



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

First Sunday of Advent / Year C - 28th & 29th November 2015

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 Wed, Thurs, 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

Rosary: Monday 5:00pm

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

Scripture Reading: Thurs 10:30 am - 20 Beasy Court

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues 7:30pm in Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: held 1st Friday of each month in the Church from 12—5:00pm

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Hilda Brozyna, Gregorio Schinella

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Giovanni Frazzica

Sunday 5pm: Frank Cirillo, Vincenzo & Carmel Cirillo, Alessandro & Caterina Piscioneri, Cosimo & Pasqualina Dichiera, Annuziata De Maria, Giuseppi Ficarra, George Ribarits

Tuesday 7pm: 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. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Justin Woodford, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel passage, with its vivid description of the end-time signs, may seem a strange choice of reading for Advent and the beginning of the Church year. It is only strange if we take the descriptions literally and focus on the old rather than the new that is forever breaking into the world. The image of Jesus coming on the clouds belongs within an ancient understanding of the structure of the world in which God and God's heavenly court is located in the heavens above. It might function in our times as a reminder that the Incarnation, "of God's becoming material" (Karl Rahner), is an ongoing cosmic event.



The Advent and Christmas periods are about the coming "in power and great glory" of the One who brings the liberation of our God. The earliest Christians believed that Jesus would return in their own times and bring everything to completion. Some decades after the death of Jesus, the members of Luke's community had come to realize that this second coming of Christ was not just around the corner as they had expected. They then needed to be reminded that a delayed return was no excuse for lack of vigilance. Luke warns against activities and attitudes that de-sensitize the heart or the human spirit: carousing, drunkenness and undue worry.

Suffering is part of life and God's advent or coming in the lives of the suffering takes myriad forms. From Luke's perspective, the sufferings of the present may well be the prelude to a new experience of the presence of God in the world. An attentive heart and constant prayer for the strength to withstand whatever comes-this is the proper stance for the Christian believer.

This gospel passage is best read against the backdrop of today's first reading from Jeremiah that looks to the fulfillment of God's promise of the "virtuous branch for David". The organic metaphor of the branch reminds us of the interconnectedness of God's people and of all being across the ages. The virtue of the expected descendant of David finds expression in honesty and integrity, literally "justice and righteousness/right relationship".

Justice in the Hebrew tradition is about redress in the law courts for the most vulnerable. Righteousness is about right relationships as well as the equitable sharing and proper use of Earth's resources. Justice and righteousness are two sides of the one coin. Where they are absent, there is no liberation.

Our prayer and practical action this Advent might embrace the concerns of those who yearn for liberation from various forms of oppression, including those seeking asylum among us and those who have sought asylum yet still await resettlement. Our Advent could make a difference to their Christmas.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Benjamin Knispel & Elvira Capogreco and Gerard Cleary & Frances Cotching who were married this weekend.



RCIA— The Season of Advent

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd December, 7pm in the Hillman Room.



DISMISSAL

Sunday 6th December, 9am—
Ross Tongue

FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

In a recent meeting of the Sacramental Team it was decided that we would celebrate **First Eucharist in Grade 4 and Confirmation in either Grade 5 or 6** (yet to be decided). This decision is based upon our desire to make the reception of these Sacraments more pastorally effective. The outline of the Eucharist Program for 2016 will be available in the very near future; however, it would be good for parents to know in advance that they will be expected to attend Faith Formation Evenings in the first week of **March 2016**.

Fr. Michael



ADVANCE NOTICE:

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 16th of December 7pm
Sacred Heart Church.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1400.00
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3401.00
Loose Plate	\$ 612.80

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 1st December, 9am at the Parish Office.

REGIS TENTH NURSING HOME MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 1st December at 2pm. All welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st December, 4.30pm, in the Hillman Room.

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 3rd December at 9.30am. All welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Passionist Family Groups Christmas breakup will be held at Woodies for lunch on Sunday 6th December at 11.30am. Please let Jean 50237561 know your intentions for booking purposes. We will also have a Kris Kringle valued to \$10. All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY :

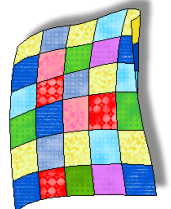
The St Vincent de Paul Society will appreciate toys being left at the Giving Tree at the back of the Church for children up to 12 years to the value of \$10.00. Sunday 6 December will be the final date for this appeal. Many thanks.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TO SUPPORT—

THE 'SHARED TABLE PROJECT'-PERU

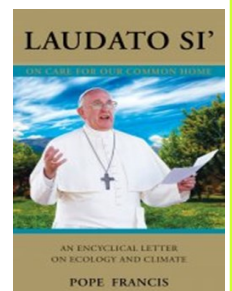
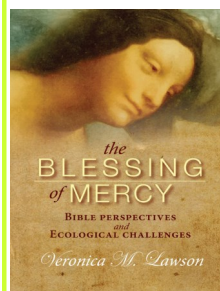
What a wonderful start to our Christmas Raffle. We sold 475 tickets last weekend! Thank you! Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend for \$1 (one) dollar each.



Marion Guthrie

COPIES FOR SALE

The Parish Office has for sale copies of Sr Veronica Lawson's book—'The Blessing of Mercy—Bible Perspectives and Ecological Challenges' at \$12.00 each and Pope Francis—'Laudato Si' - on Care for our Common Home. An encyclical letter on Ecology and Climate for \$14 each.



