



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C -
22nd & 23rd October 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

Rosary: Monday 5:00pm

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

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: Rosa Dichiera, Caterina Dimasi (Italy—sister-in-law to the late Giovanni Dimasi-Irymple)

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Frank Monaghan, Joseph Andrask, Doss Quinlan

Saturday 6pm: Gabriele & Teresa Vanni

(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.

Moataane Vatuvei, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, 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, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio,

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated “virtuous”) and justified



(translated “at rights with God”). It is addressed to “certain people” who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people’s lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus’ harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That’s what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays “to himself” or “by himself” or “about himself”: any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God’s mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who “have confidence in themselves that they are righteous”, this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. For such people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector’s prayer, “God be merciful (*hilasthēti*) to me a sinner”, evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in God’s way of being in the world.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Mason Roccisano, Ronan Rodolfo, Codi-Lee & Giuseppina Dimasi and River Cordoma whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



ADVANCE NOTICE

Period of Enquiry—Welcome and Introduction

Will be held on Thursday 27th October, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Tuesday 1st November 7pm.

MASSES FOR ALL SOULS

Murray Pines Cemetery- Tuesday 1st November 6pm.

Sacred Heart Church-Wednesday 2nd November 9.10am

Nichols Point Cemetery, Wednesday 2nd November 6pm.

Cari amici Italiani come sapete la messa di Novembre e la messa per i nostri cari defunti al cimitero andiamo a visitare le tombe dei nostri cari defunti una bella messa e primo la messa che il Rosario per Italiano alla 5.30pm tutti benvenuti.

REMEMBRANCE MASS for all

deceased family members will be held on Sunday 6th November at 9.00am. Cuppa after Mass.



ADVENT BOOKS 2016

If you are interested in purchasing a book or forming a group for Advent Reflection, please contact the Parish Office by October 28th, so that an order can be placed with the supplier. Approximate cost \$3.00 per book.

SACRED HEART YOUTH

CUPPA after 9am Mass on Sunday.

Every Friday during the month of October the Youth will be saying the rosary after the 5:40pm mass.

The following activities have been organised for the last Friday in October:-

Friday 28/10: Short Trivia on rosary & general faith related questions & games.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1183.00
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2777.50
Loose Plate	\$ 571.85

Next Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th October, 7.30am in the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

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



FINAL BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL—2016

Final chance to put your name down for the Werrimull Bus trip on Sunday 30th October. The bus will leave the 12th Street SJC gate entrance at 10am. Please contact Carmel at the Parish Office to register your attendance

on 50212872.

CHALLENGES FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION

A front page report in the 9 October, 2016, Catholic Leader, the official

Catholic paper of the Brisbane Archdiocese has this headline:

Final hearing to look at why abuse happened

Here is the text of the report as printed in the paper.

The Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council has urged Catholics across Australia to prepare for a "confronting" final Royal Commission into child sexual hearing into the Catholic Church, in early 2017.

In a wide-ranging presentation to the St Vincent de Paul Society's Social Justice in the City speaker series in Melbourne on September 28, the chief executive officer Francis Sullivan said "Catholics needed to prepare openly and with a willingness to embrace the difficult questions around why the scandal occurred in the Church and the extent to which it did".

(Francis Sullivan is the Chief Executive Officer of the Truth, Justice Healing Council, appointed by the Catholic Bishops in Australia.)

"Like all Catholics and the broader community, the Royal Commission wants answers to the *Why questions.*"

Mr Sullivan said: "Why was the abuse so extensive in Catholic Church schools, parishes, homes and orphanages?"

"Why did so many Church leaders, seemingly independently of each other, respond very much in the same way, putting reputation ahead of children?"

"Why has Catholic culture and clericalism been significant in the abuse crisis?"

"Why was the institutional church really not up to the mark in properly dealing with perpetrators, alerting authorities and justly dealing with victims and their families".

