



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 A -
28th & 29th January 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

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Anna Pytel (Townsville)

ANNIVERSARIES: Matteo Zema

Saturday 6pm: Paulo Scopelliti (one month mass), Perpetua Escano, Margaret Lunn

Sunday 9am: Eugene Aiello, Elia Chiera

Sunday 5pm: Joelene Davis, Maria Carlucci

Friday 5.40pm: Albino Dimasi

(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, Moataane Vatuvei, 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 Madden-Andrews, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our listening only to the mellifluous flow of language and of failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to all that suffer injustice, including the earth itself, and to those who choose non-violent ways of addressing the pain of the Earth community. With the escalation of violence across the globe and with powerful leaders opting for military rather than diplomatic solutions to global conflicts or threats, it is time to listen anew to these opening words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
-Matthew 5:3



The mountain setting establishes Jesus as wisdom teacher like Moses of old. God's favour rests on the poor, on the humble, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on those who know how to mercy, on the pure in heart or single-minded, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right. The repetition of "blessed are..." (a better translation of the Greek *makarioi* than "happy are...") provides multiple links with Israel's collection of sacred songs, the Psalms. For Israel's lyricists, God's favour or blessing is on those whose hope is in God, on those whose delight is in God's way, on those who take refuge in God, on the guileless in spirit, and on those whom God forgives. The content of the beatitudes echoes the voice of Israel's prophets, especially Isaiah 61. God's spirit is upon Jesus. He brings the good news of God's present and future favour or blessing to the destitute and to those who mourn. The distinguishing mark of God's favoured ones is right relationship.

God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the *basileia* or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth for a heritage; the joy of being mercied; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven". If heaven is only a place to be enjoyed in the afterlife, it is little consolation for the desperately poor or for those who are persecuted or misrepresented to know that "the empire of the heavens is theirs" or that their "reward is great in heaven". Heaven is better understood as a way of talking about God or God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents. Maybe the most urgent invitation in our present context is to mourn strategically the displacement of so many of earth's inhabitants who long for the blessing of God's kin-dom in the form of comfort and mercy and the opportunity to share the fruits of the Earth.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Julian Costa, Ethan Dep and Eli Argiro whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Dear Parishioners (New/Old)

If there is anyone out there willing to be on the music roster, we would love to hear from you, ASAP.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 and let us know. It would mean a commitment once a month.

Thank you, *Marion Guthrie*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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At 9am mass on Sunday's during the school term, children will be able to access children's liturgy lessons to

learn about the bible story at their own level. If you are able to provide assistance or volunteer for this program, please contact Loretta on 0408231026 or email:

speechbubbleonline@hotmail.com

Sacred Heart Parish

Mission

WITH

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

Sunday March 12th 2017

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Friday March 17th 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

RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

All information is available from the Parish Office
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
and enrolment of children Wednesday 22nd February
at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 9.30am. All welcome.

RCIA TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 4pm at the Parish Office.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 7pm at the KSC clubrooms. All welcome.



FRANCISCO – THE MAN BEHIND THE POPE

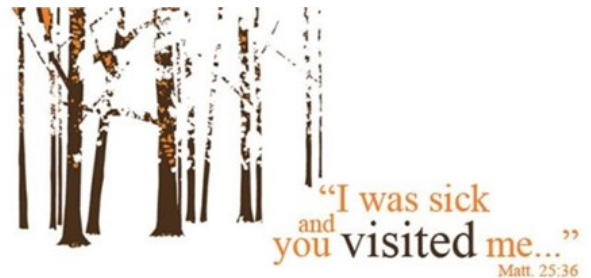
**Deakin Cinema February
15th at 6:30pm**

This event has now been confirmed for one night only. If you have reserved your tickets at

the Parish Office please call in to pay for and collect your ticket @ \$21.65 each. If you missed out on reserving your ticket you can still purchase your tickets online: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/1407> so notify family and friends and make a night of it.

HOSPITAL VISITATION WITH COMMUNION

We have three people who have volunteered to take Communion to the Hospital on a Sunday morning after the 9:00am Mass. Three or four more would make this a very achievable ministry for a Team of parishioners. Two people visiting each Sunday would ensure a commitment of only about half an hour once a month by each member of the Team, as we would normally only take Communion to Wards 2, 3 & 4. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you would like to assist us in this special ministry.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

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| 1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) | \$1126.20 |
| 2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT) | \$1772.60 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 532.60 |

BREAD AND CIRCUSES IN MODERN AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA

Article from Eureka Street, Julie Davies

I have witnessed what motivated vast numbers of working-class Americans to vote for Trump. I agree with the view that it wasn't so much hatred of minority groups — although that is how it's been manifesting — as anger at their own deteriorating living standards and hope that an 'outsider' can fix the situation.

My husband and I took a six-week road trip around western USA the year after the start of the Global Financial Crisis. I set 'shortest route' on the GPS to intentionally avoid the faster freeways and travel off the tourist track. What we saw in small-town and middle America horrified us. Not just the odd person sleeping in their 25-year-old cars but whole families camped along the smaller roads.

Vast trailer parks, not at all like Australia's lovely caravan parks, squat on the outskirts of any sizeable town. Row upon row of shabby demountables are set on weedy gravel only a metre or two apart. No gardens, no playgrounds, no privacy; just a pall of palpable hopelessness hanging in the dusty air. Crumbling roads and houses also demonstrated that widespread poverty was not a recent phenomenon. The GFC had simply accelerated the process.

