



# 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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -  
30th September & 1st October 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:** Teresa Panuccio, Fr Paul Mercovich

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Saturday 6pm:**

**Sunday 9am:** Clemente Pascale (100th birthday remembrance)

**Sunday 5pm:** Donny Carbone, Perce Lunn

**Tuesday 6pm:** Antonio Callipari

**Thursday 9.15am:** Fr Luke Newington

*(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, Dorothy Mullane, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner,

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

What does one do with passive-resistant behaviour? This is a question that many of us have to confront at some time because there are people in every walk of life who make an art form of saying yes and failing to follow through with action. Such people can seriously undermine the most worthy of projects or plans. We meet them in today's gospel. And what do we make of the slow starters, those who take time to come on board? We see them in today's gospel as well.



Changing one's mind is not greatly valued in our society. It is seen as a sign of weakness. For evidence of this, one has only to listen to the taunts in parliament when one of our political leaders changes course in the light of new information. I suggest that changing one's mind can be an act of great courage and humility, even heroism. This is particularly so if it involves abandoning a self-serving direction for the sake of justice or compassion or the "common good".

Jesus addresses most of his parables to the disciples. In this instance, however, his audience comprises the chief priests and Jewish elders who have challenged his authority. Earlier in the chapter, this same audience is allied against Jesus (21:15). They are angered by the "amazing things" he does and by the public recognition he receives from the children in the temple. The parable is part of his response to these temple authorities. Like the second son, the temple authorities profess to do the will of God, but their actions belie their words. Jesus spells out the meaning of the parable as it relates to the disjunction between what they say and what they do. They have rejected the prophet John who came to them "in the way of righteousness". The tax collectors and prostitutes, "sinners" from the perspective of the authorities, accepted John's message, albeit belatedly like the first son, and are making their way into God's empire "before" the guardians of the religious institutions.

Voluntary changes in behaviour often come from a change of heart, from the "metanoia" of the gospel. There are some few who change course and make of their whole life, retrospectively, what they opt for as their future. Blessed Oscar Romero, former archbishop of San Salvador, for example, was initially slow to speak out against his government's suppression of basic human rights. He knew the cost of opposing the authorities. On March 23, 1980, he called on the soldiers, as Christians, to stop carrying out the government's repressive orders. On the following day, he was assassinated. There is always a cost in the pursuit of justice, generally less dramatic than the cost to Romero. Today's parable invites us to bring our actions into line with what we profess as Christian disciples, whatever the cost.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Vincenzo Deluca & Melissa Panetta who were married this weekend.



### 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 **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November and the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of November.**



The **Parent Information Evening** will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### LITURGY MEETING

To be held on Wednesday 11th October at 4.15pm at the Parish Office.



New members most welcome to attend.

### MUSICIANS & SINGERS

If you can play either an instrument or sing or both, the Parish would love to hear from you.



We are specially in need of musicians for our weekend Masses.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 if you can help out.

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### CAMINO 2018

There are currently a couple of places left for anyone interested in doing 2 weeks of the Camino next year in Spain. Once again I stress that health and fitness are of the utmost priority.

The ability to pack light, sleep occasionally in dormitory accommodation and enjoy the odd glass of wine will also be among the demands placed upon those who wish to participate.

The date will be the third term holidays of next year: **last week of September & first week of October.** Interested people can contact the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm.



### 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:** Please see flyer on Notice Boards

Contact Marie to register your interest on 0417 660 893

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### REGIS TENTH STREET AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 2pm. All welcome.

### ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 5th October at 9.15am. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

The Sacred Heart Passionist Family Group are lunching at Lyn & Colin Welsh's 16 West Side Blv on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Intensions to Lyn or Colin 50231356. Please bring along a sweet or similar to share.

### REMINDER

**SUNRAYSA REGIONAL GATHERING for all Parish Council members, Mildura, Red Cliffs & Merbein will be held this Sunday 1st October 11.45am in the Monaghan Centre.**



All Parish Council members are expected to be present. Please bring a plate to share.

