



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

3rd Sunday of Lent / Year A -
18th & 19th March 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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Joyce Knight, Colleen Piscioneri

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Lawrence Naray

Sunday 5pm: Ilario Dichiera, Rosario Lentini (one year anniversary), Michael Coppola (6 year anniversary)

Tuesday 6pm: Knights of the Southern Cross Mass

Friday 5.4pm: Iolanda Circosta (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.

Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, 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, Vince Alicastro, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Those privileged to act as catechists in the RCIA program over the Lenten period will be introducing the candidates to some of our most treasured gospel stories. In

SPIRIT AND TRUTH
JOHN 4:19-26

1963, Vatican II's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* called for the restoration of certain early Church practices. The two main features of Lent, baptism and penance, were to be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. More use was to be made of the baptismal elements proper to the Lenten liturgy. Some features that were part of an earlier tradition were to be restored. In response to this call, John's stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus were moved from the weekday to the Sunday liturgy. Thus, three weeks into Lent, the liturgy invites us to take a faith journey in the company of a courageous outsider, an unnamed woman from a despised religious group.

A woman of Samaria comes to draw water from the well of Jacob, Israel's great ancestor in faith. She belongs in a long line of women whose lot as women is to undertake the burdensome, often dangerous, daily toil of carrying water so that their families might simply survive. Jesus asks the woman for a drink and elicits a bewildered response. Her response, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?", provides the opportunity for Jesus to move into an extended and constantly deepening exchange in which the woman proves herself a knowledgeable and worthy dialogue partner. The pursuit of water, a key baptismal symbol in the gospel tradition, provides the catalyst for her journey to faith in Jesus as the Messiah or Christ and her engagement in the mission of proclaiming the good news to her people.

Commentators tend to focus on the woman's marital status, usually in negative terms. Because she has had five husbands, many presume that she is a sinner although there is nothing in the text to support this position. Successive husbands may have died. Financial, religious or societal constraints may have functioned in her decision to remarry. The "husbands" may refer to the strange gods that claimed the allegiance of the Samaritans. There is no consensus among scholars.

At the outset, the woman views Jesus simply as a Jew who breaks with established custom by asking her for water. She comes to accept him as the provider of living water. Jesus understands her life story and opens up the way for her to accept him as a prophet. She risks sharing her own convictions about the locus of worship and is gifted with new understanding and Jesus' further self-disclosure. She leaves her water jar behind and brings others to faith in Jesus as Messiah and saviour of the world.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Rehan Offer and Samantha Hogan who were married this weekend.

RCIA— Period of Purification & Enlightenment - Eucharist

Will be held on 23rd March
7pm in the Hillman Room.



MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Monday 5pm
Friday after the 5.40pm Mass.
All welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Friday evening, and also to their parents who have accompanied them in their preparation over the past month. We look forward to the commencement of the First Eucharist Program now, and the celebration of that Sacrament in early June.

THANK YOU

FR. RAY SANCHEZ

We thank Fr. Ray Sanchez for once again enabling us to make something more of our Lenten Season by offering us another Parish Mission.



All who attended found Ray's engaging presentations both enlightening and nourishing. Thanks you to all who assisted in any way with the preparation of the Mission, and for helping during the week.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday: Way of the Cross 10.30am
Ceremony 3pm

Easter Vigil Saturday

Mildura: 7.30pm

Irymple: 6pm (for this year only)

Easter Sunday

Mildura: 8am and 10am
(No 5pm Mass)

Werrimull: 8.30am

Red Cliffs: 10am

Merbein: 10.30am



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BURONGA

Have arranged a retreat in April on the 10th, 11th, and 12th Monday Tuesday and Wednesday during holy week from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm .

There is also a one day retreat for Indian People in Malayalam on Tuesday 11th April from 9 am to 5 pm. All welcome.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Passionist Family Group will get together for lunch at the Irymple Hotel on Sunday 19th March. All welcome to join us. Intensions to Joe and Lorna 50212530.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 21st March, 10am at the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 22nd March in the Monaghan Centre at 7.30pm.

