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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

**2nd Sunday of Lent/ Year C -
20th & 21st February 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: Mary Milic, Gavan Bourke (Pakenham)

ANNIVERSARIES: Elena Callipari

Sunday 9am: Giovanni Testa (birthday remembrance)

Sunday 5pm: Vincenza Carlucci, Mario & Antonia Modica

Tuesday 7pm: Ilario Dimasi (six month Mass)

Friday 5.40pm: Mario Panetta (one month Mass),
Giuseppina & Rosario Panetta

Saturday 9.30am: Joseph Grivec
(birthday remembrance)

(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.

Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Mad-den-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns, Betty Krake, Sid Robinson, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Judy Hunt

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Last week, the wilderness was a character in the gospel reading. This week, we find a mountain and a cloud featuring significantly in the narrative. These other-than-human characters (wilderness, mountain, and cloud) and the prophets of old (Moses and Elijah) link Luke's



story of Jesus to the Israelites' covenant relationship with their God. Wilderness, mountain, and cloud also remind us that God's Earth is the locus of mystery: the place where human and other-than-human Earth beings are transformed through encounter with the divine.

For Jesus, the mountain is already a place of encounter with God, a place of prayer. Luke has Jesus spending a night in prayer on an unidentified mountain before he chooses the Twelve. Jesus now takes three of his closest friends (Peter, John, and James) up another unidentified mountain where the aspect of his face changes and his clothing becomes dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, "appear" and enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet.

This episode seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he accepts his likely fate: if he continues to challenge oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with this realisation in the wilderness and comes to terms with what it involves on the mountain. The voice of God reaffirms the identity of Jesus and calls for a response: "Listen to him". These words are reminiscent of Moses' instruction to the Israelites: "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet" (Deut 18:15). For Luke, Jesus is the prophet-like-Moses whom they must heed. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" and settle down. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. The tents evoke once more the Israelites' wanderings in the wilderness.

Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of glory. We also need the good sense to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we sometimes experience. If we are to hear the prophet-like-Moses in our times, we have to come to terms with the personal costs involved. Some of us actually need to go alone or together to a mountain top or place of extraordinary beauty to discover again the strength that comes from encountering the divine. I once climbed within view of Everest. Every now and then, I climb Mt Buninyong. At such times, I know the wonder of God revealed in the beauty of the earth itself even as I sense its fragility and susceptibility to destruction.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

RCIA— Christian Prayer - Mary Jackson

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th February, 7pm in the Hillman Room.



HELPER NEEDED

A laptop operator is required to help fill in on occasions for the Italian Choir. Please contact Noreen on 5021 2980 or Joe on 0428 541 221.

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.

Community celebration of Reconciliation—Friday, 18th March, 7pm.

PARISH MISSION 2016

I extend an invitation to all Parishioners to participate in our forthcoming Parish Mission. Please try to keep the following dates free. You may not be able to attend all of the days or evenings, but *I would highly recommend that you try to participate in some of the sessions as a means of some personal renewal during the Season of Lent.* All sessions will take place in the Church. Morning Sessions will be 10:15am – 12:15pm. Evening Sessions will be 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Session 1 Sunday 28th February

Jesus – who is he really?

Session 2 Monday 29th February

Jesus, Law and Conscience

Session 3 Tuesday 1st March
Human Growth & Faith Growth

Session 4 Thursday 3rd March

Jesus, Church & Community

Session 5 Friday 4th March

Jesus, Forgiveness & Reconciliation

The final session will include a **Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Visiting priests will be available.

Fr. Michael



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 24th February 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

REGIS ONTARION NURSING HOME MASS

Will be held on Thursday 25th February at 2pm. All welcome.

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 25th February 7pm at the Parish Office. All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be held at St Margaret's Anglican Church, Mildura on Friday 4th March from 10am. All welcome. Please see notice at the church entrances.

WALNUT AVE BCC

Next meeting to be held in the Monaghan Centre on Sunday 28th February at 12 midday. BYO drinks & food to share. Everyone welcome.

COMMISSIONING OF SCHOOL STAFF

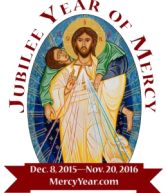
This weekend we acknowledge all who are committed to the education and formation of children and young people in our Parish and beyond. We ask God to be with them all, and pray that 2016 may be a year of rich blessing, growth and achievement.

