



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 in Ordinary Time / Year B -
27th & 28th January 2018

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.

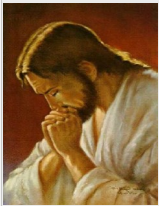
Tues: 6:00 pm

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: Maria Piscioneri

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Jolene Davis

Sunday 9am: Pat Rocca (10 year anniversary)

Sunday 5pm: Mario Panetta, Vincenzo & Giuseppina Panetta

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



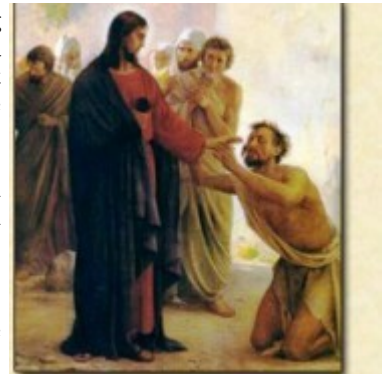
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

Paul & Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading recounts the first episode in a section of Mark's gospel that focusses on a typical day in the ministry of Jesus as authoritative teacher and prophetic healer (1:21-38). Jesus comes with his disciples to Capernaum. On the Sabbath day, Judaism's holy day, he goes into the synagogue, Judaism's local gathering place, and preaches. The verbal forms in the first sentence indicate that teaching in the synagogue was part of his customary activity. Jesus is thus located firmly within Israel's prophetic tradition of mediating God's word.



In today's first reading from Deuteronomy (18:15-20), the term "prophet" appears eight times. Moses tells the people that God will respond to their request at Sinai (Horeb) and raise up from among them a prophet like himself, a mediator between God and God's people, one who will speak God's word. Prophets do not appoint or authorise themselves: God calls and authorises the prophets to speak God's word. Failure to heed the prophets carries its own consequences as does the attempt to assume a prophetic role without God's authorisation. Just as the prophets of old speak the authentic word of God only when they are authorised by the God of Israel, so Jesus of Nazareth, later to identify himself in this gospel as God's prophet (6:4), speaks and acts "with authority". In other words, he speaks with the authority of the God of Israel.

In this first Markan story of his divinely authorised activity, Jesus is approached by a man "with an unclean spirit". The man's loud scream sets up a confrontation between the power of God, mediated through Jesus, and the forces of destruction that often take hold of human lives. Jesus silences and expels these destructive forces and thus renders a seriously troubled person whole. Confounding the unclean spirit(s) brings social and communal benefits to the troubled person as well as physical and emotional healing.

God's reign or empire is made real through a healing action that is perceived as "a new teaching". No word of Jesus' teaching is reported, only his actions. Those actions are presented as "teaching". We teach by who we are and what we do. For Jesus, as for his disciples, congruence between words and actions is integral to authentic gospel proclamation.

Jesus is demonstrating to his newly formed group of followers that the gospel they are to proclaim is grounded in the ordinary struggles of ordinary people. This gospel carries the power to lift the burdens and restore the troubled to wholeness and health. We may wish to identify the "unclean spirits" that take hold of us from time to time so that we can open ourselves to the power of God mediated through God's teacher-healers in our time.

Veronica Lawson RSM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Enzo Pileggi, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

RCIA— TEAM MEETING

Thursday, 1st February, 7pm in the Hillman Room.



FIRST EUCHARIST 2018

All information pertaining to preparation for the reception of Reconciliation & First Eucharist in 2018 is now available at the Parish Office. Parents of our children in Catholic Schools should receive information from their School.



Parent must attend the Parent Information evenings to enrol your child:-

Reconciliation Wednesday 7th February
First Eucharist Wednesday 23rd April

Please make a note of these dates now.



