



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
29th & 30th July 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: Mary Gadanec, Denis Hunt, Maria Carmela Dichiera Giuseppe (Joe) Martino

ANNIVERSARIES: Gino, Rosa & Nicola (Nick) Squillace, Agata Zema

Saturday 6pm: Rosina Pellegrino

Sunday 9am: Shane Doherty, Betty & Gordon Menhennitt

(Only members immediate to arrange Masses.)

of the deceased's family are permitted anniversary



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.

Sr Rosemary Graham, Brian Gibson (Hobart), Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel passage begins and ends with reference to treasure. It invites us to pause and name what constitutes the real "treasure" in our lives, to know our own hearts. What do we really want? Many of our contemporaries are asking that question in relation to a consumerist life-style that appropriates far more than our share of the world's resources and leaves little time or energy for considering either the plight of our endangered planet or the needs and aspirations of those on the edge. There is a new realisation that standard of living and quality of life are far from synonymous.



Several years ago, I had the good fortune to meet Kamran Mofid, an Iranian-born economist who holds dual British and Canadian citizenship. For two decades, Mofid had espoused and taught his students an "economy first" approach to life. Then, in a "search for life's bigger picture", he took up studies in pastoral theology and subsequently founded *Globalization for the Common Good*, an Oxford-based organisation dedicated to a global economics for the good of all rather than the benefit of the few. Mofid and his team believe that "the rich heritages of the world's religions" are a key resource for the promotion of global peace, justice, and the well-being of all earth's creatures. They invest their energies and resources in establishing dialogue at multiple levels, celebrating religious diversity, and seeking ways to overcome ideological divisions. They seek in these ways "to harness the wealth of the world's diverse spiritual and ethical traditions to create a sense of common purpose that can enable us to build social and economic policies that are truly humane and life-enhancing." Mofid turned his whole life around at considerable personal sacrifice for the sake of a "treasure" previously hidden to his consciousness. With like-minded people of diverse faiths, he now pursues a path that is named in Matthew's gospel as the reign or empire of the heavens.

Like Matthew's community, we need to be "scribes" trained for or educated in the ways of God. We need to bring out of the treasury of our traditions "what is new and what is old", wisely discerning what to keep and what to relinquish. Parables help to subvert our presuppositions, our ways of looking at the world. They disturb our complacency if we allow them to do so. The parables of the buried treasure and the pearl of great price remind us that gospel discipleship demands an all-embracing investment of heart and spirit. We don't have to re-invent the wheel. We simply need to search our hearts to know where our treasure lies and join with others like Kamran Mofid who show us how we might claim it for the common good of the entire Earth community.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

Parents of children in Grade 5 who celebrated First Eucharist last year are reminded that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on the weekends of the **11th & 12th November and the 18th & 19th of November.**



The Parent Information Evening will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 18th of October 7:00pm – 8:00pm.** Parents **must** attend this evening to enrol their children in the Program. More information is available at the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1276.15
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2038.70
Loose Plate	\$ 646.70

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

On the third weekend of our Stewardship Program we focus on our involvement in our parish. We are called to join the groups/ministries/activities that suit our talents. We welcome our speakers this weekend that will speak to us about their own experience in the parish and encourage us to participate in the life of the parish.

All parishioners are reminded of our parish Information Meeting coming up in Mildura, on Tuesday 1st August at 7pm in the Holland Room— SJC Mercy Campus.

Our Information Meeting is an important evening and parishioners are invited to be a part in planning the future of the parish. You will hear about our achievements and plans and enjoy a cuppa together. If you have not already done so, please complete the RSVP cards available at Mass today.

PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.

Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.

In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.

By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.

By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.

Lord, help us always to worship

you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service

And to give without counting the cost.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Fr. Michael McKinnon



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

ST MARY MACKILLOP MEETING

Will be held in the KSC Clubrooms on Monday 31st July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

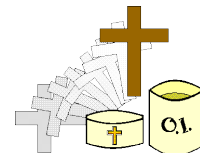
Will be held on Tuesday 1st August, 9am Parish Office.

