



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull**

**St. Francis Xavier  
Elms Street, Irymple**

**Palm Sunday / Year C -  
19th & 20th March 2016**

## 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 Wed, Thurs,  
the advertised Mass will be cancelled.*

Tues: 7:00 pm Wed: 9:10 am

Thurs: 9:30 am Fri: 5:40 pm

Sat: 9.30 am

## Weekly Prayer Opportunities

**Stations of the Cross:** Monday 5:00pm followed by Rosary

**Prayer of the Church:** Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am

**Scripture Reading:** Thurs 10:30 am - 20 Beasy Court

**Christian Meditation:** Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Tues 7:30pm in Church

**Devotion Prayer and Exposition:** Fri 3:00pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10:00am

**RECENT DEATH:** Roy Turlan

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Saturday 6pm:** Lawrence Naray

**Sunday 9am:** Michael James McGlashan, Noreen O'Brien

*(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. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.*

Lourdes Stanislaus (Fr Neville's mother), 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, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns, Betty Krake, Sid Robinson, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner,

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now

on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of their Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective.

There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable to my mind is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. Another is his capacity to reach out to others: to 'turn towards' the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning, and to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. The Lukan Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life.

It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism or mistreatment of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes more courage than most of us can muster to name unjust treatment for what it is, to truly forgive, to retain our peace of mind in such circumstances, and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh (founder and director of MEND, Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy) and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we might pray for the grace to act with the dignity of the Lukan Jesus and thus circumvent the cycles of violence in our own contexts.

**Veronica Lawson rsm**

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
GOOD FRIDAY 25TH MARCH AND WILL REOPEN  
ON TUESDAY 29TH MARCH**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Ben Morffew & Donna Piscioneri who were married this weekend.



## THE SEASON OF LENT 2016

### MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

**Project Compassion**—envelope packs at church entrances

#### Stations of the Cross

Will be held every Friday in the Church after the 5.40pm Mass. All welcome.



### BURONGA RETREAT

Retreat on Eucharist & The Word of God for Healing  
At St Michael The Archangel Church, Buronga  
21 March to 23 March 2016.

### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

**Holy Thursday:** 7pm

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

**Easter Vigil Saturday:** 7.30pm

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

Irymple: 8.30am

Werrimull: 8.30am

Red Cliffs: 10am

Merbein: 10.30am



### FLOWERS

are required for Holy Thursday, Altar of Repose, March 24th.



## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1344.50</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$2622.75</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 609.55</b>
<b>Project Compassion</b>	<b>\$ 477.25</b>

Please collect your Planned Giving receipt for the last six months and a letter of thanks from Fr Michael.

Please note that the Receipting period is from **30 August 2015 to 21 February 2016**, if you find any discrepancies with your Receipt please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### BUPA NURSING HOME MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 10.30am.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 23rd March, 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

### MISSION BOOKLETS

Copies of "The Parish Mission" booklet, from Fr Ray Sanchez, are now available. Please collect your booklet from the Parish Office.

### CATECHISM CLASSES

The Sisters of Charity—Dareton will host Catechism Classes in the Hillman Room every Saturday from 10.30am—11.30am. Scripture Classes for children aged 3-8.



### THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Teresa Parente, parish helpers and staff and students from St Joseph's College for organising and making the Palm Crosses for this weekend.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy you are INVITED to join the Social Justice Group to discuss, discern and act on *the urgent cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*.

Four Group Meetings will be held between April and November. Join our next meeting to be held in the Monaghan Centre Wednesday 12 April 7:00pm. The Reflection Process is supported and led by the Mercy International Association, through the network of Sisters of Mercy and those associated with them in Australia and Papua New Guinea and across the world.

## YOUTH

### HALLS GAP GATHERING FOR YOUTH

Monday 4th April to Thursday 7th April.  
Registration forms still available at the Parish Office.



## THE YEAR OF MERCY

### MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

“For his mercy endures forever.” This is the refrain repeated after each verse in Psalm 136 as it narrates the history of God’s revelation. By virtue of mercy, all the events of the Old Testament are replete with profound salvific import. Mercy renders God’s history with Israel a history of salvation. To repeat continually “for his mercy endures forever,” as the psalm does, seems to break through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love. It is as if to say that not 4 only in history, but for all eternity man will always be under the merciful gaze of the Father. It is no accident that the people of Israel wanted to include this psalm – the “Great Hallel,” as it is called – in its most important liturgical feast days. Before his Passion, Jesus prayed with this psalm of mercy. Matthew attests to this in his Gospel when he says that, “when they had sung a hymn” (26:30), Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives. While he was instituting the Eucharist as an everlasting memorial of himself and his paschal sacrifice, he symbolically placed this supreme act of revelation in the light of his mercy. Within the very same context of mercy, Jesus entered upon his passion and

death, conscious of the great mystery of love that he would consummate on the cross. Knowing that Jesus himself prayed this psalm makes it even more important for us as Christians, challenging us to take up the refrain in our daily lives by praying these words of praise: “for his mercy endures forever.”



