



# 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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -  
25th & 26th February 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: 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

**Devotion Prayer and Exposition:** Fri 3:00pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10:00am

**RECENT DEATH:** Graeme Kallick, Moataane Vatuvei,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elena Callipari

**Saturday 6pm:** Luigi Giorgina, Antonio & Giuseppe Bartemucci (parents and siblings of Maria DePalma), Perce Richardson, Phillip John Madden (one year anniversary)

**Sunday 8.30am:** Giovanni Testa

**Sunday 5pm:** Vincenza Appollona (Italy-Vittorio Carlucci)

**Tuesday 7pm:** Joseph Grivec (birthday remembrance)

**Friday 5.40pm:** Anna Ietto, (one year anniversary) Antonio Ietto, Tony Bulzomi, Raffaele Mammone

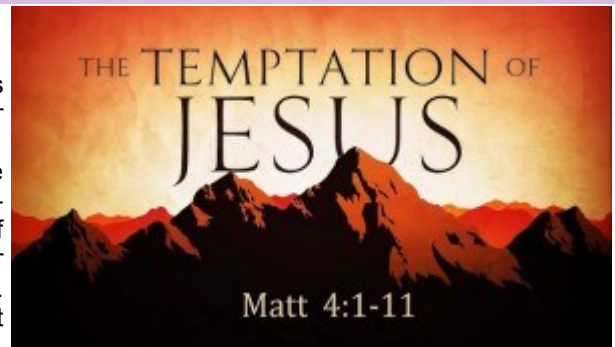
*(Only members of the deceased's immediate family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)*

## 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.*

Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, 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 Maden-Andrews, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



"Today's trouble is enough for today!"

These are the concluding words of the gospel for this Sunday. We are "not to be anx-

ious". Rather, we are invited to be single-minded in our commitment. The challenge of this gospel is to live in the present, in right relationship and connection with the whole Earth community and to trust in the goodness and providence of God. That is not always easy, especially for certain personalities and under certain difficult circumstances. In *What Makes us Tick? The Ten Desires That Drive Us*, Hugh Mackay claims that there is an epidemic of anxiety in the Western world. He reflects on our need to embrace our connectedness with ourselves, with each other, and with nature. If our innate desire to connect is frustrated or neglected, Mackay believes that the desire to control and the desire to be taken seriously will "expand unhealthily". It is all a question of balance and of daily attention to the right ordering of our relationships with the material world, with one another and with God. Anxiety inhibits healthy living and impacts negatively on ourselves as well as on our community environments.

The challenge not to be anxious appears six times in various forms in this one gospel reading. Three times in this passage Jesus tells the assembled crowd, including his disciples, not to worry. They are not to be anxious about food or drink or clothing. Neither are they to worry about what tomorrow might bring. It is clear that Jesus does not discount the human need for food and drink and clothing, for he states explicitly that God knows that they need all these things (6:32). Jesus' concern is with their "little faith" or their lack of trust in God's capacity to provide for the needs of all living beings. He challenges his listeners to be attentive to the processes among all living things, such as the way the birds of the air are fed and the lilies of the field are clothed. He also invites attentiveness to the life-sustaining processes at work in our own bodies. The hairs of our head, for instance, grow without any effort or anxiety on our part.

Jesus places all this in the context of the right ordering of our relationships with the whole Earth community, expressed in terms of seeking God's kingdom and God's "righteousness". There is an echo here of Matthew 5:6 where those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are said to be blessed and told that they will "be filled". In other words, God will care for them in the same way as God cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Jaren Echanes & Violet Madden, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Keith Fox & Antonella Cavallo who were married this weekend.

### CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please be advised that from the beginning of Lent our Weekday Mass times will be as follows:

**Tuesday: 6:00pm**  
**Wednesday: 9:15am**  
**Thursday: 9:15am**  
**Friday: 5:40pm**

## Mass Times

*Please note however, that the Ash Wednesday morning Mass will be at 10am for the sake of St. Paul's Primary School who will be attending.*



Two volunteers are needed to help give communion to Regis Ontario while Lexie Gittins recuperates from an illness. If you can help please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

## ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 1ST

10am: School Mass  
 5.40pm: Evening Mass

### MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

**Project Compassion**—envelope packs at church entrances

### Stations of the Cross

Will be held every Friday in the Church after the 5.40pm Mass. All welcome.



