



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**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C -
29th & 30th October 2016**

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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues 7:30pm in Church

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Giuseppe Piscioneri, Domenico & Rosa Scali, Vincenzo & Teresa Piscioneri

Sunday 9am: Mick Hogan, Catherine McKechnie

Sunday 5pm: Clemente Pascale, Pasquale & Giuseppina Di Giammichele, Liliana Vanni, Josephine Porter

(Only members of the deceased's immediate family are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)

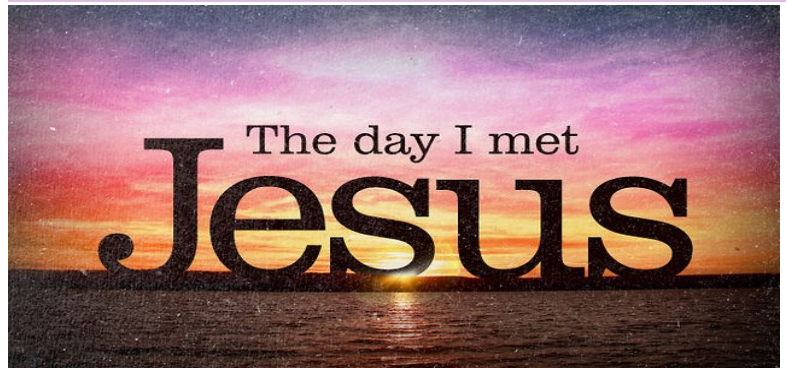


PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

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, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio,

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Last week's gospel story featured an unnamed toll collector, someone who found devious ways to make a living, yet faced his shortcomings and came before God in openness and humility. This week's gospel features Zaccheus of Jericho who, like the toll collector of the parable, is willing to admit his failings and is unafraid to demonstrate his faith in a very public way. Zaccheus is a chief tax collector, possibly responsible for overseeing the activities of other tax collectors. Whether or not this is the case, he is a wealthy man. Zaccheus is short of stature, we are told, but fairly enterprising in facing the dilemma that this poses. His stature is not an impediment to tree-climbing in a good cause: he wants to see what Jesus is like and he lets nothing get in the way. He runs ahead and climbs the tree. Jesus looks up and tells him to come down quickly, "for I must stay at your house today." The house of a public "sinner" is Jesus' personal choice of accommodation.

There are echoes in this story of Mary's haste to visit her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, and of the joy these women share in Mary's pregnancy. Jesus invites himself to the home of Zaccheus who provides hospitality "joyfully". Hospitality, joy, haste to respond to divine visitation: these are constant themes in Luke.

In any human group there are the critics. This time everyone who sees what is happening has something to say. They complain that Jesus chooses to stay with a sinner. The critics no doubt consider themselves more worthy hosts for God's prophet than Zaccheus. They have little love in their hearts. Their criticism of Zaccheus echoes that of Simon the Pharisee when Jesus allows himself to be touched by a "sinner" woman (Luke 7:36). Like Zaccheus, the woman's sins have already been forgiven. That is why she knows how to love, according to Jesus. There are clues in the narrative that Zaccheus, though labelled as a sinner, has changed his ways. The future tense of our translation ("I will pay") obscures this important element in the story. He gives half his property to the destitute and if he has cheated anyone, he pays them back four times the amount. In other words, he already goes way beyond what is required of a faithful Jew.

Jesus looks at Zaccheus and assures him that salvation has come to his house. He then turns to the crowd and acts to restore honour to Zaccheus in the eyes of those who hold him and his kind in contempt. Like the bent-over woman and Lazarus the beggar at the rich man's gate, Zaccheus is a true descendant of Abraham, his ancestor in faith.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Rossi Jerkin and Aria Piscioneri whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



ADVANCE NOTICE



Period of Enquiry—Why I Became A Catholic

Will be held on Thursday 3rd November, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Tuesday 1st November 7pm.

MASSES FOR ALL SOULS

Murray Pines Cemetery- Tuesday 1st November 6pm.