Dec. 8, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016  
MercyYear.com

## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE

St Joseph’s College began their Harmony Week Celebrations this week on Wednesday with St Patrick’s Day. Wednesday was a casual day where staff and students were encouraged to donate a gold coin to Project Compassion and wear some green to honour the Sisters of Mercy Irish Heritage. The Mercy Action Group also had a green food and drink stall to raise funds for Project Compassion.

This week Mrs Jade Kemp began auditions for our Annual College Production – Hating Alison Ashley by Robin Klein. The Production will be performed at the Mercy Theatre in August. So look out for information on ticket sales in July.

At the Mercy Campus our Year 8 students had a number of guest speakers for their integrated studies subject. All enjoyed the speakers and found them to be very informative and useful.

*Paula Cox*

*Faith & Mission Leader, Religious Education*

## NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week begins Holy Week for our school and parish community. We will be celebrating a special Holy Thursday Liturgy at 9.15am in the school hall. All our families and friends are most welcome to attend. Don’t forget concludes on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March with a 2.30pm finish.

St Paul’s will be celebrating National Harmony Day on Monday 21st March. The students will be learning about the value of cultural diversity and celebrating the cultural diversity in our own community on this day. The central message of Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’.

The students in the Middle and Senior Units are currently applying for SRC positions. The SRC’s are the voice of the student body and a method for students to communicate with the school’s decision-makers. Students are being chosen for SRC based on their skills in communicating, organization, passion, creativity, working in a team and their ability to be advocates for all. It is wonderful to read the student’s application’s and hear that we have so many aspiring young leaders with so much to offer our community.

Coming up is our Big Night Out Cinema evening on Friday the 15th of April. \$5 entry fee. Children under 5 are free.

Our school Open Day is on Wednesday the 13th April with tours at 9:30am, 12:30pm and 6pm on this day, please inform your friends and family who might be interested of this event. Please phone the office to book a tour.

As always, keep the faith.

*Vince Muscatello—Principal*



### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

The **long weekend** was ‘what the doctored ordered’ as they say... soon we get to enjoy Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus with family and friends.

I have asked all teachers to talk to their classes about road safety. We seem to have a number of students and families crossing 11th Street from Tamarisk Grove after school. There is a supervised crossing only a few steps away and I urge everyone crossing 11th Street to make use of this please.

Well done Mary with great support from Bern and Candy on the outstanding report from the **Auditors** last week. Our Admin team does a spectacular job and we all benefit from their efforts.

**A reminder that the 2016 SHPS Open Day will take place on April 13th. Please feel free to share this date with prospective parents and friends.**

Have a great week.

*Des Lowry—Principal*



*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

19th & 20th March, 2016			26th & 27th March, 2016		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
<b>First Reading: Isa 50:4-7</b> <b>Resp Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2</b> <b>Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?</b> <b>Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11</b> <b>Gospel: LK 23:1-49</b>			<b>First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43</b> <b>Resp Psalm: Ps 117</b> <b>Response: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.</b> <b>Second Reading: Col 3:1-4</b> <b>Gospel: Jn 20:1-9</b>		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM	7.30PM	8AM	10AM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Ellen Frauenfelder	Louise Belej	Barbard Bunting	Vittorio Carlucci	Chris Slattery	Elina Garreffa
Maria Cirillo	Nancy Leonardis	Katrina Groves	Clem Carlucci	Mary Gobbo	Clem Carlucci
Anne-Maree Greville	Elena Garreffa	Judy Hall	Ross Tongue	Ellen Frauenfelder	Vittorio Carlucci
Anthony Henderson	Maryanne Modica	Myrna Rodi	Morris Henderson		Bobby Castillo
Christine Carmichael	Maria Page	Sue Hermans	Mary Gobbo		
Volunteer Please	Lyn Welsh	Volunteer Please	Mary Grivec		
	Volunteer Please				
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Singing Group	Tongan Community	M Hammond	M Guthrie	N Armsden	Youth Group
M Sullivan		J Ljubic	All leaders welcome		K Mafi
		J Macri			
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required
Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Antonio Mafi	Please volunteer	Please volunteer
			Holani Fatai		
OFFERTORY PROCESSION			OFFERTORY PROCESSION		
2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Mary Gobbo		RCIA		Baptism
READERS			READERS		
Katy Quinlan	Sophie Opie	Jim Graham	M Jackson	Ross Tongue	Bill Dolence
COUNTING TEAM 1			COUNTING TEAM 2		
GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918			JOE DEJONG 5023 7802		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Wilma Schmidt	George Schmidt		Mary Hoy	Marita Jenson	