



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

4th Sunday of Lent / Year A -
25th & 26th March 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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Brian Homfray, Frank Dichiera, Liberata Venneri (sister of Settimio Fuoco), Molly Glennen

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Harold Green

Sunday 9am: Giueseppe Maiorana, George Farmer, Giuseppe Macri

Sunday 5pm: Domenico Ficarra, Antonietta & Leo De Maria, Joseph Schembri

Tuesday 6pm: Larry Cavallo

Friday 5.40pm: Helen Campbell

(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.

Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, John Devilee, Fr Denis Dennehy, Hailey Crossan, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“There are none so blind as those who will not see.” Last week, we journeyed with a woman of Samaria from bewilderment to deep insight into Jesus’ identity and mission and to a strong personal faith commitment. This week, we are invited on a faith journey with a man born blind and with the different



groups of participants in the drama. All have the opportunity of coming to faith. Not all accept the invitation. Ironically, the blind come to see, both physically and spiritually, while those who are gifted with physical sight remain in spiritual darkness.

In healing the man born blind, Jesus performs the sixth of eight powerful actions or “signs” in John’s gospel that reveal God’s power at work in Jesus and in the lives of those who seek life. The “signs” invite the reader/hearer/viewer to accept Jesus and his revelation of God and God’s purposes.

Time features significantly in the story. Jesus heals the blind beggar on the Sabbath. The Jerusalem authorities have already raised objections about Jesus’ Sabbath healing activity (John 5). Once again they object that he is failing to observe the Sabbath. They label him a sinner. Ironically, in the final authoritative analysis, it is they who “remain in their sins”.

This story reminds us of the need to check out our assumptions. It also reminds us to accept the fact that we can be wrong about things we have always believed. It invites us to be open to see differently or from a new perspective. Jesus’ disciples, the parents of a man born blind, his neighbours, the religious authorities all operate out of unchecked assumptions. They mostly come to the wrong conclusions. Only those willing to admit that they have it wrong have any chance of coming to faith.

In the common estimation, the man was blind, so he or his parents must have sinned. Not so, according to Jesus. From the perspective of the authorities, Jesus heals on the Sabbath and is therefore a sinner. Not so, from Jesus’ point of view. The man was born blind and so needs others to speak for him. Not so, say his parents, he can speak for himself. He does speak for himself and quite eloquently, to the chagrin of the religious authorities. He presents them with the truth about Jesus but they refuse to accept the word of an outcast. Their reaction is violent: they drive him out. But Jesus goes in search of him and leads him to yet deeper levels of faith and understanding. You may like to read the story once more and put yourself in the place of the different characters. There is a little bit of each character in every one of us.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Isla-Maree Caristo & Sage Degenkamp whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Monday 5pm or
Friday after the 5.40pm Mass.
All welcome.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday: Way of the Cross 10.30am
Ceremony 3pm

Easter Vigil Saturday

Mildura: 7.30pm

Irymple: 6pm (for this year only)

Easter Sunday

Mildura: 8am and 10am
(No 5pm Mass)

Werrimull: 8.30am

Red Cliffs: 10am

Merbein: 10.30am



2017 Project Compassion theme "Love your neighbour"

"To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*). Taken from the Caritas Project Compassion 2017 Lent Calendar.



MASS OF THE OILS: MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday 10th April. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BURONGA-RETREAT

April, 10th, 11th, and 12th Monday Tuesday and Wednesday during holy week from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.
There is also a one day retreat for Indian People in Malayalam on Tuesday 11th April from 9 am to 5 pm.
All welcome.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1127.70
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2801.65
Project Compassion—to date	\$2015.60
Loose Plate	\$ 549.35

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 28th March at 10.30am.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 28th March, 9am at the Parish Office.

ST ROCCO FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held at the Buronga Church on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 30th March 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Sacred Heart Parish bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th April with Mass starting at 11am followed by a counter lunch at the pub.

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office to make a booking on 5021 2872.



SACRED HEART PARISH COMMUNITY GROUPS

We are currently in the process of updating the Sacred Heart Parish records of our current community groups, so if you are a leader of a Parish Community Group it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the Parish Office advising: The name of the group, leaders name, telephone number and email address.

It is intended to not only update the Parish records but to also place this information on the Parish website.

If you ordered one of Fr Pat Flanagan's book "Just What Is Sacrifice", please call in to the Sacred Heart Parish Office and collect it. Cost \$13.00 each. 22 BOOKS STILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED.

SR MARION'S FAREWELL—MERBEIN

The Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Merbein are farewelling our long serving and highly appreciated Parish Leader, Sr. Marion McDonald, who is going into retirement at the end of April. We will have a Mass on Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in the Church, followed by a luncheon in the school multi-purpose hall. You are invited to attend this special event, and if you would like to join us please email principal@olshmerbein.catholic.edu.au for catering purposes, or call our school on 5025 2258.



YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

During the Season of Lent **The Sacred Heart Youth Group** will be meeting in the Monaghan Centre every Friday from 6.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday 31st March. New members most welcomed to join.



CUPPA AFTER 9AM MASS THIS WEEKEND

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN 2017

This year World Youth Day is on April 8/9 - a time to celebrate and pray with and for youth and young adults in your parish and community. In both 2017 and 2018 WYD is celebrated locally. In 2019 WYD will be celebrated internationally with young adult pilgrims journeying to central America to WYD Panama (January). Local WYDs are on Palm Sunday each year. The Pope has chosen Mary's journey as a focus for all three WYD years. This year the theme is "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49). Join with people from all round the world on Palm Sunday to pray with and for young people. More information and Prayers of the Faithful on Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry pages at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL - 7-9 DECEMBER 2017 IN SYDNEY!

