



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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Fr James Kerr—Assistant Priest

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo

Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
24th & 25th June 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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Helen & John Hrascenec, Maggie & Frank Baric

Sunday 5pm: Michele & Bruno Mammoni, Annunziata De Maria

Saturday 9.30am: David Daley

(Only members of the deceased's immediate family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)



ADVANCE NOTICE:

PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS ON TUESDAY 27TH JUNE, WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE AND THURSDAY 29TH JUNE.

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, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Many of those who once looked through the barbed-wire fences of Australia's detention centres carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rug-maker of Mazar-e-Sharif*.



Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia in 2002. After some time in detention, he established a rug making business in suburban Melbourne. He was reunited with his wife Hakeema and daughter Maria in 2008 and became an Australian citizen in June 2014.

Some of the first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who they are vis à vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as did Jesus and his followers. The scene at Gethsemane suggests that Jesus himself experienced deep fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples not to fear those who kill the body.

How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najaf: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God and the witness of his courage would remain, in stark contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an indomitable spirit.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent out on mission. They are to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. They can expect rejection and humiliation. They are not to be deterred from their mission. Above all, they are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all God's creatures, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, Jesus will "acknowledge" them before God "in heaven". Trust in the author and sustainer of life is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire. Trust in God does not take away the pain. Rather, it puts the inevitable suffering of the disciple on mission into the broader perspective of life in its fullest expression.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

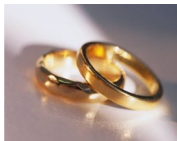


BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Sienna Dean whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Tony Gervasi & Vanessa Zappia who were married this weekend.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

New Rosters commencing 8th & 9th July are now available for those ministers who do not have an email address. **PLEASE** collect your copy from the table at the back of the

Church. For those who do have emails they will be sent next week.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1557.95
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$9041.25
Loose Plate	\$ 925.30

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017 (PLANNED GIVING)

The renewal of our Parish Stewardship Program is due this year and will commence on the weekend of July 15th & 16th. Our actual **Pledging Sunday will be held the 5th & 6th of August.** Please try to be mindful of this date, although people will have a chance to renew their pledge before and after this weekend.

It is three years since the last Program in Mildura. I sincerely thank all those Parishioners who continue to financially support the ongoing costs of Parish Administration and Pastoral Development within the three Parishes of the Sunraysia.

This is the first time that we will enter into a Program together on a regional level. Although each of our Sunraysia Parishes is responsible for its own financial support and upkeep, we will begin this new Program together. Because of this we are able to share some of the resources as well as costs incurred. This will greatly reduce the outlays for the Parishes of Merbein and Red Cliffs without increasing the charge for Mildura.

Some people will be requested to assist as members of the Stewardship Team. The task is not onerous, but it will demand a short term commitment over the next month or so. I am not enamored with the administration of Parish finances, and I am extremely grateful to those who assist in this duty. However, the stewardship of the Parish is an important responsibility in which we all share. I ask for your support and backing in this undertaking, and am confident that it will be forthcoming.

Fr. Michael McKinnon



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

Will be lunching at the Merbein Club on Sunday 25th June at noon. All welcome to join us. Please let Jean Rocca know your intentions on 5023 7561.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 28th June, 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE

Final meeting for 2017 will be held on Thursday 29th June, 7pm at the KSC Clubrooms.



CAMINO 2018

I am considering organising another Camino for around the School Holidays (last week of September – first week of October) 2018. Plans are very open at this stage, but I would be limiting the walk to about 2 weeks. I would also have to limit numbers to about a dozen people. If anybody is interested, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm. Health and fitness of those wishing to participate is of the highest priority.

Fr. Michael

SWAN HILL BUS TRIP

On Sunday 16th July 2017, a bus trip is being organised for those who would like to attend the Feast of the Madonna Del Carmelo.

Departing 6am from Centro Car Park—Deakin Ave, Mildura.

Cost is \$30.00 per person. **Bookings Essential.**

For further information please contact Vittorio or Clem Carlucci on 5023 7492 or 0408 315 420.

A DEPOSIT WILL BE REQUIRED.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE:

BBQ Fundraiser for the Youth will be held at Kmart on Saturday 1st July from 9am. Please help support our Youth so they can attend the ACYF in Sydney.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY

Making a difference is what we do at St Paul's as a faith filled community. We provide opportunities for everyone to use their talents wisely and for the greater good. Last Monday 19th June our children participated in the Eisteddfod and the Senior Unit Choir received an Honourable Mention and our Middle Unit Choir received First Place. Congratulations to the children, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Blennerhassett on the work they have put in to compete at such a high level. When we work together we can achieve so much more!

Congratulations to the children who have been involved in interschool sports last week; it was lovely to receive positive feedback on their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Good luck to the children who are participating in competitions next week as well.

Our Student led conferences were held last Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st June and the feedback has been very positive from staff, children and parents about the learning that continues at St Paul's.