In lower-middle class areas, whole streets of deserted and already dilapidated new homes bore silent witness to dodgy developers and repossession by the very banks that had caused the crash. It was heartbreaking to see starving, abandoned pets roaming their old neighbourhoods, furry avatars for their desperate and departed owners.

I spoke to service workers on 12-hour shifts after observing one waiter eat several bowls of the free popcorn in the bar after his shift ended at midnight, because meals were not included. He couldn't afford to buy dinner on the then minimum wage for tipped workers of \$2 an hour. The new federal award is still only \$7.25, *after* taking tips into account.

Workers have no chance of ever buying a home, educating themselves, or even eating well. There is no way up for working-class Americans, and the middle class is sliding down to meet them. The claim in the Declaration of Independence that 'all men are created equal' is a farce for most Americans. It's easy to see how anyone seen as non-establishment, however erroneously, can feed their anger.

Something similar is happening in Australia. Our own workers and large sections of the middle class are now struggling and falling ever further behind, as the gap between the well-off and the other 80 per cent continually widens. I can foresee a time when an Australian Prime Minister will make Donald Trump look like a 'sensitive new age guy'.

My husband and I are baby boomers, so we own our own home and I benefited from a decent education. This is fast becoming a dream for the generations after us; a fantasy for the millennials who face a casualised work future and high-priced vocational or tertiary education. There will soon be no way up for working-class Australians either.

I fear for my own future as a new senior. After working full-time for 40 years and with my husband recently retired after 50, the future looks bleak for us within a very short period, despite a lifetime of paying taxes and modest living.

Neither of us drinks, smokes or gambles, but we've been forced to supplement my labourer husband's income from our now vanished savings since I retired early for health reasons seven years ago. New Disability Pension rules ensured only 15 per cent of applications succeeded in 2015-16 and I'm not eligible. I also cannot get an age pension for another seven years, at 67.

My husband's half-couple pension covers only our non-discretionary expenses of rates, insurances and car registration. Food, clothing, fuel, medical expenses, utilities, car and house maintenance all come from our small superannuation nest eggs. These will obviously not last long, even after giving up our health insurance just when we're beginning to need it. And we're the lucky Boomers. How will future generations fare in their old age without the good start we had in life? They must be much more afraid than I am.

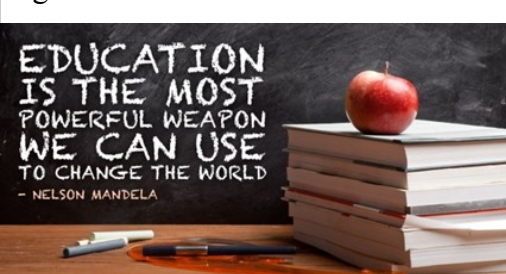
So I can understand the Trump phenomenon. Hard-working Americans and many Australians are blaming various minorities as responsible for their decline over the last two decades. They are deliberately being blinded to the real culprits: our own governments and their wealthy business backers. Juvenal's 'bread and circuses', designed to keep the people docile and distracted in Ancient Rome, have simply been updated to Maccas and manufactured news. And hatred.

Are we really so easily manipulated? Is the American model the future Australia wants for itself?

Julie Davies is a rural Central Queensland writer, originally from New Zealand. She became an accidental migrant after falling in love with Australia while on holiday in 1978. Julie has had a chequered career, ranging from farm labourer to environmental scientist and political minder to human rights advocate.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

This week the Staff of our schools begin preparing for the year ahead. We pray for all those committed to the teaching and formation of our children and youth, and we ask



God's blessing upon our families as they prepare to send children back to school next week.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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

28th & 29th January 2017

4th & 5th February

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13
Resp Psalm: Ps 145: 7-10
Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

First Reading: Isa 58:7-10
Resp Psalm: Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4
Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5
Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

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| SATURDAY | | | SUNDAY | | |
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| 6PM | 9AM | 5PM | 6PM | 9AM | 5PM |
| 6 Ministers required | 7 Ministers required | 6 Ministers required | 6 Ministers required | 7 Ministers required | 6 Ministers required |
| Morris Henderson | Minda Wright | Naomi Kennedy | Katy Quinlan | Sonia Opie | Joyce Ribarits |
| Anita Naray | Rose Op’t Hoog | Mario Zema | Margaret Sheahan | Phillip Opie | Clem Carlucci |
| Maria Cirillo | Rini Op’t Hoog | Josie Zema | Irene Morello | Catherine McErvale | Vittorio Carlucci |
| Christine Carmichael | Cora Howell | Trish Cirillo | Anne-Maree Greville | Elvira Mazza | Jacinta Macri |
| Ellen Frauenfelder | Narie Lewis | Jeena Jose | Taiana Fatai | Jill Joslyn | Petelo Mafi |
| Jacinda Deacon | Renata Byra | Volunteer | Margaret McDonald | Lisa Cirillo | Volunteer Please |
| | Kapeli Mapapalangi | | | Katalina Mafi | |

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| M Guthrie | M Sullivan | NO MUSIC | M Guthrie | Italian Choir | Youth Group |
| All Welcome | B Prescott / B Lewis | | | | K Mafi |
| | J O’Bryan | | | | |

ALTAR SERVERS

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

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| Mary Jackson | Kevin Schultz | Tony Finn | Irene Morello | Talia Faingaanuku | Bill Dolence |
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COUNTING TEAM 6

COUNTING TEAM 7

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| JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939 | HELEN KAY 0429 135 053 |
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IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

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| READER | EUCHARIST MINISTER | READER | EUCHARIST MINISTER |
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| W Schmidt | M Jensen | D Knight | W Schmidt |