



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

Corpus Christi / Year A - 17th & 18th June 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: Frank Dobaj, Giovanni Strangio, Fr Les Sheahan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Chris Bogemann, David Daley (recent death), Josepha Warchow

Friday 5.40pm: Maria Matulin

(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.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Bread is staple food for much of the world's population. It is also a metaphor for the food that sustains the life of the human community. Being able to "put bread on the table" is the concern of every parent. Bread means life. Jesus' claim to be "the living bread" is a unique expression paralleled by his earlier claim to be "living water". It teases the reader with the possibility of multiple meanings. It refers at one level to food that gives life; at another, it is the gift of God's life. As we reflect on the symbolism of bread, we attend also to the plight of those without bread. While there is sufficient "bread" to satisfy the hunger of everyone on the planet, over one billion people are desperately hungry, some seven million South Sudanese among them as the civil war in their country continues.



Today's gospel passage belongs within a section of John's gospel generally called the Bread of Life Discourse. Some scholars suggest that the discourse as a whole is cast in the form of a synagogue homily. In this view, it is a rabbinic type exposition of Exodus 16:4 and Psalm 78:4-5 on the manna/bread that God rains from heaven. In John 6:51-58, there are allusions to Eucharist as both meal and sacrifice. Jesus is the manna or bread from heaven. Life comes from eating his flesh/body. It also comes from drinking his blood. For the ancient Israelites, the life was in the blood. Blood poured out is life poured out. To drink the wine/blood is to participate in the life of Christ poured out.

A simple analogy from my own context might help us to grasp something of the mystery that we call Eucharist. My home town, Ballarat, is the site of the Eureka rebellion. The Eureka flag is housed in a place of honour in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka. At one level, this flag is fabric and thread. At another, it far transcends the materials from which it is crafted. These materials were transformed, possibly by women from my own parish, into a symbol of freedom for the Eureka rebels. In the process, they changed their purpose and meaning; so too with the bread and wine of our Eucharistic celebrations. They have become, in a very real though mysterious sense, the body and blood of Christ.

This Sunday we take time to reflect on Eucharist, the mystery we celebrate from week to week. While we reflect on this mystery, we ground our faith in action designed to address the issue of global hunger and the circumstances that inhibit access to "bread" for all. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to careful consumption of the world's resources so that all God's people and all God's creatures might have life.

Veronica Lawson rsm

ADVANCE NOTICE:

CHANGE OF MASS TIME NEXT WEEK ONLY:-

TUESDAY 20TH JUNE - 9.15AM

PLEASE NOTE : NO MASS ON TUESDAY 27TH JUNE, WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE AND THURSDAY 29TH JUNE.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Rosemary Midgley whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Frank Cupello & Talia Pascale who were married this weekend.



FIRST EUCHARIST

We congratulate all the children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

May God bless them and their families, and may they continue to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus especially through their continued sharing in this Sacrament.

Special thanks to the teachers and parents who have helped with Home Groups and preparation.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1318.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2515.25
Loose Plate	\$ 708.70

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

2017

(PLANNED GIVING)

The renewal of our Parish Stewardship Program is due this year and will commence on the weekend of July 15th & 16th. Our actual **Pledging Sunday will be held the 5th & 6th of August**. Please try to be mindful of this date, although people will have a chance to renew their pledge before and after this weekend.

It is three years since the last Program in Mildura. I sincerely thank all those Parishioners who continue to financially support the ongoing costs of Parish Administration and Pastoral Development within the three Parishes of the Sunraysia.

This is the first time that we will enter into a Program together on a regional level. Although each of our Sunraysia Parishes is responsible for its own financial support and upkeep, we will begin this new Program together. Because of this we are able to share some of the resources as well as costs incurred. This will greatly reduce the outlays for the Parishes of Merbein and Red Cliffs without increasing the charge for Mildura.

Some people will be requested to assist as members of the Stewardship Team. The task is not onerous, but it will demand a short term commitment over the next month or so. I am not enamored with the administration of Parish finances, and I am extremely grateful to those who assist in this duty. However, the stewardship of the Parish is an important responsibility in which we all share. I ask for your support and backing in this undertaking, and am confident that it will be forthcoming.

Fr. Michael McKinnon



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Will be celebrating The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart on Friday 23rd June at 9.15am. This will also be the Poor Man's Mass. All welcome.

90TH BIRTHDAY

The Sisters of Mercy are hosting an afternoon tea for all those who would like to congratulate Sr Grace Rogers on her 90th Birthday. Saturday 24th June 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Monaghan Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura. No gifts thank you.

SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

Will be lunching at the Merbein Club on Sunday 25th June at noon. All welcome to join us. Please let Jean Rocca know your intentions on 5023 7561.



CAMINO 2018

I am considering organising another Camino for around the School Holidays (last week of September – first week of October) 2018. Plans are very open at this stage, but I would be limiting the walk to about 2 weeks. I would also have to limit numbers to about a dozen people. If anybody is interested, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm. Health and fitness of those wishing to participate is of the highest priority.

Fr. Michael

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Information is on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

SACRED HEART FEAST DAY 23rd June 2017

- From 7pm – 10pm – in the Church
- Praise n worship
- Fr Michael to talk on Sacred Heart
- Exposition/Adoration/Benediction
- Confession
- Supper to be provided by Youth.