During the past week Aiden Barcak from Chaffey Secondary has been at St Paul's on Work Experience and Madelaine Marsolino who is studying at Australian Catholic University in Melbourne and has given up her time to come and be involved in a catholic primary school setting.

We farewell two of our Grade 2 students Abby and Ella Dunn today, 21st June. We wish their family well for the future and hope they visit us some time. Yesterday we welcomed Natasha Allieu (CM9) to our school, please make Natasha and her family welcome.

Next Friday 30th June, is the last day of term and we will be celebrating our St Paul's Feast day with a Mass (at St Paul's) and lots of activities throughout the day. School will dismiss at 2.25 pm. Please note also that the children will not start Term 3 until Tuesday 18th July as the staff are involved in a professional learning day focused on Reading. As always, Keep the Faith!

Vince Muscatello, Principal

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

We congratulate all our **First Eucharist candidates** who celebrated over the weekend. Thank you to all who supported the children, and particularly to our RELs, Mrs Deacon and Mrs Thompson, for coordinating the Sacramental Preparation and those who gave their own time to help with the 'Family Groups'. Our thanks also to Fr Michael for his superb leadership and support as always.

On Friday we celebrated the **Feast of the Sacred Heart**. This is always a special and memorable day, beginning with Mass at 9.15am, followed by family group activities back at school, and at 12.30pm the Gallopoli Oak ceremony will occur.

We have had many of our students participate in the **Eisteddfod** recently, including both Year Two classes in dance, and our School Choir. They all were brilliant and it was clear that they loved the experience. Thank you Mrs Hawtin for her outstanding work in bringing these events to fruition.

Have a great week,

Des Lowry, Principal

SACRED HEART MASS FOR THE POOR

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul we thank Sacred Heart School for the Mass we celebrated Friday morning, as well as the wonderful donation of blankets. This has already been a cold winter, and we are expecting that we will have a number of individuals and families looking for assistance during these months. Thank you also to staff who helped in any way to organize the Mass, and to the children for their prayerful participation.

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

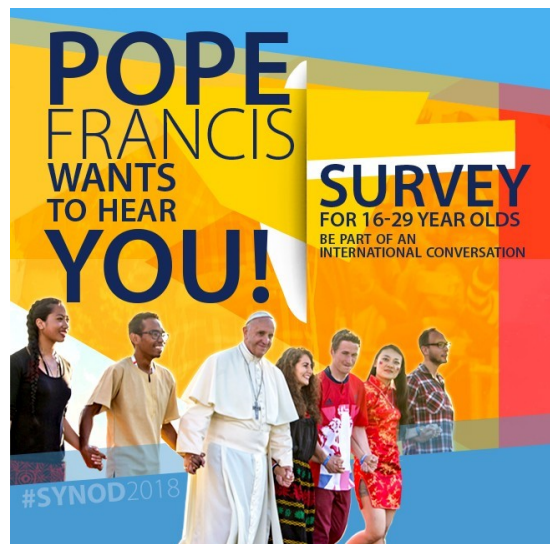
With Guest speakers:

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS: POPE FRANCIS' ONLINE SURVEY NOW OPEN

Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017**. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au For more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

FAMILY MATTERS – Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum—Saturday 26th August 2017

This forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker will be held in Mildura. This free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. You can register on line: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> or alternatively through the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

Details regarding venue & workshops will be released soon. More information is available also from Tony Haintz - 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.”***



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

24th & 25th June 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Jer 20:10-13
Resp Psalm: Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14
Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.
Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15
Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Christine Carmichael	Ross Tongue	Trish Cirillo
Ellen Frauenfelder	Talia Fainganuku	Jeena Jose
Jacinda Deacon	Michael Fainganuku	Joyce Ribarits
Katy Quinlan	Maureen Speed	Clem Carlucci
Volunteer Please	Peter O’Donnell	Vittorio Carlucci
Volunteer Please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
	Volunteer please	

MUSIC

M Guthrie	Youth Group	M Sullivan
All welcome	K Mafi	J Macri
		J Ljubic

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	L & C Welsh	

READERS

Mary Jackson	Sonia Opie	Jancy Thomas

COUNTING TEAM 8

TREVOR AUST 5023 6597

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
K Modoo	D Knight

1st & 2nd July 2017

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Resp Psalm: Ps 88:2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2
Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Gina Raiti	Jacinta Macri
Taiana Fatai	Anna Vartuli	Petelo Mafi
Margaret McDonald	Nada Zudetich	Paula Cox
Trish McNamara	Sara Visona	Jennifer Boord
Morris Henderson	Juliet Cresp	Reni Cheriyan
Anita Naray	Volunteer please	Wendy Finn
	Volunteer please	

MUSIC

M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Youth Group
All welcome	N Armsden	K Mafi

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Mary Gobbo	

READERS

Rosemary Barnes	Ross Tongue	Inez Sullivan

COUNTING TEAM 7

HELEN KAY 0429 135 053

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
WSchmidt	R Barbary