



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 22nd & 23rd August, 2015

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

Rosary: Monday 5:00pm

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: held 1st Friday of each month in the Church from 12—5:00pm

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Annuziata Monteleone

Sunday 9am: Giovanni Testa (one year anniversary), Steve Webster, Teresa & Vincenzo Vallelonga

Tuesday 7pm: Katarina Athanaselis (recent death), Tony Habjan, Joseph Habjan (Birthday remembrance)

Friday 5.40pm: Joseph Grivec

(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, Jock Fisher, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Sophie Sitters, Fr Justin Woodford, Vince Manno, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Mary Baldock, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro,

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

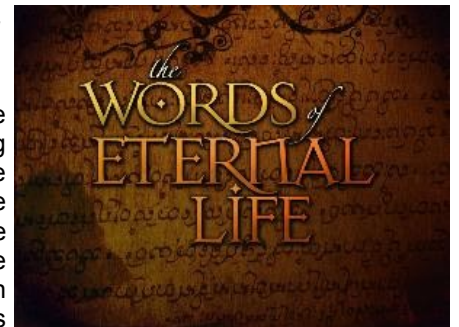
If we have trouble understanding and coming to terms with some of the teachings of Jesus in the gospel, then we can take some comfort from the reaction of the disciples in today's gospel. It seems that it was not only the members of the Jewish synagogue who were offended by his teaching, but also those who had accepted Jesus as Messiah or Christ and had joined the community of believers.

"This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" they complain. Once more, Jesus' response introduces new teaching, teaching that can only raise more questions in their minds. He links "spirit" with "life". Having used the term "flesh" of his body and of the life that he offers to those who eat of his flesh, he now introduces an element of doubt: flesh is now "useless"! It is typical of John to use the same word in a variety of ways. Here "flesh" is used negatively and metaphorically to refer to human weakness and sinfulness in contrast with "spirit" which evokes the creative spirit of God that moved over the waters at creation and the spirit that informed the word of the prophets.

The Johannine Jesus lays the ground for offering progressively deeper insights into his identity and destiny and into the meaning of the Christian life as the gospel narrative unfolds. The reference to his ascending recalls the earlier part to the gospel where Jesus is presented as the pre-existent one, the one who comes from God and has already ascended to God (John 3:13). Once again, we are confronted with an ancient cosmology that places God in the heavens above. After his death, Jesus will tell Mary Magdalene that he has not yet ascended and instructs her to tell the disciples that he is ascending to God (20:17). It seems that John wants to keep emphasising the origins of Jesus as the eternal Word and Wisdom of God.

There are many disciples who refuse to grapple with the complexities and implications of this teaching and they turn away. Jesus asks his closest followers if they too will desert. Peter speaks for himself and his companions when he declares their undying allegiance: *"To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."* Eternal life is the Johannine equivalent of the "kingdom of God" or "of the heavens" of the other gospels. Most of us have wanted to abandon our commitment at some time or another. Peter's declaration is a sobering one for us in times of doubt and an encouragement for those of us who seek to understand more deeply and to keep believing despite the challenges.

- **Veronica Lawson rsm**



SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Sofia Falivene, Lorenzo Campisi, Rafael De Angelo & Julian Farnsworth whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



Commencing Thursday September 3rd in the Hillman Room.

Currently we have 8 people to begin this program. If people know of anybody else who may be interested in taking part, please direct them to the Parish Office.

MOTHER MARY'S FEAST & INDIAN KERALA (STATE) MALAYALEE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 2015

The Mildura Indian-Kerala Community is organizing **MOTHER MARY'S FEAST & Indian Independence Day** celebration on Sunday 23rd August at Sacred Heart Church at 9am Mass. Traditional Kerala style food will be provided. All are welcome.



Living the Gospel

Message and Medium

We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium - the person - IS the message (or at least should be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

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| 1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) | \$1399.85 |
| 2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT) | \$2706.45 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 515.45 |

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS
Spring 2015 Edition out now
Don't forget to get a copy.
Great reading.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The Youth are organizing a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser on Saturday 29th August from 9.30am at Dan Murphy's Car Park.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Passionist Family Group will be lunching at the home of Lyn & Colin Welsh 16 Westside Blv, Mildura on Sunday 23rd August at 12.30pm. Please let Lyn or Colin know your intentions on 50231356. Dessert or nibbles for afters would be appreciated.



The Biblical Theme of Mercy & Pope Francis Saturday 20th September

10:00am – 12:30pm Monaghan Centre

Sr. Veronica Lawson, whose commentaries accompany our Sunday Bulletin each weekend, will be presenting a Workshop which explores the Biblical Theme of Mercy in dialogue with Pope Francis' recent encyclical *Laudato Si*. Care for the earth and the call to be co-creators with God is a key theme throughout the sacred scriptures, and accordingly, Sr. Veronica will lead us in a reflection of how we as a Church should be responding to important environmental questions posed by the current climate debate in conjunction with Pope Francis' encyclical. I highly recommend this opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Pope's intent in writing this encyclical. **For lunch time catering purposes, please advise the Parish Office if you wish to attend.**

Fr. Michael

**MONAGHAN CENTRE
RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
PARISH OFFICE FOR COLLECTION**

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

The bus will depart from the St Joseph's College Bus Gates in 12th Street at 10am. Please arrive at least 10-minutes early. Cost is a gold coin donation to cover fuel costs plus your Pub meal. If you made a booking and are unable to attend please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 asap.



NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.



This is a tribute to all the Grandmas & Grandpas, Nannas & Pops, who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer.....

They are the greatest!!!

We do not stop playing because we grow old;

We grow old because we stop playing ...

40th
SACRED HEART
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WHITE ELEPHANT
SALE

- American Car Club - Mildura Display and more....
- Father's Day Stall
- Auction
- Major Raffle
- Food stalls
- Entertainment
- Children's Theme Park
- Performers

Saturday September 5th 2015
9am-3pm
@ Sacred Heart School

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear St Paul's families and friends

Friday, Jim Waight (from the Catholic Education Office Ballarat) worked with our staff and the staff from St Joseph's Red Cliffs. Our whole school focus in Religious Education is on Shared Christian Praxis- Learning and Teaching in RE, the heart of the matter. Working with Jim benefited the overall teaching of RE within our school.

Monday 24th August is a school closure day. Children will not come to school on this day

- *Vince Muscatello Principal*

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Dear friends of the St Joseph's College Community,

Tiwi Island Trivia Night

Last Friday evening, the College held a trivia night to raise funds for the upcoming Tiwi Islands Cultural Exchange Trip which is being held in partnership with Tiwi College.

Thank you to Ms Paula Cox who was responsible for organising and coordinating the event.

Two of our students (Lachlan Price and Jacob Lonsdale-McConaghie) were the MCs for the evening, as well as writing the questions and organising the activities between the rounds.

Thank you and well done to these boys.

Other helpers from the staff who should be thanked were Rupa Oberoi, George Paolucci, Katy Quinlan, Andy Higgins, Sandra Tiver, Tracy Aston and Raquel Gooch.

Overall, approximately 100 people attended and over \$1000 was raised to support the Exchange Program.

Anthony Banks—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: *Anthony Banks* 5018 8000

| 22nd & 23rd August, 2015 | | | 29th & 30th August, 2015 | | |
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| THIS WEEK’S READINGS | | | NEXT WEEK’S READINGS | | |
| First Reading: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18 Resp Psalm: Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9 Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32 Gospel: Jn 6:60-69 | | | First Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 Resp Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1 Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord. Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 | | |
| EUCHARIST MINISTERS | | | EUCHARIST MINISTERS | | |
| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | |
| 6PM | 9AM | 5PM | 6PM | 9AM | 5PM |
| 6 Ministers required | 7 Ministers required | 6 Ministers required | 6 Ministers required | 7 Ministers required | 6 Ministers required |
| Katy Quinlan | Anna Vartuli | Reni Cheriyan | Maria Cirillo | Elena Gareffa | Barbara Bunting |
| Taiana Fatai | Nada Zudetich | Wendy Finn | Anne-Maree Greville | Maryanne Modica | Sacha Banks |
| Trish McNamara | Sara Visona | Tony Finn | Anthony Henderson | Maria Page | Katrina Groves |
| Morris Henderson | Julieta Cresp | Melanie Ransome | Christine Carmichael | Lyn Welsh | Judy Hall |
| Ellen Frauenfelder | Robert Tindall | Bill Dolence | Margaret McDonald | Sheryl Pettinau | Myrna Rodi |
| Volunteer Please | Louise Belej | Jacqui Willis | Anita Naray | Giuseppe Scopacasa | Sue Hermans |
| | Nancy Leonardis | | | Mara Scopacasa | |
| MUSIC | | | MUSIC | | |
| M Hammond | Indian Community | M Faingaanuku | M Guthrie | Sacred Heart Group | Singing Group |
| B Prescott | | | All welcome | Leader | M Sullivan |
| J O’Bryan | | | | M Faingaanuku | |
| 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 | Please volunteer | Please volunteer | Please volunteer |
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| OFFERTORY PROCESSION | | | OFFERTORY PROCESSION | | |
| 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required |
| Baptism | Baptism | | | Louise Belej | Joy Morvell |
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| READERS | | | READERS | | |
| Rosemary Barnes | Indian Feast | Sue Hermans | Tricia McNamara | Sheryl Pettinau | Barb Kelly |
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| COUNTING TEAM 1 | | | COUNTING TEAM 2 | | |
| GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918 | | | JOE DE JONG 5023 7802 | | |
| IRYMPLE - SUNDAY | | | IRYMPLE - SUNDAY | | |
| READER | EUCHARIST MINISTER | | READER | EUCHARIST MINISTER | |
| Kath Modoo | Di John | | Denise Knight | Pat Riordan | |