consequences of refusing to forgive. While God is merciful and forgiving, disciples must not exploit God's capacity to forgive. Bad behaviour is not to be tolerated. It has its consequences and those who continually fail to forgive can expect to suffer the consequences of their actions.

Whatever we make of the story of the less than forgiving king and the unforgiving slave, we might take on board Jesus' response to Peter's question. "How often should I forgive?" We might also note the reminder at the end of the gospel that true forgiveness is "from the heart". In the biblical world, the heart was the core of the person's being, the seat of cognition as well as of emotion. To forgive from the heart is to forgive with the whole of one's being.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Brendan Violi & Gabriella Dichiera who were married this weekend.



ST JOSEPH COLLEGE

Whole School Mercy Mass on Tuesday 19th September 9am.

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 9am – 4pm.

The RCIA will commence at the end of September. Please pass on this information to anybody you may know who is interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation & Eucharist during our Easter Ceremonies in 2018.



PLEASE NOTE: TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 6:00PM MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO SJ COLLEGE WHOLE SCHOOL MASS AND FUNERAL MASS FOR LUCIA FIORENZA.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1073.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3063.00
Loose Plate	\$ 446.20

Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September, 7.30am at the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

OASIS AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 20th September 10.30am. All welcome.

WEEKEND RETREAT IN OUYEN

Join us in Ouyen for a weekend retreat for all ages, with talks on the faith, times of prayer, fellowship and an opportunity to be recharged in the love of God.

When: 6-8th Oct (beginning Friday evening, ending before lunch on Sunday)

Where: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ouyen

More info: coming soon!

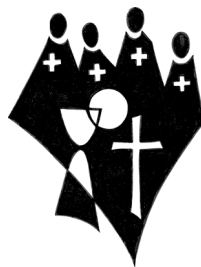
Contact Marie to register your interest on 0417 660 893

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests This weekend

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Last year our parish contributed \$3090.00 to this collection, which raised nearly \$60,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1258.05 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

A PRAYER—Cath Fry 29/6/44—19/9/13

A beautiful gentle kind modest lady who devoted her life to her family faith friends flowers animals and birds. Lord let us live our lives as Cath lived hers. Cath loved without condition; she talked without intention; Cath listened without judgement and gave without reason. Cath cared without expectation and remembered without regret. Lord help us to live that way.

A petition to appeal against the lenient sentence handed to Karen Belej's killer is now available for you to sign.

Forms are located in all the church entrances.



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

SUNRAYZIA REGIONAL GATHERING

Will be held on Sunday 1st October 11.45am in the Monaghan Centre. All Parish Council members are expected to be present. A plate to share, please see Lyn Welsh.



This is an important meeting as we need to begin to undertake some serious strategic planning for the future of this Catholic Region.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bishop's Pastoral Letter re. Postal Plebiscite

Many of you would have received a letter from the Bureau of Statistics calling for a response to the Postal Plebiscite in regards to the Marriage Act. Many of you perhaps have already replied. Please find in the foyers a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Paul in response to the Plebiscite. Whatever the outcome, it is important for us to remain as witnesses to our society of the meaning and place of Marriage in God's plan for the world. The Gospel is a torch that guides us and charity moves us to share that light with the world.

Social Justice Sunday –September 24, 2017

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC) is preparing for the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2017–2018, 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. A brief summary of the Social Justice Statement can be found at the ACSJC website:

http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/files/SJSandresources/2017-SJS_summary.docx.

Copies are also available for you to take home.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

A Year of Youth for Australia has been declared for 2018 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Year of Youth commences at the start of the new liturgical year on 3 December 2017 (the first Sunday of Advent) and concludes at the end of Ordinary Time in 2018 (25 November, Christ the King). The theme of the Year of Youth is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Resources in support of the Year of Youth will be made available over the coming months, and during 2018, including: *Planning Handbook: No Young People in my Parish*. Year of Youth events are being planned by both the Diocese and Catholic Education. Parishes and others are asked to incorporate the Year of Youth in their planning, considering how they might celebrate locally or in conjunction with neighbours. Year of Youth information is available on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Youth and Young Adult pages or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Parishes and schools will be advised about resources as soon as they are available.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY

Last Friday we were entertained at our assembly by Chaffey Secondary College's Polynesian Dance Group. The group included students of many different ethnic backgrounds and at one point even involved Mr M and some of our students. The boys dancing engaged and terrified us with their Haka style dance while the girls were a contrast with their graceful and elegant moves. Last week our Senior Boys and Girls teams competed in the Interschool Sports of basketball, volleyball, softball and tennis. Well done to our students who trained hard in their own time and gave their best on the day.

The grade 1 students enjoyed their camp to Lifestyles Plus and then a quiet movie on their return to school. I know that the students had a wonderful time being active with their friends.