Sacred Heart Church- Wednesday 2nd November 9.10am

Nichols Point Cemetery, Wednesday 2nd November 6pm.

Cari amici Italiani come sapete la messa di Novembre e la messa per i nostri cari defunti al cimitero andiamo a visitare le tombe dei nostri cari defunti una bella messa e primo la messa che il Rosario per Italiano alla 5.30pm tutti benvenuti.

REMEMBRANCE MASS for all

deceased family members will be held on Sunday 6th November at 9.00am. Cuppa after Mass.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSE BOUND

The Parish Office is currently updating its Data Base for those who give communion to the sick and/or house bound. If you are currently undertaking this ministry please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



FIRST EUCHARIST 2017 – Advance Notice

The celebration will take place on **one weekend only** – 17th & 18th of June at each of the Parish Masses – Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm.

Advance notice for parents of children in Grade Four next year.

More details will be available shortly.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1202.95
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3027.00
Loose Plate	\$ 599.65

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

ANOINTING MASS

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

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Wish to advise that their next social meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th February 2017** at 2pm in the Monaghan Centre. They would also like to take this opportunity in wishing you all a safe and festive season and if you would like to be a part of this social group just come along to our next meeting for a cuppa and chat.

SACRED HEART SOUP KITCHEN

Thanks you to all those people who generously commit themselves to working in the Parish Soup Kitchen. We are particularly grateful to members St. Joseph's College for their special commitment to this project. If people would like to volunteer to serve meals on Mondays or Wednesdays, they can contact the Parish Office – 50212872.



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

CATHOLIC MISSION WEEKEND

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

The focus country for World Mission Month 2016 is Papua New Guinea.

Through its partnership with Mercy Works, Catholic Mission supports community leaders like Steven Dude in Papua New Guinea to engage with their communities and be instrument of peace, so they can find consolation, understanding and love, and heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships.

By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, you are helping community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy.

Envelopes are provided at each of the Church entrances.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Copies are now available for you to take home. Great reading. Edition 5—Christmas 2016 —Mercy in the Church—The Big Tent.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL KIOSK

Columban Calendars for 2017 are now available for sale at \$9.00 each, also available Religious Christmas Cards at \$3.00 a pack.

ASSIST A STUDENT PROGRAM

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 to 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

There are Ten Steps to Creating a Place at the Table. Here is step number 5.

5. Assist with activities in retirement facilities or in the community..

There are many programs designed to reduce isolation among older people. There are home visits and pastoral care in the hospital and residential care settings, and transport and social activities aimed at developing community networks and peer support. All of these are vital to maintaining a healthy life and good social connections. Other interventions like support groups, skills development, bereavement support and counseling also help to manage the transitions of later life. (Social Justice Statement 2016-2017)

Most retirement and aged car facilities already have activities programmes. Offer to help with these or volunteer your skills in some different activities such as crafts, music or dancing. Offer to help with special events such as celebratory dinners or Christmas lunches. You could also assist with Meals on Wheels or similar services in the community or help on a board if you have experience in governance.

YOUNG MEN INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

A Priesthood Vocations Retreat Day for any young student/men around the diocese hosted by St Patrick's College Ballarat will take the form of pilgrimage on Saturday 12th November. Bus will leave 10.30am from St Patrick's College to Scarsdale for a 13km walk to Linton followed by Mass and lunch concluding at 3pm. Fr James Kerr and two Melbourne seminarians from Corpus Christi College will participate in this Retreat Day to answer questions about life in the seminary. For more information or to register attendance please contact Fr Ed Maloney Vocations Director at:
Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au

OUR GARDENS

Half way through spring it is impossible not to notice how lovely our Church gardens are looking. We thank our "Parks & Gardens Committee" for their continued work as we appreciatively observe their efforts unfolding. A fairly stringent application process must be followed by those who wish to apply for a position among this illustrious company of professionals.

However, applications can always be made through the Parish Secretary.