IRYMPLE—WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St Francis Xavier Church - Irymple will host the World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March 7.30pm. All welcome.

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

In section 6 of the Bull of Indiction, Pope Francis quotes several extracts from the Psalms, which focus on the quality of mercy. “...the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners, he upholds the widow and the fatherless; but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.” (Psalm 146:7-9)



YOUTH

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

(run by Fr Damian)

Will be held in the Hillman Room Fridays following the 5.40pm Mass. All youth of the Parish welcome.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1054.85
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2224.50
Loose Plate	\$ 441.40
Project Compassion	\$ 574.00

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.

Sacred Heart Tennis Club are now calling for any starters for Senior teams to enter Sunraysia District Tennis Association (this competition starts May 7th) but we need to enter teams – therefore we need names of interested Men or women – all standards from A grade to D grade – Our Courts are now situated at the Old Aerodrome Complex 11th Street Mildura - our Open day will be March 13th Social Tennis starting 1.00pm If interested please come along - or ring for info to Merle Watson 50232883 or Inez Sullivan 50 230742

News re the Juniors – Training starts on Thursday 25th February at the Aero Courts – all Juniors wishing to join Sacred Hearts teams please register names - between 4 – 5Pm to enable entry of our teams for 2016.

Message Phone at the Club rooms 50 214673 or Merle Watson 50 232883.



ROYAL COMMISSION

The Royal Commission will hold a public hearing commencing Monday 22 February 2016 at the Ballarat Magistrates Court. It is scheduled to conclude on Friday 26 February.

The scope and purpose of the public hearing is to inquire into:

The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious.

The response of the Congregation of the Christian Brothers in St Patrick's Province, Australia, to allegations of child sexual abuse against Christian Brothers.

Any related matters.

Probable structure of this Hearing:

It is expected that the Hearing will be structured along the following lines:

Opening address by Counsel Assisting the Commission, Gail Furness SC.

A number of new victims will give evidence.

Focusing on the 1970s and 1980s, an examination of how the Christian Brothers responded to disclosures and notifications of abuse.

Bishop Ronald Mulkearns will provide evidence via video link over several short sessions.

Former Church and Christian Brothers' administrators/personnel will give evidence about known perpetrators, their offences and how they were dealt with at the time.

Schools where Christian Brothers were amongst the teaching staff in the 1970s and 80s may be mentioned in evidence.

Following the Ballarat Hearing

Cardinal George Pell will give evidence from 29 February 2016 by video link from Rome concerning Case Study 28: Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat and Case Study 35: Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Royal Commission will sit in Sydney to hear this evidence. You can listen via the live streaming service.

Key Message

The key response of the Catholic Church community to this process is that survivors must be heard, the truth must emerge and that the Royal Commission will have the Church's full cooperation. We are all asked to keep victims, survivors and all those affected by the Royal Commission in our thoughts and prayers.

Signs of Hope in our Diocese

Some of the steps that are being taken in the Diocese of Ballarat to engage with and support victims and survivors of abuse and to move more hopefully towards the future are:

The Christian Brothers and the Diocese of Ballarat have commenced re-examining past claims and settlements in liaison with victims' and supporters' groups, CASA and other service providers.

Support is being provided for victims and survivors beyond financial settlements – counselling, psychiatric care, allied health services and consideration of future medical needs.

Victims are being encouraged to seek legal support so that any redress can come about through a sound and supported process. Bishop Paul Bird or Fr Justin Driscoll or a senior member of the Christian Brothers have been available to formally acknowledge and apologise to victims and survivors who seek this.

Eileen Rice (St Alipius' Primary School) and John Crowley (St Patrick's College) continue to meet fortnightly to build relationships with victims and survivors, to reconnect with past students and to invite contribution to innovative curriculum around protective behaviours.

Bishop Paul, Fr Justin and local schools have publically supported the Loud Fence movement.

CEOB's review of sexuality and relationships education curriculum is being undertaken in consultation with victims and survivors who have volunteered to support this project.

