



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo

Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier  
Elms Street, Irymple

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -  
29th October 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.

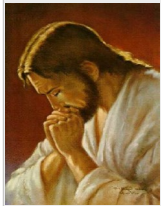
Tues: 6:00 pm

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:** Margaret McKinnon (Fr John's sister), Harrison Camilleri, Leo Monteleone, Ron Jackson (Merbein)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Saturday 6pm:** Dos Quinlan

**Sunday 9am:** Clemente Pascale

**Sunday 5pm:** Josephine & David Porter, Benito Gianni Carlucci (Italy), Giuseppe Piscioneri, Vincenzo & Teresa Piscioneri, Domenico & Rosa Scali, Clemente Pascale

**Tuesday 6pm:** Joseph 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.*

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Until fairly recently, the Jewishness of Jesus was often downplayed, even ignored. Today's gospel passage has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the *Shema* (so called from the first word in the statement meaning "hear"). The words of the *Shema* are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the *Shema* is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that continues to function like an overture to Jewish life and practice. The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a *mezuzah*. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the *Shema*. Those who enter touch the *mezuzah* with the greatest reverence. When I first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of the symbol to link one with the deep story of a people, in this case with that of the Jewish people.

In Matthew's story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less than honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and evokes the text of the *Shema*. Jesus thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the *Shema* on wholehearted love of God with a second commandment taken from Leviticus 19: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". The lawyer's unfair "testing" of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.

For Jesus, the whole of the Torah and the teaching of the prophets can be summed up in the commandments to love God with all one's being-heart, soul, and mind, and to love one's neighbour as oneself. Not just love, but *intensity of love* is the issue here. We see such intensity of love in the lives of people like Dr Catherine Hamlin and the late Dr Reg Hamlin whose fistula hospital in Addis Ababa has, since 1959, restored health and dignity to the most marginalised of women. I see it in the heroism of my own friends who pour out their lives for the sake of those in communities remote from the centres of power. The witness of their commitment functions like the *mezuzah* in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love. It also helps us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others.

Veronica Lawson rsm

Jesus said,  
You must  
**LOVE**  
the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.

You must love  
your neighbour  
as yourself.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



### Period of Enquiry Why I Became a Catholic

Will be held on Thursday November 2nd, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

### ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Wednesday 1st November 9.15am, Sacred Heart Church

### MASSES FOR ALL SOULS

Wednesday 1st November 6pm

Nichols Point Cemetery (preceded by the Rosary in Italian).

Special Mass of Remembrance for deceased Sisters of Mercy to commemorate 160 years since sisters of Mercy came to Victoria.

Thursday 2nd November

9.15am Sacred Heart Church including Anointing.  
5.30pm Murray Pines Cemetery (preceded by the Rosary in Italian).

Cari amici Italiani come sapete la messa di Novembre e la messa per i nostri cari defunti al cimitero una bella messa e primo la messa che il Rosario per Italiano tutti benvenuti.



**REMEMBRANCE MASS** for all deceased family members will be held on Sunday 5th November 9.00am Mass. Cuppa after Mass.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Children's Retreat this Sunday following 9am Mass. The Sacrament will be celebrated on the following weekends:  
11th & 12th November  
18th & 19th November

### PRAYING THE ROSARY

Every Friday commencing 3rd November until Friday 15th December, the Tongan Community will be saying the Rosary in the Monaghan Centre



## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1513.60
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3633.30
Loose Plate	\$ 731.20

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 2nd November at 9.15am. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

The next gathering of the Sacred Heart Ladies Social Group will be a luncheon at Varapodio Estate on Friday 3rd November at 12noon. If you are interested in attending please contact Aileen Curran on 5021 5939.

This will be the last get together until Tuesday 13th February 2018.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Those who have joined our parish, please make yourselves known to our Parish Welcomers.

### FOR SALE

310 litre Hot Water Service just on 12 months old, in reasonable condition \$500 or make an offer. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 for further information.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2018

Are now available at the St Vincent de Paul kiosk for at the back of the church—\$9.00 each.