Once again St Paul's will be involved in 'Walk to School' which encourages our children to be engaged in active travel to school.

The school will be a much quieter place next week with our Senior Students heading off to Melbourne on camp. The seniors will be engaging in a wide range of new and exciting activities and also growing in independence of their families, making new and stronger connections with students and staff.

As always, Keep the Faith!

Vince Muscatello, Principal

SACRED HEART PRIMARY

Dear School Families and Friends,

It's amazing to think that next week is the last week of Term Three. Hopefully the weather will start warming up now and all the cold and flu germs will finally disappear.

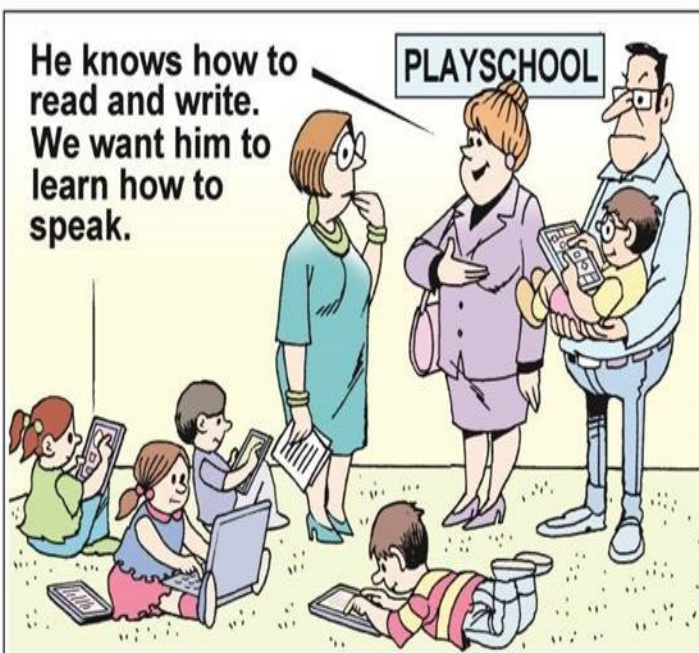
On Monday our 2018 Preps will be coming to visit. From 9am-10am they will be in the Prep classrooms with Mrs. Southwell and Miss Clementson, enjoying stories and fun activities.

Next week our **Grade 3's** journey back in time and experience the pioneering era of the Mallee when they have their camp to Swan Hill next Wednesday and Thursday.

Have a great week,
Des Lowry, Principal

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Sunil Agarwal & Ajit Ninan

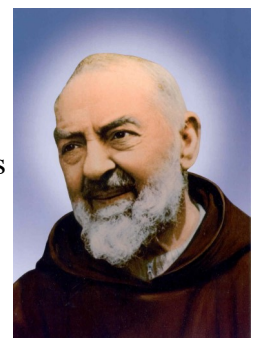


FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK



Thursday 21st September:
St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Saturday 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)



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.”

**The Parish of
Sacred Heart is
committed to
the obligation to
ensure the
safety of all
children in our
care.**

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

16th & 17th September 2017

23rd & 24th September 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Sir 27:30—28:7
Resp Psalm: Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12. R. v. 8
Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.
Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9
Gospel: Mt 21.35

First Reading: Isa 55:6-9
Resp Psalm: Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v. 18
Response: The Lord is near to all who call him.
Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24, 27
Gospel: Mt 20:1-16

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY			SUNDAY			SATURDAY			SUNDAY		
6PM			9AM			6PM			9AM		
6 Ministers required			7 Ministers required			6 Ministers required			6 Ministers required		
Maria Cirillo			Anna Vartuli			Maree Irvin			Anne-Maree Greville		
Christine Carmichael			Nada Zudetich			Sue Hermans			Taiana Fatai		
Ellen Frauenfelder			Sara Visona			Danielle Mazzini			Margaret McDonald		
Jacinda Deacon			Juliet Cresp			Naomi Kennedy			Trish McNamara		
Katy Quinlan			Louise Belej			Mario Zema			Morris Henderson		
Katelin Anesbury			Nancy Leonardis			Josie Zema			Anita Naray		
			Elina Garreffa						Minda Wright		

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Sacred Heart School			Tongan Choir			NO MUSIC			N Armsden		
C Carmichael			M Sullivan						& leaders		
J Deacon									L Thompson		

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		
			Mary Gobbo						Baptism		

READERS

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Tricia McNamara			Luke Guthrie			Tony Finn			Christine Carmichael		
									Philip Opie		
									Melanie Ransome		

COUNTING TEAM 8

COUNTING TEAM 10

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IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

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READER			EUCCHARIST MINISTER			READER			EUCCHARIST MINISTER		
G McCracken			P Riordan			J Kearney			W Smith		