RELIGIOUS MOSAICS FOR SALE

Along the entrance way of the Monaghan Centre you will have noticed a number of Religious Mosaics and other art works from St. Joseph's College.

If you are interested in purchasing an item, you can do so by making a donation to The Shared Table (supporting Fr. Mick's previous Parish in Lima Peru.)

Donations can be left in the sacristy or at the Parish Office.

If you ordered one of Fr Pat Flanagan's book "Just What Is Sacrifice", please call in to the Sacred Heart Parish Office and collect it. Cost \$13.00 each.

SACRED HEART YOUTH

During the Season of Lent The Sacred Heart Youth Group will be meeting in the Monaghan Centre every Friday from 6.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 24th March.

New members most welcomed to join.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

ENROL NOW FOR 2018

Tuesday 21 March 2017 4pm –7pm

Mercy Campus Tours **Enright Campus Tours**
Cnr Riverside Avenue 154 Twelfth Street
& Eleventh Street

Please report to reception on arrival
For more information contact Tracy on 5018 8034 or email:
taston@sjcma.vic.edu.au

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1245.50
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2509.35
Project Compassion—to date	\$1047.60
Loose Plate	\$ 646.80

LAMENT OF A PRO-LIFE FEMINIST

Kate Moriarty

I'm what you might call a feminist outsider. It sounds cool when I put it that way, like I'm some sort of rebel.

I'm a passionate believer in the rights of women. I believe every girl should have the opportunity to be educated, and that workplaces need to become more accommodating of families. I spend a worrying amount of time shouting 'You wouldn't say that if she were a man!' to political commentators on the radio.

I'd like to be called a feminist. But I don't think I'm allowed to be. You see, I also believe a baby is a person *before she is born*. And I believe that person has rights.

It's okay. I'm used to not fitting in. At high school, I was all too eager to raise my hand in class, and this made it difficult to make friends. I spent lunchtimes in the school library. The stony refrain 'You can't sit with us' still echoes in my ears, 20 years later.

I'll admit, it's an uncomfortable belief to hold. I'm aware that there are many women who have undergone abortions, for whom discussion of the issue would bring additional pain. And many feminist commentators have made it clear that opposition to abortion is unforgivable.

Recently, Tanya Davies, the NSW Minister for Women, came under fire for stating that she was 'personally pro-life', but that 'in my role I am there to support all women and I will support all women, and I will listen to all women ... and ensure the best outcome for all women is secured'. Commentators were indignant. How dare the minister have a personal opinion (one different to theirs)?

Last year, Victorian upper house MP Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins introduced a bill to effectively prevent late-term abortions. The Infant Viability Bill proposed that after 24 weeks of gestation (when a foetus is viable outside of the womb) abortions should no longer be performed except in cases of medical emergency.

A mother who sought a late-term abortion would not be criminalized; rather, the doctor would be required to refer her for support according to her needs (medical, financial, psychological, residential etc.). The baby, when born, would be provided with medical care or palliative care as needed.

It was a remarkable bill, well researched and carefully written, but it was never to become a remarkable law. The bill did not pass the upper house and Carling-Jenkins became Public Enemy Number One among mainstream feminists.

Wendy Tuohy wrote in the *Herald Sun* that she was a 'religious ideologue' and 'the Empress who Had No Clothes'. According to Tuohy, Carling-Jenkins was attempting to exploit the subject of abortion 'for political mileage or personal attention' and was merely 'doing the bidding' of the religious right.

It's interesting that when a woman presents strong views, it is assumed she must be the mouthpiece of men. It is never thought possible that a woman could have ideas that differ from the accepted feminist position. Women are expected to conform.

Many of the women I talk to who are pro-life tend to keep their mouth shut. They don't want to be lumped in with the handful of extreme pro-lifers who are mostly about shock tactics. And even many of the women I talk to who are pro-choice are uneasy about late-term abortions. But how do you come out and say 'I'm pro-choice, but I'm not pro-*that*'?

Perhaps I, too, should smother the unease I feel when I consider that in Victoria, Tasmania and Canberra it is legal to perform an abortion up until the ninth month of pregnancy.