Sacred Heart Parish

Mission

WITH

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

Sunday February 18th 2018
Friday February 23rd—2018

Sunday—Growing Up Catholic

Monday—Jesus & Justice

Tuesday—Male & Female Spirituality

Thursday—Growing Old & Facing Death

Friday—The Problem of Evil

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Tuesday February 13th - 6pm Mildura
- 6pm Ouyen

Wednesday February 14th - 9.15am Merbein
- 9.30am Red Cliffs
- 10am Combined school Mass Mildura
- 5.40pm: Evening Mass Mildura

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PROCLAIM Conference 2018 Sponsorship Opportunity

The Diocesan Foundation has again offered sponsorship for six people from the diocese to attend the PROCLAIM 2018 Conference in Brisbane from July 12-14 (www.proclaimconference.com.au). Further information is available on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Applications close Friday, February 16, 2018.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 29th January 6pm in the Hillman Room.

ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 1st February 9.15am. All welcome.

REGIONAL GATHERING

Sunday 4th February after 9am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Scripture Group

A few parishioners have asked about the possibility of forming a Scripture/Bible Study group. Please put your name down on the sheets provided if you are interested in being part of a weekly Scripture group with Fr James. The exact format will depend on the desires of those who wish to take part. Depending on numbers, we are looking at either a Thursday evening or Wednesday morning session, or possibly both if numbers are large enough. If you can't make either time but are still interested, speak to Fr James or email jkerr@sacredheartmildura.org.au



Position Vacant: Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry Project Worker

The Ballarat Diocese is currently advertising for the position of Diocese Youth & Young Adult Ministry Project Worker. If you or others you know are interested, a position description is available on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Our Diocese / Employment. Any enquiries contact Amanda Smith, ph. 5337 7125.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

A Mass will be held on Tuesday 30th January at 6pm for Maria Raboteg's 90th Birthday. Friends of Maria are invited to help celebrate this very special occasion.



HELPERS NEEDED

To help Althea Mitting with the Shared Table Trading stall.

If you can help out please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

At this stage it is being held on the 2nd Sunday of each month, possibly looking at having another stall on the 4th Sunday of each month?

Just over \$102 was raised for the Shared Table last weekend.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1347.40
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3061.50
Loose Plate	\$ 519.00

Best of 2017: Bishop Long at the Royal Commission

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.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of Eureka Street.

Bishop Vincent Long



AUTHORITY

Break Through in your Relationship

We all struggle at times in our marriage but it's not always easy to find good advice or practical help.

SmartLoving BreakThrough is an online course **FREE** until St Valentine's Day. It will help you understand how conflict happens, guide you to develop an effective strategy for managing it, and lead you through a process of personal rejuvenation designed to heal the pain caused by conflict with your loved one.

The course is designed for individual spouses so you don't need your spouse to do the course with you.

www.smartloving.org/breakthrough

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

27th & 28th January 2018

3rd & 4th February 2018

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20
Resp Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9
Response: If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Resp Psalm: Ps 146:1-6. R. v. 3
Response: Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

EUCHARIST 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	Rini Op’t Hoog	Vittorio Carlucci	Anne-Maree Greville	Catherine McErvale	Reni Cheriyan	Christine Carmichael	Cora Howell	Christine Slattery	Taiana Fatai	Elvira Mazza	Wendy Finn
Ellen Frauenfelder	Narie Lewis	Jacinta Maci	Margret McDonald	Jill Joslyn	Tony Finn	Jacinda Deacon	Renata Byra	Paula Cox	Trish McNamara	Lisa Cirillo	Melanie Ransome
Katy Quinlan	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Jennifer Boord	P Kerr	Laurie Fry	Bill Dolence	Katelin Anesbury	Sonia Opie	Volunteer Please	Anita Naray	Judy Webster	Jacqui Willis
	Philip Opie			Jean Rocca							

MUSIC

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Marg Hammond	M Guthrie	NO MUSIC	M Guthrie	Italian Choir	NO MUSIC
	All Welcome		All welcome	N Armsden	

ALTAR SERV ERS

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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
	Joy Morvell			Lyn & Colin Welsh	

READERS

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Gary Huxtable	Cathy/Paul	Tony Finn	Gary Huxtable	Jull Joslyn	Vince Muscatello
	McErvale				

COUNTING TEAM 8

COUNTING TEAM 9

TREVOR AUST 5023 6597	GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993
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IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

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READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
D Knight	K Knight	G McCracken	R Barbary