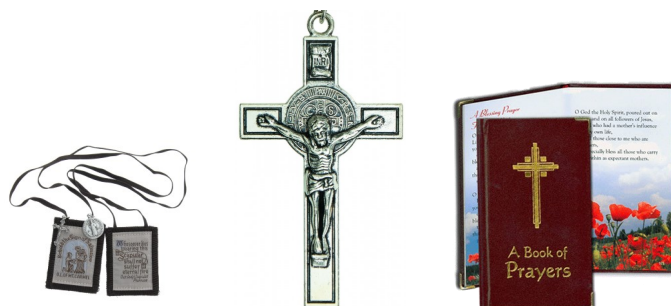
### ITEMS FOR THE SHARED TABLE STALL

If you have any items to donate towards the Shared Table stall please either leave them in the box provided in the back of the church back or items can be left at the Parish Office.

**The next Shared Table stall will be held after the 9am Mass on Sunday 12 November.**

### GIFT OF DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

We have had a request from Nigeria to send any devotional items such as rosaries, medals, scapulars, crucifixes, prayer books or any other religious materials. If you have any items you would like to donate please leave them in the parish office this week. Many thanks.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of November we will hold a Regional Gathering at Red Cliffs which will also include the Parish of Ouyen which is now a part of our Ministry District. This Gathering will discuss plans and opportunities for 2018.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES

**ONLY A FEW DAYS TO GO!**

*To get your tickets for the documentary*

### 'A Plastic Ocean'

*This documentary will be screening this week on Thursday night, 2nd November 2017 from 6.30pm at the Cinema Deakin Complex Deakin Ave, Mildura*

*Tickets are available online at:-  
<https://tickets.demand.film/event//2215>*

*If you need help to procure your tickets, ring Bill or Jude Dolence at 5023 1114*



## SACRED HEART CONFERENCE— SVDP

Paul McCarthy, the St Vincent de Paul State Co-ordinator for the "Assist a Student Program" has asked us to see if any of you would like to support the program. The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our north, from India to Fiji, get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. It costs \$70.00 to assist one student for one year. Pamphlets and sponsorship slips are available at the Church doors. Any queries to Patricia Fitzgibbon 5021 5486. Many thanks from all the members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society.

## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Last Friday well known speaker Andrew Fuller conducted an excellent professional learning day on ways that students learn. Andrew is a wonderful speaker and he presented many changes for teachers. Andrew believes that each teacher and student need to have a resilient mindset. On Tuesday Year 12 students had their last official day of classes, although students are able to continue to attend the College each day to consult with teachers and complete practice exams. We ask the Sacred Heart Parish community to pray for each of our wonderful students. The first exam, English is November 1.

Each year students from St. Joseph's College purchase gifts that are given to St Vinnies to distribute to needy local families in Sunraysia. For this project, Religious Education classes go to local shopping centres, buy gifts individually or as part of a group, and then these gifts are assembled in the library. The gifts are taken to St Vinnies when the Christmas gifts are being prepared by the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution. In recent years, the College has been able to provide gifts for over 100 families annually. As we would be aware, the demands for this generosity are growing yearly. Families who receive gifts are known to the St Vinnies staff who ensure that all gifts go to genuine and deserving families. Students take great pride in their gifts purchases and know they are making a real difference to the experience of Christmas for many families. We encourage people in the Sacred Parish to also assist St. Vincent de Paul.

**Philip Opie**  
Religious Education Domain Leader

## 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL

### A POPE WHO IS NOT AFRAID OF OPEN DISCUSSION AND EVEN DISSENT IN THE CHURCH

Pope Francis is an unusual Pope who is bringing real change to the church by encouraging open discussion and refusing to silence dissent. In fact, he has said, "Open and fraternal debate makes theological and pastoral thought grow.... That doesn't frighten me. What's more, I look for it." Many people would like to see him clarify matters and crackdown on dissent but Francis is patient and wants people to speak their minds because he believes in a synodal church. He trusts that the Holy Spirit will guide us in the right direction.