Perhaps I shouldn't let it bother me that personhood, and the rights that come with it, seems a matter of mere geography; of which side of the uterine wall a baby happens to be on. Perhaps, if I want to be a feminist, I need to bite my tongue, stop raising my hand to ask questions, and be more submissive.

Or perhaps it's time for a new feminism.

It's happening everywhere. Pro-life feminist groups like New Wave Feminists, Women's Forum Australia, SBA List and Feminists for Life are rising to prominence. It's like taking refuge in the school library and finding it crowded with like-minded individuals.

And it's not like the idea is new. Early feminists and leaders of the women's suffrage movement saw abortion as a tool of oppression, which freed men from the burden of accountability. Alice Paul deemed abortion the 'ultimate exploitation of women', and Susan B. Anthony referred to it as 'child murder'.

It's time to move away from oppressive feminism. If feminism is to remain relevant, feminists need to stop telling women what to think. Ideas should be taken on merit and not dismissed as 'religious' or 'fundamentalist'. If we are to continue the work of our suffragist foremothers, we must address the societal causes that drive a woman to abortion, not silence our problems with violence and poison.

Kate Moriarty is a freelance writer. She writes the 'Home Truths' column at Australian Catholics and blogs at Laptop on the Ironing Board.



SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL ST PATRICK'S EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday 24th March 2017 from 4pm

Sacred Heart Primary School
Entrance from 12th Street

Food vans, licensed bar, children's rides, face painting, show bags, craft stalls, spinning wheel, Irish dancers and entertainment.

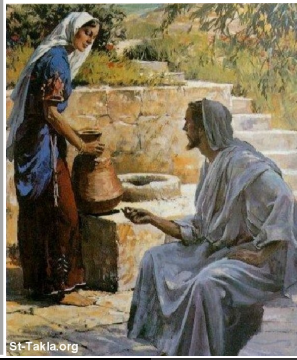
Major Raffle drawn 6pm.

All most welcome to attend.



Sacred Heart Tennis Club invites Senior tennis players for the Competition starting May 6 – Men & Ladies required to set teams NOW - also Junior players are required for the Junior competition starting same time SATURDAY MAY 6TH but we need names of interested seniors & Juniors to set teams for 2017 season - Senior teams all standards S/H enter A to C all graded for the winter competition New players are very welcome with Juniors & Seniors but we need the names registered NOW - Courts are situated at the Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex 11th Street Mildura. For further information please contact Merle Watson 50 232883 or Inez Sullivan 50230742.

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

18th & 19th March 2017

25th & 26th March 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7
Resp Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8
Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts
Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: Jn 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

First Reading: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Resp Psalm: Ps 22. R. v. 1
Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14
Gospel: Jn 8:12

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Christine Carmichael	Philip Opie	Jennifer Boord
Ellen Frauenfelder	Catherine McErvale	Reni Cheriyan
Jacinda Deacon	Elvira Mazza	Wendy Finn
Katy Quinlan	Jill Joslyn	Tony Finn
Irene Morello	Lisa Cirillo	Melanie Ransome
Volunteer Please	Katalina Mafi	Bill Dolence
	Aloisia Mafi	

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Jean Rocca	Jacqui Willis
Taiana Fatai	Bobby Castello	Barbara Bunting
Margaret McDonald	Ross Tongue	Katrina Groves
Trish McNamara	Talia Faingaanuku	Judy Hall
Morris Henderson	Michael Faingaanuku	Myrna Rodi
Anita Naray	Maureen Speed	Maree Irvin
	Volunteer Please	

MUSIC

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Youth Group	Tongan Choir	TBA
K Mafi	M Guthrie	

M Guthrie	M Sullivan	N Armsden
All welcome	B Lewis, B Prescott	J Macri
	J O’Bryan	J Ljubic

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	Baptism

READERS

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Gary Huxtable	Maria Page	Jim Graham

Katy Quinlan	Luke Guthrie	Bernadette Chaplin

COUNTING TEAM 3

COUNTING TEAM 4

PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531

KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

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READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
M Smith	Malcolm Hoy

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J Kearney	G Schmidt