



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

16h Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
22nd & 23rd July 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: Joe Martino, Bruin Callipari, Eileen Flanner (Ouyen)

ANNIVERSARIES: Matteo Zema

(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.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Some time back, my great-nephew met with an unwelcome refusal from his father. His response: "Dad, I am not impressed with what I'm hearing!" Like young Izaak, I suspect that most experienced gardeners and farmers and bakers would have something similar to say at Jesus'



choice of images for God's empire of the heavens. They would be particularly unimpressed, I expect, by the methods of the farmer-gardener God presented in today's gospel reading. Leaving weeds to endanger the wheat crop seems none too smart. Mustard, known for its propensity to grow wild and threaten the life of every other plant in the garden, makes for an equally strange image. God's empire imaged as a baker woman taking yeast, a substance considered a corrupting influence in the first century Jewish world, and mixing it into twenty kilos of wheat flour, stretches the imagination in other directions.

These images cut across expectations quite dramatically. What do they tell us about God's kingdom of the skies? In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, there is a movement from small to great that communicates something about the power of God to bring abundance of life from the most insignificant beginnings. They don't seem to fit with the parable of the wheat and the weeds until we look a little more closely. The element of danger to the life of the whole is common to all three parables. Maybe Matthew's Jesus is telling us that God is a God of risk, prepared to allow the weeds and endangering herbs and other dubious substances to "infect" God's field. Harvest-time will be time enough to divide the wheat from the weeds. In the meantime, the good seed must take hold.

In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, Jesus may be telling his hearers that their idea of infection or danger is different from his. At one level, he engages the more-than-human and talks about respect for the complexity of ecosystems. At another, he is talking about societal inclusion: the very people that many consider unclean or sinful or demon-possessed are not to be displaced from God's field or God's table. On the contrary, they may be the very ones who season the life of the whole. Life is messy after all and God is in the mess. It is worth noting that the leaven parable offers one of the few occasions in the gospel where God is imaged as female. While we are all aware that God is neither male nor female, most of us have been conditioned to use only male images for God. The parable of the woman kneading dough validates the potential of female experience to reflect the life and activity of God in our world.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Hannah Cirillo whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



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 **11th & 12th November and the 18th & 19th of November.**



The Parent Information Evening will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 18th 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 9:00am – 4:00pm.

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Will be celebrating Grandparents Day with a Mass on Wednesday 26th July at 9.15am. All welcome.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1234.25
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2022.00
Loose Plate	\$ 566.15

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

This weekend our Stewardship Program focuses on *Celebrating our Faith*. Father will speak to us about the significance of our parish community uniting to celebrate the Eucharist together. To quote Pope Francis in the National Catholic Reporter: *"Celebrating the Eucharist should make a difference in the way a parish community lives. At Mass, Christ gathers people around him to nourish us with his world and his life. This means that the mission and identity of the church begin and take form at Mass."*



If you did not do so last week please collect your letter as you are leaving the church today. If there is no letter for you please complete a Census Card and please take a spare envelope.

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING:

At all Masses this weekend RSVP cards will be distributed for parishioners to indicate their attendance at one of our Information Meeting. Details of the meetings commencing at 7:00pm are as follows:
 Mildura, 1st August – the Holland Room – SJC Mercy Campus 11th Street
 Red Cliffs, 2nd August – St Joseph's Catholic Church
 Merbein, 3rd August – OLSH Church
 Show your support of our Parish by agreeing to attend this important meeting that will revisit our recent achievements and future plans. The meeting should take approximately one hour.

Fr. Michael McKinnon

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 25th July at 10.30am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 26th July 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY



Will be celebrated on Saturday 5th August at 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by procession to the Sacred Heart Hall. There will be a free BBQ & Pasta meal and entertainment.

Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and Knights of the Southern Cross. All parishioners are most welcome.

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Next Sunday 30th July. At present we have one person interested. Due to lack of interest this month's trip has been cancelled.



MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - CELEBRATION 2017

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 13th August. Holy Mass at 9am. Free food and soft drinks will be provided after the mass. All welcome.



Organised by the Kerala Community



CAMINO 2018

There are currently a couple of places left for anyone interested in doing 2 weeks of the Camino next year in Spain. Once again I stress that



health and fitness are of the utmost priority. The ability to pack light, sleep occasionally in dormitory accommodation and enjoy the odd glass of wine will also be among the demands placed upon those who wish to participate. The date will be the third term holidays of next year: **last week of September & first week of October.** Interested people can contact the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm.

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

The first week of the term at St. Joseph's College has been a very busy one. Firstly, the St. Joseph's College Debutante Balls will be held over the next two weeks. All students that are participating have been practicing enthusiastically over the last three months. A number of new students and teachers have commenced and we wish them all the best for their time at our College. At present three students from Year 11 Lodia Tuyini-nahaze, Superanse Nduwarugira and Nicholas Opie have travelled to Catherine McAuley's home in Baggot Street Dublin to attend the fourth biannual Young Mercy Leaders (YML) pilgrimage with its theme 'Let Mercy be our badge of honour'. Reports have indicated that the conference has made a very successful start with students attending from more than 15 countries. At present we are also keeping Sister Rosemary Graham in our thoughts and prayers as she recovers from her recent surgery. We are hoping for a swift recovery so she can return to our college shortly.