ADVENT BOOKS

If you ordered an Advent book—Beloved, please collect your copy from the Parish Office. Should you wish to purchase a copy, spares are available at \$3.00 each.



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November 20, 2015

Dear Friends,

In the coming weeks, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will be continuing the public hearing begun in May in regard to child abuse in the diocese of Ballarat.

This will again be a difficult time for all involved but particularly difficult for the survivors of abuse and the members of their families who have shared their suffering. It will be a trying time for people throughout our region. In various ways, the crimes of abuse have affected our whole community.

I am deeply conscious of the pain that has been caused as a result of sexual abuse by Catholic Church personnel. To the victims, whose lives have been affected so terribly by the abuse, I renew my heartfelt apology. I also apologise to their families and all those who have shared in their suffering.

I encourage anyone with a complaint of abuse to report it to the authorities. If the complaint is of a criminal nature, it needs to be reported to the Victorian Police through your local police station or on 1800 333 000. You may also wish to contact the Royal Commission Support Line on 1800 099 340.

Anyone feeling in need of personal support could contact Relationships Australia. This is a counselling service that provides free support for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse and others who engage in or are affected by the Royal Commission hearings. The phone number for Relationships Australia is 1800 052 674.

I would like to assure people that our diocese has in place policies, procedures and training in the area of child protection for all Catholic Church personnel. We will continue to work to ensure that everyone, especially the young and vulnerable, is safe and well cared for within the Church and our schools and that those who have been hurt through sexual abuse are supported.

I pray that this next stage of the Royal Commission's hearings will be fruitful in shedding light on what has happened in the past, in providing help for those who have suffered as a result of the abuse and in assuring safety for children now and for the future.

God bless you all.

Paul Bird CSSR

Bishop of Ballarat

HEALING PRAYER

Loving God, we pray for those who have suffered the injustice, humiliation and pain of abuse within our Churches and communities across Australia.

In your mercy, create opportunities for these men,

women and children to share their pain, reveal their struggles and expose the hurtful actions of others.

We pray for wisdom and guidance in order to deal with the realities of what has happened in the past.

We pray for healing for those who have been abused. We pray for sensitivity and wisdom for all who minister to victims and survivors of abuse.

We pray that into the future children everywhere will be protected from all forms of violence.

We pray that the Church responds with love and action in order to heal injustices.

May your Spirit draw us together and strengthen us with the truth of the Gospel through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

On Thursday the College celebrated our year end mass. This mass was attended by over 1000 students & parents & friends. At the mass, the College reflected on the past year and celebrated all our achievements and remembered all the difficulties encountered by the St. Joseph's community and the many sad events in the world. We thanked God for his guidance. A special part of the mass is the farewell to the year 12 students. The Year 12's then had their graduation on Thursday evening. The St. Joseph's College community would like to thank the year 12 students for their wonderful contribution to the College over the last six years and wish them every success in the future. This week has also been very busy with Year 11 students completing their exams and getting a "Headstart" to their year 12 subjects. Year 9 & 10 students are completing their exams over the next two weeks.

Finally I would like to invite all Sacred Heart members to the **Carols on Cleadon** (St. Joseph's back oval facing 11th street) on Wednesday, 2nd December from 7:30pm to approximately 9:30pm. Students will sing Christmas Carols. You will be able to purchase food, drinks, glow sticks and candles. All money raised will go to Mercy Missions. There may even be a special visitor or two. Please come along with a chair and rug to enjoy the wonderful carols.

Philip Opie, Religious Education Domain Leader

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: *Anthony Banks* 5018 8000

28th & 29th November

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16
Resp Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10. 14. R. v. 1
Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Second Reading: Thess 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6PM

9AM

5PM

6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

6 Ministers required

Ellen Frauenfelder

Johanna Bagacay

Anthony Banks

Maria Cirillo

Rose Op't Hoog

Paula Cox

Anne-Maree Greville

Rini Op't Hoog

Jennifer Boord

Anthony Henderson

Cora Howell

Reni Cheriyan

Christine Carmichael

Narie Lewis

Wendy Finn

Volunteer please

Renata Byra

Tony Finn

Sonia Opie

MUSIC

Youth Group

Sacred Heart Group

M Guthrie

Leader

Leader

J Ljubic

K Mafi

M Fainga'anuku

J Macri

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Catherine &

Paul McErvale

READERS

Mary Jackson

Kevin Schultz

Bernadette Chaplin

COUNTING TEAM 5

JIM FARRELLY 5021 5646

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

Pat Riordan

Denise Knight

5th & 6th December, 2015

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9
Resp Psalm: Ps 125. R. v. 3
Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

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5PM

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Margaret McDonald

Phillip Opie

Melanie Ransome

Anita Naray

Catherine McErvale

Bill Dolence

Leo Kearney

Elvira Mazza

Jacqui Willis

Margaret Sheahan

Jill Joslyn

Barbara Bunting

Linda Henderson

Lisa Cirillo

Sasha Banks

Irene Morello

Katalina Mafi

Katrina Groves

Aloisia Mafi

MUSIC

Singing Group

Tongan visiting choir

Tongan visiting choir

M Sullivan

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

Please volunteer

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Colin & Lyn Welsh

Laura Fisher

READERS

Irene Morello

Sheryl Pettinau

Sue Hermans

COUNTING TEAM 6

JIM O'DONNELL

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

Marty Smith

Wendy Smith