Considerations of redress for historic claims of abuse are being made ahead of any national scheme that may result from the Royal Commission's work.

Clear protocols have been established for dealing with perpetrators – including their ongoing supervision and the provision of a level of defence for perpetrators which is not injurious to victims.

NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

It was fantastic to start our Lenten journey with our fellow Parish school, St Paul's and families and friends. **Thank you** to Jen Ditchfield (REL) on the organisation of the Ash Wednesday Mass, and for Marion Guthrie's initiative of making the celebration more meaningful and continual of our Church seasons for us all, with the burning of the palms from Palm Sunday last year to make this year's ashes with the students.

We are all looking forward to celebrating our **'Beginning of the Year' Mass** tomorrow morning, starting at 9.30am and we hope that many families and friends can join us for this celebration. Mass will be followed with a morning tea for parents, friends and staff in the stadium. If possible we ask families to provide a plate of morning tea to share, and these can be left in the stadium kitchen in the morning.

This Saturday evening we the **SHPS Staff** will be **Commissioned** at the 6pm Mass along with staffs from St Paul's and SJC's. On Friday Andrea Welsh, Bernadette Avery and I will be attending Hugh Lane's (Greg & Felicity's grandson) funeral in Mornington. We know we take the **prayers and blessings** of the SHPS community with us...

Have a great week.

Des Lowry—Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

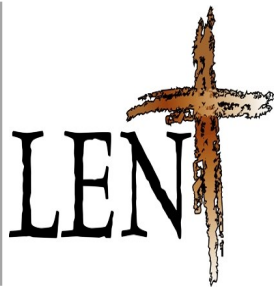
PROJECT COMPASSION 2016

From Ash Wednesday through to the final day of Term One, St Joseph's College Mercy Action Groups from both Campuses raise both awareness and funds for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. During this five week period, the students and staff endeavour to support Caritas Australia's aims of justice, peace, equality and hospitality for all. Both the Mercy and Enright Campus' Mercy Action Groups raise awareness of Project Compassion through bulletin notices, posters, Morning Prayer and Assembly presentations. While in Religious Education classes students visit the Caritas Australia's website to learn about its work in Australia and abroad through real life case studies.

The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is "Learning more, creating change". As Pope Francis says "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Throughout the Lenten Program, staff and students are also encouraged to donate money each morning through the project compassion money boxes.

Philip Opie Religious Education Domain Leader

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

20th & 21st February, 2016

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18
Resp Psalm: Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1
Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading: Phil 3:20-4:1
Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6PM

9AM

5PM

6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

6 Ministers required

Leo Kearney

Rini Op’t Hoog

Sue Hermans

Margaret Sheahan

Cora Howell

Danielle Mazzini

Linda Henderson

Narie Lewis

Nisa Abraham

Irene Morello

Renata Byra

Greg Johnson

Katy Quinlan

Sonia Opie

Clem Carlucci

Taiana Fatai

Phillip Opie

Vittorio Carlucci

Catherine McErvale

MUSIC

School Community

Tongan Community

M Hammond

Commissioning Mass

J Ljubic

J Macri

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Louise Belej

READERS

Rosemary Barnes

Nicholas Mataele

Melanie Ransome

COUNTING TEAM 7

BRIAN BLEESER 5021 1828

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

Joe Kearney

Robin Hill

27th & 28th February, 2016

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15
Resp Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8
Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6PM

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6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

6 Ministers required

Trish McNamara

Elvira Mazza

Josie Zema

Morris Henderson

Jill Joslyn

Trish Cirillo

Ellen Frauenfelder

Lisa Cirillo

Jeena Jose

Maria Cirillo

Katalina Mafi

Joyce Ribarits

Anne-Maree Greville

Aloisia Mafi

Clem Carlucci

Volunteer Please

Jean Rocca

Vittorio Carlucci

Bobby Castillo

MUSIC

Singing Group

Sacred Heart Group

Mass for

M Sullivan

Leader

Young Families

M Faingaanuku

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Servers required

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Please volunteer

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

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Baptism

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Joy Morvell

READERS

Tricia McNamara

Rose Op’t Hoog

Jancy Thomas

COUNTING TEAM 8

TREVOR AUST 5023 6597

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

David Nichols

Margaret Hill