



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

1st Sunday of Lent / Year B -
17th & 18th February 2018

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 (This Week Only)

If there is a Funeral Mass on **Wednesday** or **Thursday**, the advertised Mass will be cancelled.

Mon: 9:15am (Mission—Anointing Mass)

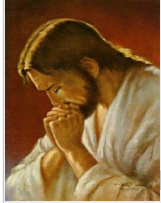
Tues: 9:15am (Mission) & 6:00 pm
9:15 am

Wed:

Thurs: 9.15 am (Mission)

Fri: 9:15am (Mission) & 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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Irymple 8.30am: Angelina Spadaccini

Sunday 9am: David Porter

Sunday 5pm: Maria Piscioneri (30 day mass)

Tuesday: 6pm: Memorial Mass—Delia Cupello (Ballarat)

Friday 5.40pm: Moata'Ane Vatuvei (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.

Paul & Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time to consider how we



might respond to the pain of the world and of its inhabitants. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into "the wilderness" and for grappling with the mysteries of life. It is a time of preparation for Easter when we will renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith.

The gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in "the wilderness". Jesus is said to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many human beings before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the original Greek term than is "tempted"]. Forty is a symbolic number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God.

The wilderness of Judah, with its unique desert flora and fauna, its wadis and waterholes, is ever so real. At the same time it functions symbolically in the narrative. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deuteronomy 8:2).

Jesus now passes the tests that Israel failed in the wilderness. Jesus is "with the wild beasts". This terse statement recalls the prophet Isaiah's vision of a future time of reconciliation and harmony when "the wolf will lie down with the lamb" (Isaiah 11:6-9). Jesus is presented as the one who ushers in that age of peace and healing of division. God's agents care for him in his time of testing: "angels minister to him". In this context, Jesus announces the coming of God's empire or reign. His message is to "repent" or to "think beyond" in a way that might turn lives around in God's direction, and to "believe the good news" that he is set to proclaim in word and action. At a time of growing divide between the mega-rich and the desperately poor, we might look back to our symbolic tradition and forward to ways of bringing good news to those mostly deeply affected by the inequities in our world.

Veronica Lawson RSM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

RCIA— RITE OF ELECTION/ENROLMENT

We celebrate with and pray especially for Karina Bozzi, Trudy Ienco, Breanna Meyer, Jodie Richmond, Casey Stoetzer this Sunday as they begin their final journey towards the Easter Sacraments.



MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Friday after the 7pm Tongan Community.
All welcome.

EASTER DATES

Palm Sunday—25th March
Holy Thursday—29th March
Good Friday— 30th March
Easter Vigil—31st March



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday: 7pm

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

Easter Vigil Saturday

Werrimull: 5.30pm

Mildura: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday

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

Irymple: 8.30am

Red Cliffs: 10am

Merbein: 10.30am



MUSIC



All musicians/leaders are invited to a Liturgy meeting in the Parish Office on Wednesday, 28th February at 6pm.

Preparation for Holy Week and Easter and Music Roster will be discussed. *Marion*



Sacred Heart Parish Mission Beginning this Sunday

WE WELCOME

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

*From Sunday February 18th
Until Friday February 23rd—*

Sunday—Growing Up Catholic
(Evening Only)

Monday—Jesus & Justice

Tuesday—Male & Female Spirituality

Thursday—Growing Old & Facing Death

Friday—The Problem of Evil

Evening Sessions: 7pm-9pm, (From 18th Feb)

Morning Sessions: 10.15m-12.15pm, (From 19th Feb)

Morning Sessions preceded by **Mass at 9:15am**

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer—March 2018

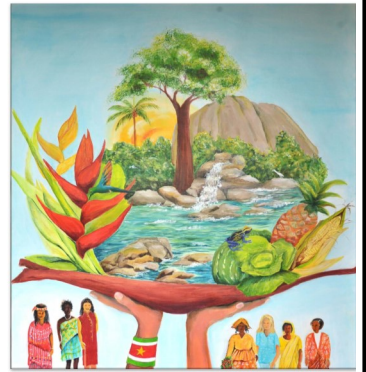
**Suriname—All God's
Creation is Very Good!**

SURINAME

All God's Creation is Very Good!



This year's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 2nd March 10am at the Salvation Army, cnr Etiwanda & 14th Street. All welcome



PARISH BULLETIN

Please note that any notices which need to be placed on the weekend Parish Bulletin, the deadline for such notices need to be in the Parish Office no later than Thursday morning.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT

Parishioners are invited to pray for the priests of the Diocese of Ballarat who will be gathering in Halls Gap during this coming week for their annual retreat.



*"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."*

-Pope Francis



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1547.20
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2966.60
Loose Plate	\$ 584.25
The Shared Table	\$ 140.10

Available now for collection your Planned Giving Receipt from 3/9/2017 to 31/1/2018.

Should there be any discrepancies please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.



