



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

6th Sunday of Easter / Year A -
20th & 21st May 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: Maureen Homfray

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Margaret McGough, Eileen & David Harcoan, Riche Testa (birthday remembrance)

Sunday 5pm: Cav. Giuseppe Beniamino Cirillo, Maria Giuseppa Pascale, Antonio Carlucci, Caterina & Alessandro Piscioneri, Frank Cirillo (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. Names will be included for the duration of one month after which family or friends can request more time.

Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, John Devilee, Fr Denis Dennehy, Hailey Crossan, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Those who defend themselves in court run the risk of being outsmarted by clever and sometimes unscrupulous adversaries. It is never a good



idea to be too self-reliant even in a country with a basically sound legal system such as ours. Today's gospel implies that the disciples need a defense attorney or lawyer. Jesus has acted in that capacity for them in their struggles with the anti-gospel forces arrayed against them.

Now he is close to death and he gives them instructions that begin and end with reference to loving him and keeping his commandments. Jesus has given them "a new commandment" (13:34-35): "...that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Later in this discourse (15:12-14) the reader of the gospel learns what the actors in the drama already know about Jesus' commandments. "This is my commandment," says Jesus, "that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." This is no small demand, to be prepared to die for one another.

Given the opposition they are likely to face, the disciples cannot live out such a commitment on their own. Neither is Jesus leaving them "orphans" who have to fend for themselves. He will ask his Father to provide "another" defender or advocate who will act on their behalf, an advocate who will always be there. This new advocate is the "Spirit of truth". As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy thus points us in the direction of Pentecost and the gift of God's Spirit.

It is good to know we are never on our own. It is also good to reflect on the capacity we have for love. Most of us will never find ourselves in a situation where our love is tested to the point that we have to die for another. On the other hand, we are constantly being called on to put the well-being of others, even their survival, before our own comfort. With global warming and the life-style changes that will inevitably come sooner rather than later, we may well find ourselves "laying down our lives" in various ways for the sake of our friends, humankind and other-kind, across the planet. Even now, we have countless opportunities to "lay down our lives" to mitigate the effects of climate change or to protect the rights of those displaced by war or persecution. With the help of the Spirit, our Advocate, we can surely rise to the challenge.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

RCIA— Post Baptismal Catechesis - Mystagogy - Final Mass with Families & RCIA Team
Thursday 25th May 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Welcoming Sunday

We continue to pray for our children preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time on the weekend of 17th & 18th of June. This weekend the children will be presented at each of the Sunday Masses as we welcome them and officially and commit ourselves to supporting them throughout this time of preparation.



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

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

MASS COUNTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Mass counts will occur during the next 2 weekends:- this weekend, , 20th & 21st May & 28th & 29th May.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES ON:-
TUESDAY 30TH MAY 9.15AM
WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 6PM

PARISH CENSUS

At Masses next weekend and the following, parishioners will be handed census cards as they enter the church. For the purpose of updating our parish database we ask that a member of each household complete a card and place it in the collection basket.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1342.80
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2427.75
Loose Plate	\$ 565.70

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)
ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Information is on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 23rd May at 10.30am.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK— COMBINED SCHOOLS MASS

Sacred Heart Primary school, St Paul's Primary school, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Merbein, St Joseph's Primary school Red Cliffs and St Joseph's College Years 7 & 8 will be celebrating a combined school Mass on Friday the 26th of May 10:00am
At the St Joseph's College Stadium, Mercy Campus.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be having their winter appeal on 3rd/4th June.

In these hard economic times help support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available on that weekend. Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. With thanks.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well it was a packed house on Friday morning in the hall for our annual Mother's Day liturgy. Thank you to Mrs Blagus and Fr Michael for the wonderful liturgy. It was standing room only. For the mums, grand mums and other special friends to join in this celebration and then share a picnic lunch with their children afterwards is what memories are made of.

The Parents and Friends committee have been busy organising a few events. The first is our ST Paul's coffee Club. It will be held on Friday 2nd June between 8.00am and approximately 9.00 am (depending on numbers) in the hall. Ziggy's will have their coffee van on site. It's an opportunity for you to come along and socialise before heading off to work and catch up with other parents.