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

**Mission: In preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary 2nd October—8th October at St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs lead by Fr Adriano Pittarello (scalabrinian)**

#### Program:

**Monday 2 Oct 7pm**—Rosary, Mass with Homily/Reflection

**Tuesday 3 Oct 7pm**—Rosary, Mass with Homily/Reflection

**Wednesday 4 Oct 7pm**—Rosary, Mass with Homily/Reflection

**Thursday 5 Oct 7pm**—Rosary, Mass with Blessings for family and children

**Friday 6 Oct 7pm**—Rosary, Mass with Blessing for all souls

**Saturday 7 Oct 7pm**—Rosary, Mass with Blessing for the elderly and sick.

**Sunday 8 Oct 1pm**—Solemn Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary, followed by the procession and Traditional Feast with entertainment and stalls.

**All welcome.**



### ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

The Mildura branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross would sincerely like to thank everyone who attended the Feast Day celebrations on Saturday August 5, 2017.

Special thanks to the Italian, Filipino, Indian and Tongan communities for their contribution to the evening's entertainment.

Also to our major supporters: Mildura Printing Services, One Stop Wholesalers,, the Carlucci Family, we thank you for your continued support.

To our schools, Sacred Heart Primary, St Paul's Primary and St Joseph's College, we again, appreciate your teachers and students involvement.

The branch will again celebrate our Patroness Saint's Fest Day in August 2018.

**KSC Mildura**

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1424.20</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$3089.10</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 557.70</b>

## THE CATHOLIC OPTION FOR 'YES' OR 'NO'

Frank Brennan

Australian voters are deciding which box to tick when asked, 'Should the law be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry?' Unlike some bishops, I argue that a committed Catholic could vote 'yes' or 'no'.

For many Catholic voters, this has been a difficult issue because for the first time in their lives they have found themselves in the same position which our politicians find themselves every time they have to vote on contested moral and political questions in parliament. They don't find themselves getting all that much help from official church declarations. This is no criticism of our bishops. They are the custodians of a tradition which has been somewhat skewed on this issue for a long time.

In 1975, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) declared that 'homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered and can in no case be approved of'. Then in 1986, under the leadership of Cardinal Ratzinger (as he then was), the CDF declared that 'special concern and pastoral attention should be directed toward those who have this condition, lest they be led to believe that the living out of this orientation in homosexual activity is a morally acceptable option. It is not.'

Many Catholics nowadays find such declarations unhelpful and insensitive, perhaps even downright wrong. Even those Catholics who find such teaching helpful in determining their own moral stance might question the application of such teaching when deciding whether to tick the box 'yes' or 'no'. For most contemporary Catholics, Pope Francis has been a breath of fresh air with his observation, 'Who am I to judge?'

I am one of those voters who believes that same sex marriage will be legislated either by this present parliament or by the next parliament. It would be in everyone's interests if it could be done right, and done now during the life of this parliament. Further delay will simply occasion ongoing hurt and angst in the Australian community. For it to be done right, our politicians will need to ensure that they have accorded due protection to religious freedom. Some have been pointing to New Zealand which legislated same sex marriage four years ago.

But there is one point of distinction between Australia and New Zealand which has not been considered by Bolger and English and those Australians invoking them to assure us that all will be well. There is a clear legal reason why New Zealand has not had the same controversy around free speech and religious freedom. That's because they already had in place the legal architecture recognizing and protecting these rights. For example, the *New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990* provides: 'Every person has the right to manifest that person's religion or belief in worship, observance, practice, or teaching, either individually or in community with others, and either in public or in private.' We have no such provision in our Commonwealth laws. And that's the thorny issue. That's the issue being aired so constantly now by John Howard and Tony Abbott. In the past, they have been strong opponents of any statutory bill of rights.

There's no way the Turnbull government would legislate a human rights act. Perhaps they might consider a religious freedom act. But even that I doubt. Last November, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop asked the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade to conduct an inquiry on freedom of religion. Human Rights Sub-Committee Chair, Kevin Andrews, said the public hearings of the committee would focus on the legal framework of religious freedom in Australia.

