



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

The Ascension of the Lord / Year A -
27th & 28th May 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: Moyra Cain

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Lawrie Muir (1 year anniversary), Maureen Weightman

Sunday 9am: George Lipic (1 year anniversary), Rosa Modica

Sunday 5pm: Alex Pytel

(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, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, John Devilee, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Loss is an integral part of the human experience, and death is generally the most painful experience of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-membering his death and resurrection. As we come towards the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence of the Risen One even in his absence.



While today's gospel recounts Matthew's story of Jesus' final encounter with his disciples, it does not provide an account of Jesus' "ascension" or return to God. For that, we must turn to the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles. The story presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's presence. The Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people and "clothe" them with power to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth. The vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' family and followers who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: strengthened by his blessing, they are to stay in the city for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus, to be witnesses to his death and resurrection. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world.

The gospel reading for today has Jesus on a mountain top where he commissions his male disciples to make disciples of all nations. He has already commissioned the women on the open road to announce the good news of the resurrection (Matthew 28:10). They are to be fearless in their mission. In Matthew's final chapter, then, both men and women are commissioned to proclaim the gospel. There are other dimensions to their mission, namely to baptise in the name of the Triune God and to teach what Jesus has taught or "commanded" them. The confidence that they need and that we all need to engage in this mission is the assurance that the risen Jesus is with us to the end of time. The gospel has come full circle. In the first chapter of Matthew, an angel announces that the child to be born will be called Emmanuel, God-with-us. The last verse of the gospel invites us once more to ponder the wonder of that truth.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Phoenix Caristo, Charlie Hughes, Juno Walker, Nico Pettinau, Arianna Pileggi & Patrick Stevenson whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



FIRST EUCHARIST Presentation

We continue to pray for our children preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time on the weekend of 17th & 18th of June. This weekend the children will be presented with a copy of the "Apostles Creed" at each of the Masses. We continue to pray for them and their families during this time of preparation.

MASS COUNTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

The final Mass count for May will occur this weekend:- 28th & 29th May.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:-

TUESDAY 30TH MAY 9.15AM

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 6PM

PARISH CENSUS

At Masses this weekend and next parishioners will be handed census cards as they enter the church.

For the purpose of updating our parish database we ask that a member of each household complete a card and place it in the collection basket.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

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| 1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) | \$1330.00 |
| 2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT) | \$2787.75 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 587.85 |

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

CUPPA after the 9am Mass this weekend.



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 1st June 7pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be having their winter appeal on 3rd/4th June.

In these hard economic times help support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available on that weekend.

Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. With thanks.

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY

The Italian Community will be celebrating their annual Feast of St Anthony Mass on Sunday 12th June at **5pm**.

Tickets for the raffle are now available at \$2.00 each.

All are invited to stay for the procession followed by pasta and BBQ dinner. Traditional Italian fare will be provided along with great entertainment and the drawing of the raffle.

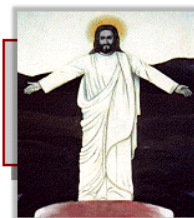


AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS—WINTER 2017

Don't forget to get a copy of Australian Catholics.

This winter edition focuses on extraordinary women inspiring our faith and love.

Great reading.



Ascension

YEAR A

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

The last week at St. Joseph's College has been a very busy one. Firstly, at St. Joseph's College there have been a number of excursions, with Year 9 Science students visiting Hattah to investigate the environment. Secondly a highlight of our sporting program is our female students participating in the interschool football competition. From all the reports, the day was very enjoyable and the sportsmanship was outstanding. Currently students are preparing for Debutante Balls that will held in July. We wish them well and encourage them to practice diligently. On Thursday, Year 11 Business Management students participated in the annual Business market stalls. A great deal of preparation has occurred and the day was a great success. Finally, the Mercy Action group are preparing hygiene packs to be distributed by St. Vinnes. This dedicated group of students are to be congratulated on their ability to think of others and to put St. Joseph's core values into practice. This group is also organising the annual appeal for students and parents to bring blankets and non-perishable goods that will be passed onto St. Vinnes. I encourage the Sacred Heart community also to help out and drop off goods to St. Vinnes.

Philip Opie- Religious Education Domain Leader

ADULT FORMATION

“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.