Pope Francis talking to the Bishops before the first session of the Synod on the Family told them, "You need to say all that you feel with parrhesia" [boldly, candidly and without fear]. "And at the same time, you should listen with humility and accept with an open heart what your brothers say." Parrhesia or speaking boldly, listening humbly and always with an open trusting heart is Francis' prescription for synodality and discernment. It is also collegial consensus building. Francis is not in a hurry. For him initiating processes is more important than forcing or arriving at quick decisions. Here in Australia we are about to begin in earnest our process of preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council where we will discuss and discern the future of our church in Australia. Archbishop Coleridge, the President of the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, has assured us that everything is on the table and everyone is invited to be involved. At the beginning of the Synod the Pope invited the bishops to speak up even if they thought he might not want to hear what they had to say. We are invited to speak boldly even if it may seem to be something the Bishops and priests might not want to hear. In fact, Vatican II in *Lumen Gentium* #37 tells us, we are "permitted and sometimes even obliged to express their opinion on those things which concern the good of the Church." Pope Francis believes in the *sensus fidelium* or the sense of the faithful as an important part of the teaching authority of the church.

This is a new approach to what it means to be church. Lay people have not always been encouraged to speak up and we clergy have not always appreciated our responsibility to invite the "sensus fidelium" and to listen humbly. We all have much to learn and it may be a little messy and hurtful in the process. Consulting, speaking up, listening, discerning are all skills and they take practice to master. I imagine that the first time we speak boldly it may be clumsy and/or angry. It will probably be even more difficult for us to listen humbly, neither pointing a finger at, nor judging others but with open kind hearts trying to appreciate what the Spirit is saying through each of us.

It will require of us virtues like charity, open-mindedness, trust and patience. Charity to be kind, respect and listen to one another. Open-mindedness because "we cannot dialogue with people if we already know all the answers to their problems". And above all trusting and patient because as Pope Francis has shown us, we need not be afraid of open and fraternal debate because that is how we will find what the Spirit wants. Most important things take time to emerge but if we give ourselves boldly, humbly and trustingly to the process, it will bear fruit at the right time. There may not be remarkable decisions but if we become a more synodal, consultative and participatory church, it will be worth it.

*Fr Noel Connolly SSC is a lecturer in Missiology at both the Broken Bay Institute and the Catholic Institute of Sydney.*

*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

28th & 29th October 2017

4th & 5th November 2017

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Ex 22:20-26**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2**  
**Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:5-10**  
**Gospel: Mt 22:34-40**

**First Reading: Mal 1:14-2: 2, 8-10**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 130**  
**Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13**  
**Gospel: Mt 23:1-12**

**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			Nancy Leonardis			Reni Cheriyan			Anne-Maree Greville			Susan Lewis		
Christine Carmichael			Elena Garreffa			Wendy Finn			Taiana Fatai			Minda Wright		
Ellen Frauenfelder			Maryanne Modica			Tony Finn			Margaret McDonald			Rose Op’t Hoog		
Jacinda Deacon			Lyn Welsh			Melanie Ransome			Trish McNamara			Rini Op’t Hoog		
Katy Quinlan			Loretta Thompson			Bill Dolence			Morris Henderson			Cora Howell		
Katelin Anesbury			Giuseppe Scopacasa			Jacqui Willis			Anita Naray			Narie lewis		
			Maria Scopacasa									Renata Byra		

**MUSIC**

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M Guthrie			Singing Group			NO MUSIC			M Guthrie			Italian Choir		
All Welcome			M Sullivan						All Welcome			N Armsden		
												J Ljubic		

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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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		
			J Morvell						Baptism			Bereavement		
			L Fisher									Team		

**READERS**

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Mary Jackson			Maureen Speed			Barb Kelly			Anita Naray			Narie Lewis		
												Barbara Bunting		

**COUNTING TEAM 5**

**COUNTING TEAM 6**

**JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759**      **JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

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READER		EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER		EUCHARIST MINISTER	
P Riordan		P Riordan		M Smith		M Jensen	