



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

Feast of Christ the King / Year A - 25th & 26th November 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.

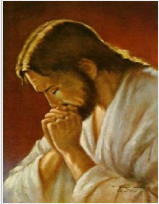
Tues: 6:00 pm

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: Jennifer Hardingham, Shirley Mahoney (Coffs Harbour)

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Augustine

Saturday 6pm: Giovanni Bachetti

Sunday 9am: Cosimo & Pasqualina Dichiera

Sunday 5pm: Frank Cirillo and all deceased members of the Cirillo Family, George Ribarits

Friday 5.40pm: Rocco 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.

Ron Russell, Kevin Curran, Nada Zudetich, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of King." These are the words of Pope Pius XI who established this feast between two world wars in the hope of counteracting the growing

secularism "in public affairs and politics" and finding a way towards global peace. Peace would never be achieved, wrote Pope Pius XI, until and unless individuals and nations accept the "rule of our Saviour".

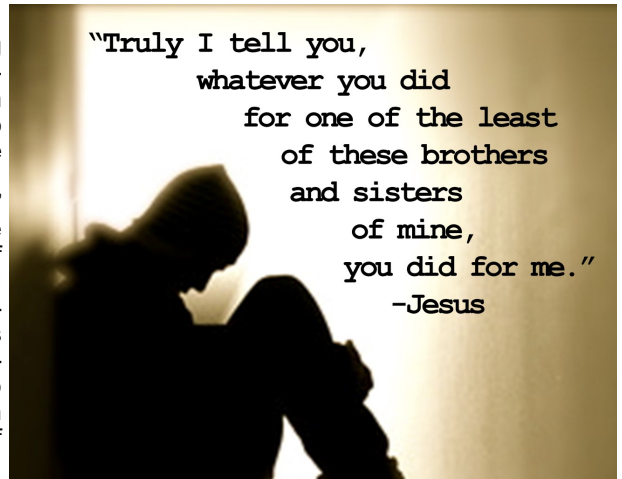
In some ways, hope for the global reign of the Prince of Peace seems more remote than ever. For many peace-loving people, the rise of the so-called Islamic State and of Boko Haram marked new low points in more than a century of violent and ongoing conflict which has claimed the lives of some 160 to 180 million people across the globe. From a Christian perspective, the world needs the sort of leadership that Jesus of Nazareth advocated in first century Palestine, the kind of leadership that Pope Francis is offering our world.

The gospel for today provides a blueprint for Christian living in general and for leadership in particular. Matthew presents Jesus as both shepherd and sheep: as judge and king on the one hand and as suffering humanity ("the least") on the other. Works of mercy are the measure of justice or righteousness. Those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and set the prisoners free are "the righteous/the sheep" who will inherit God's empire or kingdom and have life. Those who fail in these respects are the unrighteous/the goats who fail to recognise the presence of the shepherd/king in the suffering of "the least". Why sheep and goats? While goats grazed with the sheep, they were never imaged as God's people, somewhat unfairly, I suggest. "Sheep", on the other hand, is a frequent biblical designation for the people of God's fold.

This gospel story is replete with mixed metaphors. It is the gospel source of the seven spiritual and corporal works of mercy that have informed the Christian way of life for centuries. It focusses on suffering humanity. In proclaiming an eighth work of mercy, care for our common home, Pope Francis has asked us to expand our horizons and to extend our concern to the suffering of the whole Earth community, human and other-than-human.

The Feast of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider ways to achieve the things that make for peace. If we wish God's reign of peace to be realised on planet Earth, then we might heed the invitation of Pope Francis to care for our common home: to engage in "grateful contemplation of God's world" on the one hand and in daily gestures that "break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" on the other.

Veronica Lawson rsm



"Truly I tell you,
whatever you did
for one of the least
of these brothers
and sisters
of mine,
you did for me."
—Jesus

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Vincent Cricelli, Sienna Jerkin, Siena-Rose Sbaglia Jack Cruikshank, Pasquale Cufari, and Eadon Hendy whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Carmelo Lando & Bonnie Foreman and Mark Kerr and Cherish Forrester who were married this weekend.



RCIA—A Catholic Approach to the Bible - Fr Pat Flanagan

Thursday November 30th, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

Any interested parishioners are welcome to attend also.