All parishioners are invited and most welcome to attend.

Remembering and dismembering on World Refugee Day

Andrew Hamilton

World Refugee Day is a time for remembering. We remember we live in a world of millions of refugees, and that many of our fellow citizens arrived as or are the children of refugees. We also remember what it is like to be a refugee, allowing ourselves to touch, hear, see, smell and taste the bitter stuff of their lives.

We may remember refugees, but in their own lives they are dismembered. The tiles that we take for granted as we shape the mosaic of our ordinary lives have been hacked out of refugees' lives. Many people lost parents, siblings and children in the persecution and the terrors of war they endured in their own lands. With each loss part of themselves also died.

Their ability to plan their own lives, to practice their religion, to meet with like-minded people in order to help shape their society, and to have their children educated were also cut away. Their losses are not just entries in a ledger. They tear at the heart of identity, stripping away the connections that breathe existence into life.

In their flight many were also cut off from their families, from the rhythms of work and rest, from connections with town and village, from communicating in a language that is shared, and from all the things that allow us to call house and nation a home.

When people come to the fences of other nations asking for protection they face further dismemberment. In Australia they have been deprived of what freedom remained to them to shape their lives, forced to live for years cut off from uncontrolled human contact, sometimes separated from family members living in Australia.

Time, the garden of remembering, is for them a desert of dismembering, further separating them from world from which they fled and from the life that they longed to find.

On Manus Island, Nauru and in detention centres they have their self-respect hacked away by a daily regime that takes away their privacy, the civility they had hoped to find from representatives of a democratic government and from the confidence that the canopy of law might shelter them.

They may also have their physical and mental health excised, leaving them prey to depression and anxiety. And when they read contemptuous words spoken about them they feel themselves stripped of all that remains to them — their self-respect as human beings.

For refugees to remember is a challenge: to remember who they are and to wear their abused humanity as a flag of worth and not of shame.

For Australians, World Refugee Day is a time of remembering. It is a time to remember the human stories of those who have fled from their own nations to seek protection. It is a time to remember and treasure the little things that give shape to our lives — the smells, sounds and sights of our childhood world and their continuity with our lives today, and to remember that for refugees these things have been stripped away. It is a time to remember what has been done to refugees when they came to Australia — to hold in our memory the smell and texture of life on Manus Island and on Nauru, the casual brutality, the mud, the barbed wire borders of their world, the erosion of time, the lies and sneers of politicians who held them there, the slogans that trumped human connection. It is a time for shame and for compassion for a people who have come to this. To remember is first of all not to forget, not to move on. It is the beginning of conversion.

World Refugee Day is also a time for re-membering: for putting back what has been torn apart, for greening boughs that have been stripped of leaves, for fleshing what has withered, for welcoming back what has been rejected. That means demanding the dismembering stop — that people are taken



off prison islands, are listened to and heard with justice and respect, that they are reunited with families and allowed to get on with their lives. It also means connecting with people who are isolated, encouraging and paying respect to people who have shown such resilience.

The Australian body politic also calls out for re-membering. Over many years it has been stripped of respect of people for their simple humanity, of hospitality to strangers and of compassion for the vulnerable. To re-member is to make whole, to return to integrity.

Tuesday 20 June is World Refugee Day.

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.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS: POPE FRANCIS' ONLINE SURVEY NOW OPEN

Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017**. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au For more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

FAMILY MATTERS – Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum—Saturday 26th August 2017

This forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker will be held in Mildura. This free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. You can register on line: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> or alternatively through the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

Details regarding venue & workshops will be released soon. More information is available also from Tony Haintz - social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

17th & 18th June 2017			24th & 25th June 2017		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 Resp Psalm: Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12 Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. Second Reading: 1 Cor 10-16-17 Gospel: Jn 6:51-58			First Reading: Jer 20:10-13 Resp Psalm: Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14 Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me. Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15 Gospel: Mt 10:26-33		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	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
Taiana Fatai	Elvira Mazza	Greg Johnston	Christine Carmichael	Ross Tongue	Trish Cirillo
Margaret McDonald	Jill Joslyn	Naomi Kennedy	Ellen Frauenfelder	Talia Faingaanuku	Jeena Jose
Trish McNamara	Lisa Cirillo	Mario Zema	Jacinda Deacon	Michael Faingaanuku	Joyce Ribarits
Morris Henderson	Katalina Mafi	Josie Zema	Katy Quinlan	Maureen Speed	Clem Carlucci
Anita Naray	Aloisia Mafi	Volunteer please	Volunteer Please	Peter O’Donnell	Vittorio Carlucci
Maria Cirillo	Jean Rocca	Volunteer please	Volunteer Please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
	Bobby Castillo			Volunteer please	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
First Eucharist	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	M Guthrie	Youth Group	M Sullivan
M Sullivan,	Tongan Choir	Youth Group	All welcome	K Mafi	J Macri
B Prescott, J Macri	M Guthrie	K Mafi			J Ljubic
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
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
First Eucharist	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	Baptism	L & C Welsh	
READERS			READERS		
First Eucharist	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	Mary Jackson	Sonia Opie	Jancy Thomas
COUNTING TEAM 6			COUNTING TEAM 8		
JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939			TREVOR AUST 5023 6597		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
D Nichols	M Jensen		K Modoo	D Knight	