Community celebration of Reconciliation will be celebrated as Part of the Mission on Friday, 17th March, 7pm.



Sacred Heart Parish

## Mission

WITH

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2017

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

The Family & How We Communicate  
 Grief, Loss & the Mystery of Human Suffering  
 Sharing Our Faith with Our Children  
 Prayer, Solitude & Everyday Spirituality  
 Reconciliation & Eucharist

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 2nd March at 9.15am. All welcome.

### ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm at the KSC clubrooms. All welcome.



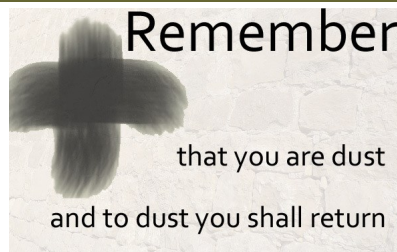
### CATECHISM CLASSES

The Sisters of Charity—Dareton will host Catechism Classes in the Hillman Room every Saturday from 10.30am—11.30am. Scripture Classes for children aged 3-8.

### RELIGIOUS MOSAICS FOR SALE

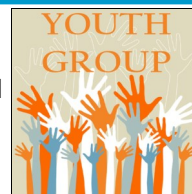
Along the entrance way of the Monaghan Centre you will have noticed a number of Religious Mosaics and other art works from St. Joseph's College. If you are interested in purchasing an item, you can do so by making a donation to The Shared Table (supporting Fr. Mick's previous Parish in Lima Peru.) Donations can be left in the sacristy or at the Parish Office.

**IF YOU ORDERED ONE OF FR PAT FLANAGAN'S BOOKS, PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE @ \$13.00 EACH.**



### SACRED HEART YOUTH

During the Season of Lent The Sacred Heart Youth Group will be meeting in the Monaghan Centre every Friday from 6.30pm. New members most welcomed to join. The next meeting will be held on Friday 3rd March.



Cuppa after 9am Mass this weekend.

### PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1268.70
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2540.00
Loose Plate	\$ 522.75

## CLARITY BEYOND CLERICALISM: BISHOP LONG AT THE ROYAL COMMISSION

Andrew Hamilton Eureka Street 21 February 2017

**The final sessions of the Catholic 'wrap up' at the Royal Commission have been dedicated to summarising and testing what has been said in previous sessions. The numbers of complaints, abusers and cases presented have been horrifying.**

Nothing should be allowed to minimise the evil represented in them. The panels of people interviewed offer some evidence, nonetheless, that children will now be safer when under Catholic care.

The most thought provoking testimony given was that by Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta. It was **notable for its directness**, honesty and the awareness it displayed of the importance of church culture. Bishop Long grew up in the Vietnamese Catholic Church and was afterwards chosen to lead the Australian Church. In his responses he focused particularly on clericalism and its role in giving license and cover to clerical abuse.

He worked out of a fairly simple distinction between two images of the church. One sees the church as a kingdom in which the subordination of the people to the king and to the hierarchical grades of officials is fixed and sacralised. The other is of the church as community with an ordered network of relationships that enable the nourishing of people by the spreading of the Gospel.

He associated clericalism with the first image, commended by Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI. The communal vision was identified with the Vatican II and Pope Francis.

This distinction is often made. Bishop Long's contribution to it lay in his sensitivity to the way in which particular cultures mould themselves to metaphor to affect practice. In the Vietnamese church he saw a culture with a high acceptance of hierarchy. When this was married to a church with its own hierarchical vision, the result was a church where bishops and priests could act tyrannically and with impunity.

Reflection on the Vietnamese church sharpened his observation of the Australian Catholic Church and his identification of the practices that are an index of clericalism.

He was forthright and unambiguous in calling out the effects of using formal titles in communication with — and between — priests and bishops, of distinctive robes as the ordinary dress of the clergy, and particularly seminarians, of the lack of respect involved in processes such as that involved in the pursuit of **Bishop Morris**, and of the lack of involvement of women in church leadership.

Such practices encourage an abuse of power that lies at the heart of the sexual abuse of children, and assures the perpetrators that they will not be held accountable for it.