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER at 6pm

Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's Peace at Christmas by acknowledging our need for healing



Love is Something You Do



MATTHEW 25:31-46



PRAYING THE ROSARY

Every Friday until 15th December, the Tongan Community will be saying the Rosary in the Monaghan Centre from 7pm, all most welcome to attend.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1593.05
2 nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2631.75
Loose Plate	\$ 666.45

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 28th November 10.30am.

SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY GROUP

Parish Family Group last gathering for the year will be dinner at the Gate Way Sunday 3rd December at 6.30pm. K K exchange to the value of \$10.00. Intentions to Lyn & Clive 50211422.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The St Vincent de Paul Society will appreciate toys being left at the Giving Tree at the back of the Church for children up to 12 years to the value of \$10.00. Sunday 10th December will be the final date for this appeal. Many thanks.



PRESENTATION: EYRE BIRD OBSERVATORY

Thursday 30 November 6.30 pm in Sacred heart Parish, Monahan Centre—Bill and Jude Dolence will present Eyre Bird Observatory.

Bill and Jude volunteered for 3 months earlier this year at this observatory near Cocklebidy on the Eyre Highway in Western Australia. Their experiences are fascinating and well worth seeing.

Please ring Jill Joslyn 50236797 or 0407 787 989 to indicate attendance for catering purposes. Gold coin donation for Fr Micks Shared Table. Light supper to follow.

GIFTS OF DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

A huge thank you to all parishioners who kindly donated devotional items to Nigera. We had a wonderful response. Thank you.

REGISTER YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING MANUS ISLAND

The Prime Minister's office is running a register for people wanting to register their concerns about what's happening on MANUS Island.

It only takes a few seconds because all you need to say is your first name and your State and a short sentence something like "I'm concerned about what's happening on Manus."

Office hours are 8.30 – 5.30 Tel = 02 62 77 7700

THE SHARED TABLE STALL

Our next Shared Table Stall will be held on: **Sunday 10 December after the 9am Mass.**

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, preserves, home baked and home crafted items.

Items that are not purchased need to be taken home as we cannot provide storage facilities.

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.



NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday we joined in our third annual Art Show, where 15 fantastic artworks were up for sale, this money has directly supported our Arts program. Thank you to Mrs Hawtin for coordinating the event and to all the parents who are helping with set-up, catering or pack-up. We truly appreciate your support. Our Year Six students and their Prep buddies celebrated Mass together on Thursday morning. This is always a very moving, heart-warming Mass, at which we give thanks for the strong bonds formed through the buddy program.

It was wonderful to see Mrs Evelyn Smith at our assembly last week. Congratulations to all those students who were presented with an award of excellence or merit for their creative writing efforts.

Our Confirmation celebrations have concluded for the year, and we pass on our congratulations to the recipients of the Sacrament and their families. We are blessed to have these spirit-filled young people in our midst. It is not long now until we embark upon the season of Advent and that special time of waiting. For many of us it can become more like a special time of shopping, cooking and costume-making! Let's try to find moments of peace and gratitude in amongst it all.


ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to our weekly update. WOW! What a great way to finish last week with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Launch. It was wonderful to see the children and staff so enthusiastic throughout the day. At one stage I was in my office at my computer when Fr Mick walked in and thought someone had stuck a cardboard cut-out on me of a bee. It wasn't until I turned around that he realised it was me dressed up as a bee. Let's just say there were lots of jokes "buzzing" around at my expense over the week-end.

Keep the Faith!

Vince Muscatello—Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



**CAROLS ON
CLEADON**

Wednesday December 6, 2017
6.30pm - BBQ Tea
7.00pm Entertainment starts

MERCY ACTION STALL
BBQ, lollies, Icypoles, Raffle, Candles and Drinks

BYO CHAIR / PICNIC RUG

AUSTRALIA'S ORIGINAL SIN

This December, I will have lived in Melbourne for 17 years. The anniversary prompts reflection, and there would be reasons to say that Australia has been good to me. But it is also a country that breaks you.

It started with learning that Aboriginal children were taken from their families well into the last century. Everything unravelled after that, and the more I read and heard, the more threadbare Australia seemed. It left me cold. This is a rite of passage for those not born here.