"I planted Iris this year. Next year I think I plant her mother."

FOR SALE

Grey Pavers

The Parish has approximately 180 grey square pavers for sale \$200 for the lot. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

I begin this week with thanking Mrs Ditchfield and Mrs Guthrie for organising the **Mission Mass** last week and Fr Michael for celebrating such a reflective Mass for the students.

This morning our Year 4's headed off on their **Lake Cullulleraine Camp**, along with some very excited staff.

We are really hopeful that several parents will volunteer to be part of an organising committee for the **SHPS St Patrick's Day Major Event in 2017**. Please let the office know if you are willing to share your many talents.

Congratulations to Olivia & Montana Smythe, Ruby Woollard and Tenah Fordham who competed at the Melbourne State Track & Field Athletics.

Another fantastic **assembly** hosted by Nangare last week, well done. We are intrigued to see what the Special Interest Groups will be providing with their assembly this week.

Enjoy your week...Regards

Des Lowry—Principal

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The week has begun with a focus on Catholic Mission. Judging by the support shown already it's going to be a wonderful week for the children to raise some much needed funds for children living in poverty in Cambodia. The week ended with a whole school liturgy Friday afternoon in the hall. You are all most welcome to attend.

The Sunraysia Partnership Council has appointed a Risk and Compliance officer to work with St Paul's, Sacred Heart, St Joseph's Red Cliffs, Our Lady's Merbein and St Mary's Robinvale. The Risk and Compliance Officer will commence in January 2017.

The School Advisory Council is **met** to begin planning for our Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29th November at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. There will be food and drink supplied after the meeting.

Don't forget Saturday 5th November from 6.30-9.00pm a family fun night has been planned at Inflatable World. If you would like to pre-order your tickets please contact the office by Thursday 3rd November. The cost is \$10 per participant, spectators are free. You can BYO Food and soft drinks. The upstairs Bar will be available on the night also.

As always, Keep the Faith.

Vince Muscatello—Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

You know the year has gone very quickly when Year 12 exams begin. Students started with English on Wednesday, Psychology and Economics Thursday and Further Maths on Friday & Monday. For next three weeks on each day there are a number of exams. We ask that Sacred Heart Community pray that the students are to be able to complete their exams to the best of their ability.

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

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

29th & 30th October, 2016

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Wis 11:22-12:2
Resp Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1
Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
Second Reading: 2 Thess 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM	
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	
Katy Quinlan	Maria Scopacasa	Wendy Finn	
Margaret Sheahan	Susan Lewis	Tony Finn	
Irene Morello	Minda Wright	Melanie Ransome	
Anne-Maree Greville	Rose Op’t Hoog	Bill Dolence	
Taiana Fatai	Rini Op’t Hoog	Jacqui Willis	
Margaret McDonald	Cora Howell	Barbara Bunting	
	Narie Lewis		

MUSIC

Singing Group	Youth Group	M Guthrie
M Sullivan	K Mafi	All welcome

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	Catherine & Paul	
	McErvale	

READERS

Jen Ditchfield	Julie O’ Bryan	Jancy Thomas

COUNTING TEAM 3

PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
D Nichols	Malcolm Hoy

5th & 6th November, 2016

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14
Resp Psalm: Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v. 15
Response: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
Second Reading: 2 Thess 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM	
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	
Trish McNamara	Renata Byra	Katrina Groves	
Morris Henderson	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Judy Hall	
Anita Naray	Sonia Opie	Myrna Rodi	
Maria Cirillo	Philip Opie	Maree Irvin	
Christine Carmichael	Catherine McErvale	Sue Hermans	
Ellen Frauenfelder	Elvira Mazza	Danielle Mazzini	
	Jill Joslyn		

MUSIC

Sacred Heart Group	Italian Choir	Youth Group
Leader	N Armsden	K Mafi
M Fainga’anuku		

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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

READERS

Trish Swincer	Maria Page	Deepu Mathew
		Thomas

COUNTING TEAM 4

KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
K Modoo	G Schmidt