In Religious Education classes at the College in Semester 2:
Year 7 are studying - How can we make a difference? Christian Decision-Making & Christian Prayer
Year 8 are studying - The Covenant Unfolds, Why are there differences in the world? Prayer and Meditation.
Year 9 are studying - Eucharist [Sacraments], Relationships and Spirituality & Making Christian Decisions.
Year 10 are studying - The Church through Time & Prophets and Saint
Year 11 Ethics are studying- Religion in a Pluralistic Society as well as completing twenty hours of community service.
Year 12 students have recently completed their five-day retreat at Anglesea, as well as completing twenty hours of community service.
Philip Opie- Religious Education Domain Leader

CUPPA AFTER THE SUNDAY 9AM MASS THIS WEEKEND



NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY

Welcome back to the start of Term Three. A special welcome to new families who have joined us this term - the Gall, Tufuga and Beh families, I hope they find their time with us both rewarding and fulfilling.

Welcome this week to Gavin Alexander, who has volunteered in the Senior unit. Gavin is a Secondary trained teacher and has graciously given up some of his time to learn more about teaching in a primary setting. Also welcome to Deklan Loveridge who is here on work experience. Deklan has been working with Mrs Mitchell in Phys Ed. I hope they also find their time with us invaluable.

This Friday we commence our Flying Start program for 2017. This is our third year and it has continued to grow. In our first year we averaged 6 children per session and this year it is over 20. It's an opportunity for preschool children to come along and do some fun activities with our teachers for an hour and a half. It goes from 9.15am-10.45am.

Next Tuesday the Middle Unit will be visiting the Mildura ECO Village. Over the course of a few months the children from the Junior, Middle and Senior unit have all visited and learnt more about sustainability and our environment.

Next Friday 28th July, our school community will celebrate Naidoc Week with our day commencing at 10.00am with an opening ceremony and liturgy followed by lots of activities. You are all invited to attend throughout the day.

On a sadder note, I am sure you are all aware of the horrific road tragedy that occurred on the weekend. It has had a significant impact on the Robinvale community. It has also affected our school community as well as St Mary's Robinvale. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to both families involved, especially the Ienco family (John GB13) on the passing of John's grandmother. May Christ comfort them in their time of need. As always, Keep the Faith!

Vince Muscatello, Principal

ADULT FORMATION

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
With Guest speakers:

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.



WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS - 30 JULY

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims. In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The United Nations designated **July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons**, declaring that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights." This is an issue that affects people in Australia as well as round the world. You can find more info at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/index.shtml> and <https://acrath.org.au/Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans>

FAMILY MATTERS: STRENGTHENING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

MILDURA Saturday 26th 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



The event will be suitable for all staff/families and also provides very positive links to Catholic social teaching. More information: social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.”

**The Parish of
Sacred Heart is
committed to
the obligation to
ensure the
safety of all
children in our
care.**

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

22nd & 23rd July 2017

29th & 30th July 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19
Resp Psalm: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5
Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving
Second Reading: Rom 8:26-27
Gospel: Mt 13-24-43

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Resp Psalm: Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R. v. 97
Response: Lord, I love your commands
Second Reading: Rom 8:28-30
Gospel: Mt 13:44-52

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY		SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	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
Maria Cirillo	Renata Byra	Mario Zema	Anne-Maree Greville	Lisa Cirillo	Vittorio Carlucci	
Christine Carmichael	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Josie Zema	Taiana Fatai	Katalaina Mafi	Christine Slattery	
Ellen Frauenfelder	Sonia Opie	Trish Cirillo	Margaret McDonald	Aloisia Mafi	Jacinta Macri	
Jacinda Deacon	Philip Opie	Jeena Jose	Trish McNamara	Jean Rocca	Petelo Mafi	
Katy Quinlan	Catherine McErvale	Joyce Ribarits	Morris Henderson	Bobby Castillo	Paula Cox	
Katelin Anesbury	Elvira Mazza	Clem Carlucci	Anita Naray	Ross Tongue	Jennifer Boord	
	Jill Joslyn			Talia Faingaanuku		

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M Guthrie	Youth Group	M Sullivan	M Guthrie	Singing Group	NO MUSIC
All welcome	K Mafi		All welcome	M Sullivan	

ALTAR SERVERS

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Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Baptism			Cathy & Paul	
				McErvale	

READERS

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Anita Naray	Talia Faingaanuku	Barb Kelly	Katy Quinlan	Soane Fatai	Bill Dolence

COUNTING TEAM 1

COUNTING TEAM 2

GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918

JOE DE JONG 5023 7802

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM

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READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
P Riordan	Mary Hoy	G McCracken	R Barbary