A reminder that NEXT WEDNESDAY 24th May is a school Closure (no school for students). Staff will be attending a Positive Behaviour PD.

Finally, a very special welcome to Meagan Blennerhassett who will be teaching The Arts for the remainder of the year as Ms Jess commences her maternity leave. I'm sure you will make her feel most welcome at St Paul's.

As always, Keep the Faith! **Vince Muscatello, Principal**

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Mr Kevin Aston and Mrs Jen Ditchfield accompanied 3 students to Melbourne for the Annual Seeds of Justice Conference on Wednesday. Our students meet like minded students from all the Victorian Mercy Schools. Inspiring and motivated speakers have given our students an understanding of the important topic of 'Mercy: Sowing the Seeds of Hope'. The students were able to visit a variety of social justice agencies and age care facilities such as McAuley House, Mercy Place, Fr Bob's Soup Van and Olympic Village Exodus Community over the two days. A great time was had by staff and students alike.

On Thursday our Chisholm House celebrated Caroline Chisholm day with a House Assembly where students from the Homerooms received spirit awards. Students enjoyed a yellow cup cake treat in honour of their name sake. Wednesday was Photo Portrait Day for all staff and students. We look forward to receiving our photos for 2017 shortly.

Paula Cox—Faith & Mission Leader, Religious Education

ADULT FORMATION

MISSION BOOKLETS

Copies of the Mission Booklet by Fr Ray Sanchez are available at the church entrances.

Please take one if interested.



LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM – NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the May study cycle closes on 22 May, 2017 - or you can start in July or later in the year. See the details on the diocesan website (link is on lower part of front page), then contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

“LESSONS FROM THE LONG PADDOCK” ECONFERENCE

The Diocese of Wilcannia- Forbes is offering an econference online event called “Lessons from the Long Paddock” on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This econference opens the conversation for many people who are curious about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Participants engage with conversations which signpost essential spiritual markers relevant to knowledge about what leads into fuller humanity, Christian, Catholic and Australian life. This econference draws participants to seek Christ at the heart of human experience and nurtures a capacity to trust that individuals have all they need to begin the journey into constant conversion. The econference has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. The workshops will be facilitated by Kate Englebrecht, Diocesan Director of Mission. For more information please contact Kate on, ph. 0420 309 689 or <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/> More information attached.

13TH NATIONAL ECONFERENCE

Will be held on **Thursday 10th August 2017 from 10.30am to 2.45pm—Monaghan Centre**

Streamed Live

Theme: Gospel Leadership in times of Chaos—The Hope of Pope Francis

Guest speakers:- Professor Massimo Faggioli, Mr Paul Kelly, Professor the Hon Bob Carr, Sr Clare Condon SGS, Rev Dr Gerald A Arbuckle SM, Ms Elizabeth Proust AO, Sr Ruth Durick OSU
Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.



SAINT PHILIP NERI 26TH MAY

Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise.

At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip’s appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a

group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome.

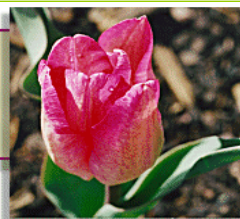
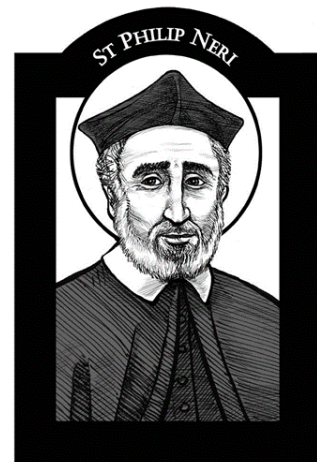
At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions

of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led “excursions” to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way.

Some of Philip’s followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip’s followers, and composed music for the services. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laypersons preached and sang vernacular hymns!

Philip’s advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety.

After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. Three centuries later, Cardinal John Henry Newman founded the first English-speaking house of the Oratory in London.



Sixth Sunday in
Easter

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