"Some people say you can't look at the past with today's eyes. But that is part of the defensiveness in the church that needs to be eradicated. When we try to minimise and contextualise, we are actually trying to excuse," he said.

There will surely be much more publicity and discussion about these matters in the not too distant future. Be prepared.

ASSIST A STUDENT PROGRAM

Paul McCarthy, the St Vincent de Paul State Co-ordinator for the "Assist a Student Program" has asked us to see if any of you would like to support the program. The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our north to get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. It costs \$70.00 to assist one student for one year. Pamphlets and sponsorship slips are available at the Church doors. Any queries to Patricia Fitzgibbon 5021 5486. Many thanks from all the members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

There are Ten Steps to Creating a Place at the Table. Here is step number 4.

4. Visit elderly people in aged care facilities, or at home.

Pope Francis challenges us all to change the way we view aged care facilities. Rather than being places where people are hidden away, he says, they should be regarded as the 'lungs of humanity' in our neighbourhoods and parishes. There are many good organisations and groups working to combat loneliness in these settings, but there is still more to be done. (Social Justice Statement 2016-2017)

Families, parishes, schools and individuals can visit the elderly, especially in aged care facilities where they may feel isolated or lonely. A visits may be simply talking together, sharing some events in your life, sharing the excitement of children's achievements, a walk in the garden or a drive to a favourite place

PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILIES

Sunday 23rd October

For a respectful and fair national discussion on marriage and an outcome that preserves God's plan for marriage.

Today and throughout this week we pray for the national discussion on marriage.

Holy Heavenly Father, grant that all Australians may show mutual respect for one another as we prepare for a national people's vote. Guide the hearts and minds of all who vote so that our nation may uphold your plan for marriage and families.

YOUNG MEN INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

A Priesthood Vocations Retreat Day for any young student/men around the diocese hosted by St Patrick's College Ballarat will take the form of pilgrimage on Saturday 12th November. Bus will leave 10.30am from St Patrick's College to Scarsdale for a 13km walk to Linton followed by Mass and lunch concluding at 3pm. Fr James Kerr and two Melbourne seminarians from Corpus Christi College will participate in this Retreat Day to answer questions about life in the seminary. For more information or to register attendance please contact Fr Ed Maloney Vocations Director at:

Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

Reading the Bible and studying the catechism are not enough to truly know Jesus. Prayer, silent adoration, and recognising one's sinfulness also are needed, according to Pope Francis. The Catholic News Service reports.

In a homily delivered during Mass at Domus Sanctae Marthae yesterday, the Pope asked: "How is it possible to comprehend the breadth and depth of Christ's love, which surpasses all knowledge?

"Christ is present in the Gospel (so) by reading the Gospel we know Christ," he said, and people learn more about who Christ is by attending religious education classes.

"But this isn't enough," he said. It's also necessary to immerse oneself in prayer, on one's knees, invoking the Holy Spirit for Christ to dwell in one's heart.

Adoration is also necessary, he said, adding that this practice of silently sitting before the Lord, in adoration of his lordship and mystery, is perhaps not very well known or followed by many people.

Finally, he said: "To know Christ, it is necessary to have self-awareness, that is, to be in the habit of acknowledging our human frailty; of being a sinner."



NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

Thank you to Mrs Ditchfield for organising the Religious Education day with Fr Barry Ryan, it was a very informative and interesting professional learning in contextualising the scriptures.

Mission Month is flying along and I am looking forward to one of my highlights each year in the Mission Mass this Thursday morning 9.30. We invite family and friend to join us at this celebration of the Eucharist.