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

Guest speakers:- Professor Massimo Faggioli, Mr Paul Kelly, Professor the Hon Bob Carr, Sr Clare Condon SGS, Rev Dr Gerald A Arbuckle SM, Ms Elizabeth Proust AO, Sr Ruth Durick OSU

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017: 28 MAY – 4 JUNE 2017

“Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us” (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20). The Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Inter Religious Relations invites all to an active participation in this week of prayer. Rev Gregory Tait, Chair. The Ballarat Prayer Services are attached.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

The Diocesan Ecological and Sustainability Group invite all parishes of the diocese to celebrate World Environment Day on Monday, June 5, 2017. The theme for World Environment Day 2017 is *Connecting People to Nature – in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator. Could you please note this on parish bulletins and if possible pray for the environment at the weekend Masses on the first weekend in June. The following is Pope Francis’ prayer from Laudato Si’ (A prayer for our earth). Further information on global actions can be found at: <http://worldenvironmentday.global/>*

A prayer for our earth:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY

Across the Diocese of Ballarat this week, sixty-four schools educating 18,500 students are celebrating Catholic Education Week. The theme this year is Strive for the Greater Gifts. Catholic Education Week provides a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the contribution that our schools make to the Sunraysia community.

On Wednesday the staff of St Paul’s and St Joseph’s Red Cliffs worked with internationally acclaimed educator, Tom Hierck. Our focus was on Positive Behaviours and a Positive Learning Environment in the Classroom. Some of our staff have previously worked with Tom and his knowledge and expertise is second to none.

On Thursday the senior student leaders in the school participated in the GRIP student leadership program. Each year our school student leaders have an opportunity to work together with the children from other local primary schools in the district and learn about what leadership is and what it takes to be a good leader.

On Friday we celebrated Catholic Education Week with a Mass at St Joseph’s College stadium, Mercy Campus. The staff and children from our Catholic schools joined as one to acknowledge and celebrate all that is good in Catholic Education. As always, Keep the Faith!

Vince Muscatello, Principal

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to Catholic Education Week for 2017: ‘Strive for the Greater Gifts’...

This Friday morning at the SJC Mercy Campus we come together with our fellow Sunraysia Catholic School’s communities to celebrate Mass as the integral gift of being part of Catholic Education. On returning to school we will be blessing our new **Class Journey Poles** with Fr James.

First Eucharist preparation is in its second week and the students preparing to celebrate the Sacrament are required to be in attendance at Mass over the weekend to receive the Apostles’ Creed.

St Patrick’s Extravaganza payments and receipts have been finalised and we can now announce that your efforts resulted in a profit of **\$27,802.04**.

We offer another congratulations to Breana Wade and her team of Techsperts (students) on an outstanding and very well received **Techsibition** last week..

Tomorrow our Student Leadership Team will participate in the **Grip Student Leadership Program**. We have no doubt that our Leaders will once again represent the school with great pride and dignity.

Well done Myalla on a most entertaining assembly last Friday. Is too early to think about purchasing finals tickets? Have a great week,

Des Lowry, Principal



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

27th & 28th May 2017

3rd & 4th June 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Resp Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6
Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Resp Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30
Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | |
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| 6PM | 9AM | 5PM |
| 6 Ministers required | 7 Ministers required | 6 Ministers required |
| Jacinda Deacon | Louise Belej | Christie Slattery |
| Katy Quinlan | Nancy Leonardis | Jacinta Macri |
| Margaret Sheahan | Elena Garreffa | Petelo Mafi |
| Anne-Maree Greville | Maryanne Modica | Paula Cox |
| Taiana Fatai | Lyn Welsh | Jennifer Boord |
| Volunteer please | Volunteer please | Reni Cheriyan |
| | Volunteer please | |

| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY |
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| 6PM | 9AM | 5PM |
| 6 Ministers required | 7 Ministers required | 6 Ministers required |
| Margaret McDonald | Loretta Thompson | Wendy Finn |
| Trish McNamara | Giuseppe Scopacasa | Tony Finn |
| Morris Henderson | Maria Scopacasa | Melanie Ransome |
| Anita Naray | Susan Lewis | Bill Dolence |
| Maria Cirillo | Minda Wright | Jacqui Willis |
| Christine Carmichael | Rose Op’t Hoog | Barbara Bunting |
| | Rini Op’t Hoog | |

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| Singing Group | Youth Group | M Guthrie |
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| M Sullivan | K Mafi | All welcome |
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ALTAR SERVERS

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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| 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required |
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| Baptism | Baptism | |
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| | Jim O’Donnell | |
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READERS

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| Katy Quinlan | Maureen Speed | Tony Finn |
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| Jen Ditchfield | Mary Jackson | Melanie Ransome |
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COUNTING TEAM 3

COUNTING TEAM 4

PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531

KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM

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| READER | EUCCHARIST MINISTER |
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| P Riordan | Malcolm Hoy |

| READER | EUCCHARIST MINISTER |
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| M Smith | G Schmidt |