Prior to the public hearings in June 2017, he said, 'Australia has certain obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other international human rights instruments. We have an opportunity to examine how effectively Australia is meeting its obligations, with highly qualified legal scholars and religious freedom advocates offering a diverse range of legal opinions. The effectiveness, or otherwise, of these protections, and whether Australia needs a more comprehensive legislative framework, will be discussed in detail.'

One of those qualified legal scholars is Professor George Williams who has told the committee: 'Without stronger protection, freedom of religion, along with other basic rights, are vulnerable to abrogation by Parliament. In addition, public debates and policy discussions are not informed by legal structures and standards that ensure freedom of religion and belief is given the status in Australian society that it deserves.' The findings of the Joint Standing Committee will hopefully assist our parliamentarians to design the right legislative framework for the protection of religious freedom when considering how best to legislate for same sex marriage should the ABS survey result in a 'yes' vote. I've voted 'yes' and I hope the 'yes' vote gets up. But there's plenty of work then to be done to protect religious freedom, just as it is protected in New Zealand. I won't be expecting much guidance from the CDF on how best to legislate in this domain.

Frank Brennan SJ is the CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### COMMUNITY FORUM – MODERN SLAVERY IN AUSTRALIA

Currently the Australian Government is holding a Federal Inquiry into Modern Slavery and the Committee will be visiting Mildura on Monday 30 October with the purpose "to further investigate the issue of wage exploitation and slavery-like practices in the agricultural sector, particularly for migrants and backpackers."

By way of background the Salvation Army has independently run Australia's only safe-house for victims of human trafficking for the past 10 years and has been bringing together community and faith based organisations to raise awareness about modern slavery.

An invitation is extended to be part of:

#### A Community Forum – Modern Slavery in Australia

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

2pm for 2:30pm start – 4pm finish

The Salvation Army 699-705 Fourteenth St, Mildura VIC

Afternoon tea provided

For catering and resource printing purposes please RSVP here:

For further information please contact Alison Rahill The Salvation Army -

The Freedom Partnership to end modern slavery mob 0427 517

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#### 120 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CHARLTON

On October 20 & 21 21, 2017 we will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton – this is also Charlton Show weekend. We invite any past pupils and staff to attend our celebrations. Please contact Anne, ph. 0408 547 973 for further details.

*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

**30th September & 1st October 2017**

**8th October 2017**

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Ezek 18:25-28**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6**  
**Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.**  
**Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11**  
**Gospel: Mt 21:28-32**

**First Reading: Isa 5:1-7**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Isa 5:7**  
**Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**  
**Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9**  
**Gospel: Mt 21:33-43**

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

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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
Maria Cirillo	Rose Op’t Hoog	Jacinta Macri	Anne-Maree Greville	Philip Opie	Tony Finn	
Christine Carmichael	Rini Op’t Hoog	Paula Cox	Taiana Fatai	Catherine McErvale	Melanie Ransome	
Ellen Frauenfelder	Cora Howell	Jennifer Boord	Margaret McDonald	Elvira Mazza	Bill Dolence	
Jacinda Deacon	Narie Lewis	Reni Cheriyan	Trish McNamara	Jill Joslyn	Jacqui Willis	
Katy Quinlan	Renata Byra	Wendy Finn	Morris Henderson	Lisa Cirillo	Barbara Bunting	
Katelin Anesbury	Kapeli Mapapalangi		Anita Naray	Laurie Fry	Barbara Bunting	
	Sonia Opie			Judy Webster	Katrina Groves	

**MUSIC**

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M Guthrie	Italian Choir		Filipino Choir	M Guthrie	No Music
All leaders	N Armsden		N Armsden	B Lewis, B Prescottt	
welcome				J O’Bryan	

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Please volunteer	Please volunteer	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	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Louise Belej		Baptism	Baptism	

**READERS**

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Gary Huxtable	Jill Joslyn	Jancy Thomas	Katy Quinlan	Nicholas Mataele	Inez Sullivan

**COUNTING TEAM 1**

**COUNTING TEAM 2**

<b>GERRY LAVERY</b>	<b>JOE DEJONG 5023 7802</b>
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**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

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READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
Mary Hoy	R Hill	G Schmidt	M Hill