Successive governments do not let us forget the past. More than 300 Indigenous people died in prison and police custody since the final Royal Commission report in 1991. This week (yet another) Royal Commission highlighted the particular ways in which Indigenous Australians are crushed within the mechanics of law, even as children.

There are casual cruelties, too, like dismissing a carefully crafted proposal that Indigenous people have a formal voice in parliament. The pattern of recent years has been constant deferment on the things that matter to Aboriginal peoples.

Sooner or later, they get caught in the crossfire of internecine political conflict or — given that our politicians are versatile in their indecency — get derailed in the immediacy of other concerns like the safe resettlement of refugees, the postal survey on marriage, and the defence of Muslim Australians from ethno-nationalists.

It is not that Indigenous peoples compete for space, though this benefits those who make them do so, but that so much flows from original sin.

The supremacist bent that first laid low nations on this continent is manifest in the reinforcement of borders, hegemonic framing around Christian values, and lingering overreaction to people who criticise such things. Until section 44 of the Constitution tripped up so many in parliament, citizenship was something to bludgeon minorities with. Many oppressive policies, especially in welfare, start out in Aboriginal communities.

It seems entirely possible that reconfiguring our relationship with First Nations peoples, perhaps even centralising it, would give us the language and impetus to reconfigure everything else, including the way we resolve conflict, think about the environment, and make decisions about vulnerable members of society. Perhaps this is precisely why governments continue to defer doing anything substantive when it comes to Indigenous peoples. It upsets the order.

But as long as Australia's original sin remains unexpiated, our sense of what justice looks like will remain incomplete, even distorted. Anything that we make right for disadvantaged groups like LGBTI, disabled, refugees and Muslims (and we should) will seem to rest on the continuing dislocation of Indigenous peoples from national life. I cannot begin to imagine the hurt that engenders.

For a while I made the mistake of thinking that the terrible things done to Indigenous peoples was something that white people did. I found a 'we' that I had struggled to find in the way that powerful people speak about and enact laws against minorities. It can be a useful sense of solidarity, that shared experience of being up against whiteness, which is shorthand for the systems and structures that protect the status quo.

The truth is that my being here is part of an ongoing history of colonisation. It is not an easy thing to live with, the idea that I ultimately benefit from the dispossession of Indigenous peoples no matter how much I believe myself to be on their side.

The very least I can do perhaps is to say it is time to make them the priority.

Fatima Measham is a Eureka Street consulting editor.

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

25th & 26th November 2017

2nd & 3rd December 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
Resp Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1
Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

First Reading: Isa 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8
Resp Psalm: 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4
Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Second Reading: 1 Co 1:3-9
Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY			SUNDAY			SATURDAY			SUNDAY					
6PM			9AM			6PM			9AM					
6 Ministers required			7 Ministers required			6 Ministers required			6 Ministers required					
Maria Cirillo			Maureen Speed			Paula Cox			Anne-Maree Greville			Juliet Cresp		
Christine Carmichael			Peter O’Donnell			Jennifer Boord			Taiana Fatai			LouiseBelej		
Ellen Frauenfelder			Greg Johnston			Reni Cheriyan			Margaret McDonald			Nancy Leonardis		
Jacinda Deacon			Gina Raiti			Wendy Finn			Trish McNamara			Elena Garreffa		
Katy Quinlan			Anna Vartuli			Tony Finn			P Kerr			Maryanne Modica		
Katelin Anesbury			Nada Zudetich			Melanie Ransome			Anita Naray			Lyn Welsh		
			Sara Visona									Loretta Thompson		

MUSIC

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M Guthrie			M Sullivan			M Sullivan			M Guthrie		
All welcome			J Macri			J Macri			B Lewis/B Prescottt		
			J Ljubic			J Ljubic			J O’Bryan		

ALTAR SERVERS

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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		
Baptism			Baptism						Jim O’Donnell		

READERS

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Christine Carmichael			Nicholas Mataele			Greg Johnston			Sacred Heart School			Peter Issanchon		
												Inez Sullivan		

COUNTING TEAM 9

COUNTING TEAM 10

GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993						BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099					
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IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

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K Moodoo		K Knight		W Schmidt		W Smith	