It is with great anticipation and excitement that we announce our SHPS Major Fundraiser & Community Event for 2017 will be held on afternoon/evening of Friday March 17th, St Patrick's Day. This will replace the White Elephant Sale and we hope it will become an annual event

Thank you to Dion Collins and his SJC students who have made some fantastic play equipment for our Explorative Play Area. In the coming weeks we will publish photos of their work. Enjoy your week...Regards

Des Lowry—Principal

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome once again to another action packed week of learning. The week has begun in style with the Senior Unit children, under the expert guidance of Signora Ghidinelli, having an Italian immersion experience with lunch at the Pizza Café. The Middle unit will have their turn on Thursday and the Junior Unit has a fun filled day full of activities on Friday with a special performance by the local Sunraysia Tarantella dancers. It's also wonderful that the children from St Joseph's Red Cliffs have been joining us in these activities. Once again thank you to Signora for her organisation of these wonderful learning experiences for the children.

As a part of the Sunraysia Partnership Council, which represents the catholic schools in Sunraysia, we have embarked on a unique opportunity to further enhance the work in our schools. During the holidays we advertised for a Risk and Compliance Officer to work with our school principals and communities across Sunraysia. On Thursday we conducted interviews for this position. St Paul's will be the host school for the new role and we look forward to employing a highly suitable candidate. As always, Keep the Faith.

Vince Muscatello—Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

The first two days of this week the College's Year 12 students were farewell by the school in a number of activities. On Monday the students came dressed up as their future careers. On Tuesday, the students were lead in celebration by Fr Damian Styles in their Year 12 Liturgy. This liturgy marked the end of one journey and the beginning of another. During the liturgy, staff and students celebrated the success of the Year 12 students. It also celebrated their achievements, their hopes and plans for the future.

Following the Liturgy students shared a lovely morning tea together, united as one group. Then students were farewell by their House Group and individual Homeroom Groups in a shared lunch. Following lunch students spent an afternoon of laughter and sportsmanship at Templin Bowling. A great couple of days were had by all.

Over the past six years, these students have faced many challenges and have learned and worked together to overcome them. The St Joseph's Community wish the Year 12 students all the best in their studies towards their final exams and assessments for Year 12. May they be motivated by our role model St Joseph's the Worker, to work diligently and productively in the lead up towards your final assessments.

Paula Cox

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.”

All who
EXALT
 themselves will
 be **humbled**,
 but all who
HUMBLE
 themselves will
 be **exalted**.
Luke 18.14

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 October, 2016			29th & 30th October, 2016		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Sir 35:12-14, 16-19 Resp Psalm: Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7 Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Second Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Lk 18:9-14			First Reading: Wis 11:22-12:2 Resp Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1 Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. Second Reading: 2 Thess 1:11-2:2 Gospel: Lk 19:1-10		
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCCHARIST 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
Morris Henderson	Nancy Leonardis	Christine Slattery	Katy Quinlan	Maria Scopacasa	Wendy Finn
Anita Naray	Elena Garreffa	Jacinta Maci	Margaret Sheahan	Susan Lewis	Tony Finn
Maria Cirillo	Maryanne Modica	Petelo Mafi	Irene Morello	Minda Wright	Melanie Ransome
Christine Carmichael	Maria Page	Paula Cox	Anne-Maree Greville	Rose Op’t Hoog	Bill Dolence
Ellen Frauenfelder	Lyn Welsh	Jennifer Boord	Taiana Fatai	Rini Op’t Hoog	Jacqui Willis
Jacinda Deacon	Loretta Thompson	Reni Cheriyan	Margaret McDonald	Cora Howell	Barbara Bunting
	Giuseppe Scopacasa			Narie Lewis	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Hammond	Sacred Heart Group	N Armsden	Singing Group	Youth Group	M Guthrie
B Prescott	Leader	J Macri	M Sullivan	K Mafi	All welcome
B Lewis	M Fainga’anuku	J Ljubic			
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer
OFFERTORY PROCESSION			OFFERTORY PROCESSION		
2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	Baptism		Baptism	Catherine & Paul	
				McErvale	
READERS			READERS		
Katy Quinlan	Luke Guthrie	Melanie Ransome	Jen Ditchfield	Julie O’Bryan	Jancy Thomas
COUNTING TEAM 2			COUNTING TEAM 3		
JOE DEJONG 5023 7802			PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
J Kearney	M Hill		D Nichols	Malcolm Hoy	