*Growing
For
Generations*

LENT – THE HEART OF IT ALL

Cathy Jenkins, Director, Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne



The last time Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day collided was in 1945. I'm not sure if Valentine's Day was recognised then, but it is certainly a celebration that has captured the imagination of many in the contemporary world. There are heart-shaped chocolates in the shops, florists are anticipating a busy day and in the Catholic world, preparations are underway for a day of fast and abstinence as we move into Lent. It's tempting to dismiss St Valen-

tine's Day (and the information about the saint part is a bit sketchy) as a purely commercial venture but I suspect anything that prompts people to act a little more lovingly and kindly toward each other works to shave away some of the sharp edges of meanness from our world. Perhaps St Valentine's Day can serve as a reminder that the quest to love and to be loved is, for all of us, at the heart of our hopes and dreams. That most of us, in our sometimes clumsy ways, do always hope and desire the very best for our families, friends and all who share our fragile planet.

I wonder if this is a little bit of the role Lent can play in our lives – a retreat time that can soften some of our sharp edges: the edges we all have and that sometimes seem to take on a life of their own. The cross words, the thoughtless acts, the weary spirit. From the moment we hear the Ash Wednesday plaintive call from the Book of Joel: 'No, no – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning' (Joel 2:12) we are invited to plunge into a different world, a different way of being. A way of being where we can lay bare our hearts as we seek wisdom and truth. A time to return to the heart and the soul of it all.

We are offered an invitation to actively re-orientate ourselves to God: because for Christians, God and the one who was so loved, Jesus, is the heart and the soul of life. We are offered this gracious time when we can reflect on what has formed us since we tread last year's Lenten path. And we are offered beautifully ancient tools to assist us with entering into this time. The rich stories of our ancestors are available to us and the tradition of the Lenten practice of being prayerful, of living more simply and living more generously. This, perhaps, provides the environment that will enable us to listen to the whisperings of our hearts.

And so many things have happened since the last Lent! In addition to our personal struggles and the times when a smallness of spirit has entered our lives, we have been walking the cross of the Royal Commission. And we will probably need to stay with this cross for quite some time. It is hard for us, I think, to know that in addition to the personal burdens we carry, we carry the burden of the sin of the institutional Australian church. 'But we didn't even know them!', we may think. 'It has nothing to do with me', we may feel. 'I wasn't part of it', we may say. But sadly,

and confrontingly, because we are part of the body of Christ we know in our bones and in our hearts that if one person has been abused and wounded, then we need to share in this suffering. And those of us who have been abused need to know that the cross of this suffering is borne upon many shoulders. This is part of what we place on our Lenten cross this year, I suspect. But we also know that the God of Israel and the Jesus who died on a cross is bearing this sorrow with us.

So let us take into our Lenten hearts a desire to understand more deeply and to enter more fully into the cycle of the paschal mystery as it plays itself out in our lives and in the world. Hearts that look for the meaning behind the truth. Hearts that allow themselves to be broken, invite God in and seek healing. Hearts that are not distracted by too much. Hearts that hear. Hearts that are ready to come back to God where our restless spirits can once again come home.

So let us with join with the ancient peoples and pray:

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
And do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And sustain in me a willing spirit.*
(Psalm 51)

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE

In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.



A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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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

17th & 18th February 2018

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Gen 9:8-15
Resp Psalm: Ps 24:4-9, R. cf. v. 10
Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep your covenant.
Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:18-22
Gospel: Mk 1:12-15

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6PM

9AM

5PM

6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

6 Ministers required

Anne-Maree Greville

Gina Raiti

Naomi Kennedy

Taiana Fatai

Anna Vartuli

Mario Zema

Margaret McDonald

Nada Zudetich

Josie Zema

Trish McNamara

Sara Visona

Trish Cirillo

P Kerr

Juliet Cresp

Jeena Jose

Anita Naray

Louise Belej

Nancy Leonardis

MUSIC

Filipino Group

Tongan Choir

M Sullivan

N Armsden

M Guthrie

J Macri

J Ljubic

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Cathy & Paul

McErvale

READERS

Mary Jackson

Laurie Fry

Barbara Bunting

COUNTING TEAM 1

GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER

EUCCHARIST MINISTER

P Riordan

D Knight

24th & 25th February 2018

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13,15-18
Resp Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9
Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land
of the living.
Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34
Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

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6PM

9AM

5PM

6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

6 Ministers required

Maria Cirillo

Elena Garreffa

Joyce Ribarits

Christine Carmichael

Maryanne Modica

Clem Carlucci

Ellen Frauenfelder

Lyn Welsh

Vittorio Carlucci

Jacinda Deacon

Loretta Thompson

Jacinta Macri

Katelin Anesbury

Giuseppe Scopacasa

Christine Slattery

Katy Quinlan

Maria Scopacasa

Volunteer Please

Susan Lewis

MUSIC

M Guthrie

Singing Group

NO MUSIC

All welcome

M Sullivan

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Baptism

Baptism

READERS

Rosemary Barnes

Luke Guthrie

Bill Dolence

COUNTING TEAM 2

JOE DE JONG 5023 7802

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER

EUCCHARIST MINISTER

M Smith

W Smith