Bishop Long's vision of the church was embodied in the style of his testimony. He answered questions simply without defensiveness or circuitousness, in language accessible to the commission members. He also introduced his personal experience when asked. He spoke of his familiarity with the Vietnamese church, of his observation of the way the Melbourne Model had led to the alienation to some victims of sexual abuse, and of the effect that long conversations with nine victims in the Parramatta Diocese had on him.

In the final words of his testimony he mentioned that he himself had suffered clerical abuse as a young refugee in Australia. The authority of his words came not from his position as

bishop but from his experience and the way it had shaped his life.

Bishop Long's account of clerical sexual abuse and its relationship to clericalism is persuasive. In the directness of his language and his refusal to allow disputed questions about the signs of clericalism to remain fudged, Bishop Long presented a clear way forward. It is to be hoped that it will be taken resolutely.

My only cavil is that I believe he oversimplified when he ascribed the 'kingdom' image of the church and its resultant encouragement of clericalism to Popes John Paul II and Benedict. Both popes in fact followed Vatican II in commending, often very inspiringly, the image of a communal church free from abuses of power. The opening to clericalism, perhaps attributable primarily to Joseph Ratzinger as adviser to Pope John Paul II and later as Pope himself, lay in their fear that the distinctive quality of priesthood was being undermined and in their consequent exaltation of it. This opened the way to the clerical construction of life and a priest and of the relationship between clergy and people that Bishop Long rightly deplors.



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017 Am I being Unfair to You

The annual World Day of Prayer for 2017 will be held at **St Andrew's Uniting Church, Deakin Ave, Mildura on Friday 3rd March at 10am**

Guest Speaker: Noriel Serato Parishioner at Uniting Church from the Philippines. Morning tea will be a Filipino Fair. All are invited and most welcomed to attend.



### NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

This week the College celebrated its Opening Mass where the Year 7 Students were welcomed into the School Community. Fr Michael celebrated our Mass and bless our 2017 College Leaders, Year 12 Students and new staff and students to the College. The Mass was facilitated by the Xavier House and focused on our 2017 College Value of Compassion. Students were encouraged to reach for the stars while embracing the Mercy value of Compassion. Congratulations to all our College Leaders and we look forward to you leading us with Compassion.

Next Wednesday we will have our College Ash Wednesday services. The Enright Campus will be celebrated in the Church and the Mercy Campus will celebrate in the Mercy Theatre. Tuesday will see the College community start fundraising for Project Compassion with our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sales at Recess.

Paula Cox—Religious Education



***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**

**25th & 26th February 2017**

**4th & 5th March 2017**

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Isa 49:14-15**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 61:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6**  
**Response: Rest in God alone, my soul.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Cor 4:1-5**  
**Gospel: Mt 6:24-34**

**First Reading: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3**  
**Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
**Second Reading: Rom 5:12, 17-19**  
**Gospel: Mt 4:1-11**

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Margaret McDonald	Sara Visona	Maree Irvin
Trish McNamara	Juliet Cresp	Sue Hermans
Morris Henderson	Louise Belej	Danielle Mazzini
Anita Naray	Nancy Leonardis	Greg Johnston
Maria Cirillo	Elena Garreffa	Volunteer please
Christine Carmichael	Maryanne Modica	Volunteer please
	Volunteer please	

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Ellen Frauenfelder	Lyn Welsh	Naomi Kennedy
Jacinda Deacon	Loretta Thompson	Mario Zema
Katy Quinlan	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Josie Zema
Irene Morello	Maria Scopacasa	Trish Cirillo
Anne-Maree Greville	Susan Lewis	Jeena Jose
Volunteer please	Minda Wright	Joyce Ribarits
	Volunteer please	

**MUSIC**

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Singing Group	Youth Group	M Guthrie
M Sullivan	K Mafi	All welcome

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

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**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

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2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	Cathy McErvale	

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Mary Gobbo	

**READERS**

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Christine Carmichael	Lyn Welsh	Jancy Thomas

Anita Naray	Peter Maloney	Deepu Thomas

**COUNTING TEAM 10**

**COUNTING TEAM 1**

**BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099**

**GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

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READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
G McCracken	W Smith

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
M Hill	R Hill