15,000 young people are expected in Sydney from all round Australia for ACYF 2017 - the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival hosted by the Australian Bishops. The theme of this Festival is *Open new horizons for spreading joy*. The Festival offers a multitude of ways of expressing Catholic faith in an amazing 3 day experience. The Festival is for Year 9-25yos. Parishes and schools are asked to consider sending a group. Smaller parishes might join together or connect their young people with another parish. Ballarat Diocese will be assisting with this, including planning travel and accommodation. Festival details and links are on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact us on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

ITEMS OF INTEREST

'THE RISE OF IRISH AUSTRALIA' - TV DOCUMENTARY

This recent history documentary is available for viewing online free on SBS On Demand at www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/programs. *The Rise of Irish Australia* tells the story of the impact of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising here in Australia, featuring Archbishop Mannix and many others.

"LESSONS FROM THE LONG PADDOCK" - ECONFERENCE

The Diocese of Wilcannia- Forbes is offering an econference online event called "Lessons from the Long Paddock" on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This econference opens the conversation for many people who are curious about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Participants engage with conversations which signpost essential spiritual markers relevant to knowledge about what leads into fuller humanity, Christian, Catholic and Australian life. This econference draws participants to seek Christ at the heart of human experience and nurtures a capacity to trust that individuals have all they need to begin the journey into constant conversion. The econference has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. The workshops will be facilitated by Kate Englebrecht, Diocesan Director of Mission. For more information please contact Kate on, ph. 0420 309 689 or <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/>. More information attached.

Don't forget to wind back your clocks one hour NEXT Saturday.



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

This week at St. Joseph's College has been a very busy one. On Friday March 17 we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the Mercy Action group being very active in providing food for students. This week we celebrated Harmony Day on March 24 with the Mercy Group providing food and organising a concert. On Tuesday St. Joseph's College had a very successful **OPEN DAY**. Students gave guided tours of both the Enright and Mercy Campuses. Also on this day grade 5 students also visited the College and were involved in a range of activities. Open Day was a real celebration of the St. Joseph's Community. Thanks to all staff, teachers and parents for your attendance. We are asking Year 7 2018 enrolments to be submitted by April 21.

In Religious Education classes at the College:

Year 7 are studying –Jesus- How Do We make a difference?

Year 8 are studying – A Just World

Year 9 are studying – Stewardship.

Year 10 are studying – Jesus Life & Death.

Year 11 Ethics are studying- Current ethical issues in a Pluralistic Society

Philip Opie Religion Domain Leader

Lord

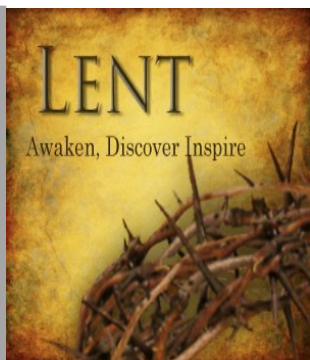
help me to remember
that nothing is going to happen
to me today that you and I
together can't handle.

Amen



Sacred Heart Tennis Club invites Senior tennis players for the Competition starting May 6 – Men & Ladies required to set teams NOW - also Junior players are required for the Junior competition starting same time **SATURDAY MAY 6TH** but we need names of interested seniors & Juniors to set teams for 2017 season - Senior teams all standards S/H enter A to C all graded for the winter competition New players are very welcome with Juniors & Seniors but we need the names registered NOW - Courts are situated at the Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex 11th Street Mildura. For further information please contact Merle Watson 50 232883 or Inez Sullivan 50230742.

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 March 2017

1st & 2nd April 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Resp Psalm: Ps 22. R. v. 1
Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14
Gospel: Jn 8:12

First Reading: Ezek 37:12-14
Resp Psalm: Ps 129. R. v. 7
Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11
Gospel: Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY		SUNDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		SUNDAY			
6PM		9AM		6PM		9AM		5PM			
6 Ministers required		7 Ministers required		6 Ministers required		6 Ministers required		6 Ministers required			
Anne-Maree Greville	Jean Rocca	Jacqui Willis	Maria Cirillo	Peter O'Donnell	Sue Hermans	Taiana Fatai	Bobby Castello	Barbara Bunting	Christine Carmichael	Filomena Carbone	Danielle Mazzini
Margaret McDonald	Ross Tongue	Judy Hall	Ellen Frauenfelder	Gina Raiti	Greg Johnston	Trish McNamara	Talia Faingaanuku	Myrna Rodi	Jacinda Deacon	Anna Vartuli	Naomi Kennedy
Morris Henderson	Michael Faingaanuku	Maree Irvin	Katy Quinlan	Nada Zudetich	Volunteer please	Anita Naray	Maureen Speed	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Sara Visona	Volunteer please
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MUSIC

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M Hammond	M Sullivan	M Hammond	M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Youth Group
	B Lewis, B Prescott	J Macri	All welcome	N Armsden	K Mafi
	J O'Bryan	J Ljubic			

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	Baptism			Cathy McErvale	
				Paul McErvale	

READERS

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Katy Quinlan	Luke Guthrie	Bernadette Chaplin	Mary Jackson	Philip Opie	Sue Hermans

COUNTING TEAM 4

COUNTING TEAM 5

KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			JIM FARRELLY 0447 140 759		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
J Kearney	G Schmidt		D Nichols	P Riordan	