REGIS TENTH ST—AGED CARE MASS

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

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 3rd August 9.15am. All welcome.



ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

Will be celebrated on Saturday 5th August at 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by procession to the Sacred Heart Hall. There will be a free BBQ & Pasta meal and entertainment.



Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and Knights of the Southern Cross. All parishioners are most welcome.

MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - CELEBRATION 2017

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 13th August. Holy Mass at 9am.

Free food and soft drinks will be provided after the mass.

All welcome.

Organised by the Kerala Community



Day of Prayer and Penance

In response to a request from Pope Francis, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has set aside Sunday September 10th 2017, Child Protection Sunday, as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

REAL CARE, LOVE AND COMPASSION: THE ALTERNATIVE TO EUTHANASIA

In the light of the proposed legislation of euthanasia and assisted suicide, there are two short publications available at the entrances to the Church. A booklet entitled: **When Life is ending**. A leaflet entitled: **Real care, love and compassion: an alternative to euthanasia**.

More information is available from the Archdiocese of Melbourne website:

<http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Culture-of-Life/Euthanasia>



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

MONEY COUNTERS

It has been brought to our attention that if one cannot come to a counting evening, please find your own replacement, that way the COUNTING TEAM will not be short of helpers.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

Available now at each church entrance. Don't forget to get a copy. Great reading.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

With Guest speakers:

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.



ASYLUM-SEEKERS DESERVE BETTER

Bishop Terence Brady (ACBC)

Australia needs to ensure safety of those seeking asylum in our region says Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Terence Brady, the *ACBC Media Blog* reports.

In a media statement released yesterday, the Chairman of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life said asylum-seekers who remained in “offshore processing in Papua New Guinea and Nauru, attempting to come to Australia for safety and a better life, deserve better.”

Bishop Brady referred to the statement made by Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who said on Monday that “Australia’s policy of offshore processing in Papua New Guinea and Nauru ... has caused extensive, avoidable suffering for far too long”.

“People seeking asylum are often vulnerable members of our global community,” Bishop Brady said. “It is imperative that they are treated humanely with options for settlement in safe countries and where no one is sent to a country or place where they may face further persecution.

“Australia, if it is to be committed to its international obligations, must work with countries in the region and non-government organisations to ensure the safety of those seeking asylum in our region.

“While it is important to prevent the loss of life at sea, it is equally important to provide adequate care for those in offshore detention. Australia needs to take responsibility for those in offshore detention and provide them adequate amenities, and provide quick resettlement options.”

“I urge the Australian government, to assist in the quick resettlement of those in Papua New Guinea and Nauru, provide options for families to reunite, and to endorse programs that both protect lives at sea and in its care.”

FAMILY MATTERS: STRENGTHENING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

MILDURA Saturday 26TH August at St Joseph’s College

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ providing the opening address, followed by a number of workshops. The recent Ballarat event was an excellent opportunity to learn, connect and reflect. **The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat in conjunction with Centacare.**

Workshops/seminars to choose from include:

- Family violence
- Having the suicide conversation
- Building trust/listening
- Enriching family relationships
- Keeping children the focus in blended families
- Tuning into Kids

The event will be suitable for all staff/families and also provides very positive links to Catholic social teaching. More information:

social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au



YOUTH & YOUNG PEOPLE

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to ‘book in’ your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda

youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages.

YOUTH SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BALLARAT FOUNDATION

In June the foundation held its 31st Annual General Meeting, so it is timely to remind parishioners of the purpose of the Foundation and to update the diocese on the activities of the Foundation. Grant information and application forms are available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

SACRED HEART PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT

Fr Rojan George VC

Director Vincentian Retreat Centre Melbourne

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd August 2017

From 6.30pm to 9pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise
Jer 17:14*

