



# 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -  
19th & 20th August 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:** Julia Dzikowski

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Sunday 9am:** Ilario Dimasi, Maria Cavallo, Francesco Modica

**Wednesday 9.15am:** Ilario Dimasi

*(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, Sr Rosemary Graham, Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gospels are written in Greek and much of the language of the gospels has to be understood against a Greek philosophical background. Today's gospel story culminates in the healing of a "daughter" who may be a little girl or even a young woman.



## A Woman with Great Faith

Matthew 15:21-28

Her mother, the main character in the story, is known to Matthew's community simply as a Canaanite woman, or in other words an indigenous woman. To some early Christian communities, she is Justa, so we might reasonably call her daughter Justina.

Justa comes to Jesus as he moves from Jewish territory into or close to non-Jewish territory. In the language of liturgy, she laments loudly and persistently for her daughter, for Justina is "severely tormented by a demon". For the ancient Greeks, the antithesis of demonic possession or torment is human flourishing or well-being (*eudaimonia*). *Eudaimonia* means having a good guardian spirit as opposed to a malevolent spirit that impairs a person's well-being and sense of self. Justina's well-being is in jeopardy. Her distraught mother is an outsider to the "house of Israel" who is nonetheless familiar with Israel's prayer of lament. She is a woman alone in public space, risking ridicule and rejection to find healing for her daughter.

The immediate response to her plea is silence: Jesus "does not answer her a word". Is he ignoring her cry for help? Is he simply stunned, taken aback at the vehemence of her request? Is he rendered speechless by the simple fact that she would cross the boundaries of gender and ethnicity in this way? Is he in awe at her courage and faith from the outset? All we know is that he says nothing and that the disciples tell him to send her away. He responds by defining the limits of his mission rather narrowly: he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Justa is not deterred from her mission. She begs Jesus to help her and receives an explicit refusal in a confronting image that names his people as "the children" and hers as "the dogs". She accepts his statement as a challenge and bests him in the exchange: "even the dogs eat the crumbs...."

Jesus' horizons are expanded by the persistence and insight of this woman. Justa's great faith is affirmed and her daughter is healed. Justa is vindicated and Justina restored to a state of well-being or *eudaimonia*. Justina has her counterparts across the globe. The challenge for us is to be Justa in our times for the sake of all in the Earth community, human and other-than-human, whose well-being or *eudaimonia* is impaired by violence or war or lack of access to the means to flourish.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### 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.



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.

*Journey through*  
**RCIA**  
THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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### MUSICIANS & SINGERS

If you can play either an instrument or sing or both, the Parish would love to hear from you, as we are in need of musicians for our weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 if you can help out.

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1449.10</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$2781.25</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 754.05</b>

Our stewardship renewal program is coming to a close. If you have not done so please return your pledge card and time and talent form this weekend.

### NEW ENVELOPES

New envelopes and confirmation letters will be available in the church after Mass next weekend. Please collect your new envelopes or letter next weekend.

### PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT

All parishioners who have been involved in the Stewardship Program over the past few weeks are invited to our **Final Social Night** on Wednesday, 23 August at 7:00 pm in the Hillman Room.

Come along to hear the results of the Program and to have a cuppa.

### PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.  
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.  
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.  
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.  
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.  
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service  
And to give without counting the cost.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen  
*Fr. Michael McKinnon*



## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 23rd August 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre

### SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

The Sacred Heart Passionist Group luncheon will be held 12noon Sunday 27th August 2017 at Cafe 1909 (The Rowers) 143 Hugh King Dr. All welcome, please let Raylee & Kevin know if you are able to attend Ph 0350238778



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS—  
SPRING 2017—edition now available  
Great reading.**

### VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

The Parish is looking for a volunteer/s to help take photos when there are baptisms in the Church and/or any social event held in the church. A camera will be provided. If you can help out please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.



### ADVANCE NOTICE

The BCSF will be having their annual appeal during the next three weekends.

### MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WEEK



**103rd World Day of Migrant and Refugees  
Child Migrants  
The Vulnerable  
And the Voiceless  
21st August—27 August 2017**

### SACRED HEART PARISH SOUP KITCHEN

We are very grateful for the continued assistance given by volunteers for the Soup Kitchen on Monday & Wednesday evenings. Particular thanks to Paula Cox and her team of coordinators. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist, please contact the Parish Office.



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, You did it for me.*

## YOUTH & YOUNG PEOPLE

### ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 0427 748 867. More information on / Youth and Young Adult pages.



## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### SACRED HEART PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT

Fr Rojan George VC  
Director Vincentian Retreat Centre Melbourne  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
2017  
From 6.30pm to 9pm  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
*Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;  
Save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise  
Jer 17:14*

### MGL SISTERS CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND

Curious about Consecrated Life?? Wondering what God is calling you to in your life?? Seeking some space to listen to God?? The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters (MGL) would like to invite young women to their Consecrated Life Weekend from September 15-17. The weekend will include talks, opportunity for prayer, sharing, sisterhood and more. Friday night will begin at the Sisters house at 6pm, and the following days will be at St Benedict's Parish in Burwood. Cost is by donation. For more information or to RSVP, call us on 03 9857 8177 or email [mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com). We look forward to sharing the gift of our life with you. Flyer attached.

## FAMILY MATTERS: STRENGTHENING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

MILDURA Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at  
St Joseph's College

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ providing the opening address, followed by a number of workshops. The recent Ballarat event was an excellent opportunity to learn, connect and reflect. **The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat in conjunction with Centacare.**

### Workshops/seminars to choose from include:

- Family violence
- Having the suicide conversation
- Building trust/listening
- Enriching family relationships
- Keeping children the focus in blended families
- Tuning into Kids

To register, contact  
Sacred Heart parish  
Office by no later than  
the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017,  
5021 2872



### REAL CARE, LOVE AND COMPASSION: THE ALTERNATIVE TO EUTHANASIA

In the light of the proposed legislation of euthanasia and assisted suicide, there are two short publications available at the entrances to the Church. A booklet entitled: ***When Life is ending***. A leaflet entitled: ***Real care, love and compassion: an alternative to euthanasia***.

More information is available from the Archdiocese of Melbourne website:  
<http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Culture-of-Life/Euthanasia>



### THE SHARED TABLE Sunday Market

Due to a local initiative, we have decided to begin a Sunday Morning Market after the 9:00am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. The proceeds from this Market will go to supporting the Shared Table Project in Lima, Peru. This Project continues to operate in the Parish where Fr. Michael spent 6 years. All proceeds go directly to the Project through the Columbans with whom Fr. Michael worked both in Peru and Chile.

Those interested in supporting The Shared Table are welcome to either contribute goods or set up a table themselves in the Monaghan Centre on the second Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



### TWO NEW SEMINARIANS WELCOME TO PETER CAY AND BILL LOWRY

Peter arrived from Vietnam, from the Diocese of Vinh, on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2017. Peter has begun his full time English language course at ACU, taking up residence at Corpus Christi College on July 29<sup>th</sup>, as a pre-seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat, having previously studied, graduating from a University in Hue.

Bill Lowry has been accepted by Bishop Paul as a seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat. In his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Corpus Christi, Bill has been a student for the Melbourne Archdiocese, but having lived in Ballarat prior to the seminary, he has now applied for and been accepted as a student for the Diocese of Ballarat. We welcome and pray for them both.

### PALMS AUSTRALIA BALLARAT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia. An information session will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5.30pm-7.00pm at the Australian Catholic University, Building 100 Torney Room, 1200 Mair St, Ballarat. RSVP [joey@palms.org.au](mailto:joey@palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 5333. Can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available or look first via Palms' [two-week Encounter](http://palms.org.au/encounters/) ([palms.org.au/encounters/](http://palms.org.au/encounters/))



**BIRTHDAY WISHES**  
Congratulations to Muriel  
Hooper who celebrates her 90th Birthday  
next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017.



