



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

The Holy Family / Year B -
30th & 31st December 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

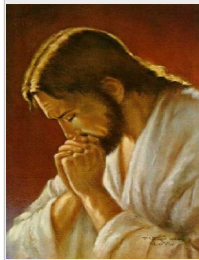
Wed: 9:15 am

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: Gennaro Palazzo, Joe Mammone, Eileen Herbert, Patricia McCarthy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Cath Byrne Groves

Sunday 9am: Giuseppe Martino

Tuesday 6pm: Peter & Enzo Mazza, Carmela Cavallaro

(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.

Jean Muir, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The time between Christmas and New Year is often family time, a good time to think about what family means. We try to connect with and enjoy the company of those with whom we have family ties, especially those who are alone or struggling in some way. Many parents value the extra time they are able to spend with their children over this period.

The first two readings for today narrate and reflect on the family story of Sarah and Abraham, of God's promise to give them a child, and of the fulfilment of that promise in the most unlikely of circumstances. The wonder of God's ways and the need to trust in God are at the heart of their story. At the same time, there is humour reflected in Abraham's choice of name for their son: "Isaac" means "he laughed". Does Abraham detect God's humour in providing a son for an elderly couple? Does he laugh for sheer joy at the birth of the child who will hold the traditions of the past and the hopes of the future? Whatever about this, the family story of Sarah, Abraham and Isaac foreshadows the even more extraordinary family story to be found in today's gospel.

Luke depicts Mary and Joseph as observant Jews bringing their child to the Jerusalem Temple in accordance with the ritual requirements of the Law, even if the Law actually applied only to the woman who had given birth and not to the man. Two prophetic figures, Anna and Simeon, recognise God's saving and redemptive purpose at work in the presence of this child who is presented in the Temple. Luke insists that Mary and Joseph have fulfilled the demands of the Law before they return to their home in Nazareth.

Growing up in Nazareth in the care of Mary and Joseph, the child Jesus grows to maturity, is filled with wisdom and God's favour is with him. Luke's summary statement introduces us to the wonderful world of a grace-filled family home. It invites us to ponder the wisdom that both Mary and Joseph had to share with their child. They taught him to pray and told him the stories of his people. They filled him with wonder at the goodness of God and of God's creation. They mediated the grace and favour of God and watched him grow and gain the strength he needed for life. They allowed him the freedom he needed to develop his own personality and to find his own Spirit-filled way on the earth. Finally, they had to let him go so that he might follow a path that was beyond their imagining when they brought him to the Temple in fulfilment of the Law. In other words, they did what so many parents would want to do for their children.



Veronica Lawson RSM

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

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

FIRST EUCHARIST 2018

All information pertaining to preparation for the reception of Reconciliation & First Eucharist in 2018 is now available at the Parish Office. Parents of our children in Catholic Schools should receive information from their School.

Parents must attend the following Parent Information evenings to enrol your child:-

Reconciliation Wednesday 7th February
 First Eucharist Wednesday 23rd April

NEW YEARS DAY—MASS 9AM

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 4th January 9.15am.
 All welcome.

PLEASE NOTE

Wednesday morning Mass will be at 9am due to Patricia McCarthy's funeral service at 10am

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

December 21st

John McKinnon 1957 Rome 60 years
 Kevin Murphy 1957 Rome 60 years

**YEAR OF
 YOUTH
 2018**

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$2730.65
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3128.80
Loose Plate	\$ 394.50
Bishop's Collection	\$4082.55

6th & 7th January 2018

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: **Isa 60:1-6**
 Resp Psalm: **Ps 71:1-2, 7-13**
 Response: **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**
 Second Reading: **Eph 3:2-3, 5-6**
 Gospel: **Mt 2:1-12**

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers	7 Ministers	6 Minister
Anne-Maree Greville	Talia Faingaanuku	Tony Finn
Taiana Fatai	Michael Faingaanuku	Melanie Ransome
Margaret McDonald	Laurie Fry	Bill Dolence
Trish McNamara	Judy Webster	Jacqui Willis
P Kerr	Jean Rocca	Barbara Bunting
Anita Naray	Bobby Castillo	Katrina Groves
	Ross Tongue	

MUSIC

M Guthrie	Italian Choir	NO MUSIC
All welcome	N Armsden	

ALTAR SERVERS

Please	Please	Please
Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Louise Belej	

READERS

Rosemary Barnes	Soane Fatai	Peter Hammond

COUNTING TEAM 5

JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
M Hill	P Riordan