



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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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

1st Sunday Advent / Year B -  
2nd & 3rd 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.

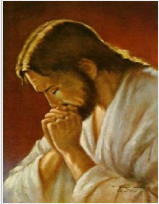
Tues: 6:00 pm

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:** Douglas Marks

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Saturday 6pm:** Maria Frasca (20 year anniversary) & Felice Frasca

**Sunday 9am:**

**Sunday 5pm:** Bruno Parisi (Italy)

**Friday 5.40pm:**

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



## PLEASE NOTE:

**TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 6PM MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO DOUGLAS MARKS FUNERAL AT 9.30AM**

## 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.*

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Eyes wide open” is the proper stance for gospel people. The little parable that is the gospel reading for this first Sunday of the new liturgical year forms the conclusion to Mark’s so-called apocalyptic discourse. Apocalyptic literature emerged within Judaism in the context of crisis or persecution. It was intended to provide hope in the midst of disaster: God’s coming can reverse the sufferings of the present. The Markan discourse is delivered as a farewell teaching to the inner circle of Jesus’ disciples. The concluding verse indicates that it is intended for a wider audience, however: “what I say to you, I say to all....” Like Peter, James, and John, Christian disciples through the ages are invited to stay awake, to be on the lookout, to be alert.



This cycle of the liturgical year begins and ends with Mark 13 and a focus on the end of the present order of things. It may seem strange to begin the year with such a reflection. Is Advent not a time of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Christ child into the world? Mark has no account of the birth of Jesus. His gospel begins with the immediate preparation for the adult ministry of Jesus. From the very outset, his interest is in the coming of God’s reign of justice and compassion. That is, in fact, what Advent is about: living in hopeful expectation that God’s dream for a transformed world might be realised.

The parable of the watchful gatekeeper forms the conclusion to a farewell discourse that the Markan Jesus addresses to his disciples. The disciples are told to be alert and watchful through the four watches of the Roman night: in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, and at dawn. The parable thus foreshadows aspects of Jesus’ suffering that was to be compounded by the abandonment of his closest friends. Peter, James, and John will fall asleep in Gethsemane. The disciples will all disperse and Peter will deny him. We find our own experience mirrored in that of the disciples. It is easy to lose hope in the face of overwhelming violence and even to lose focus.

Advent is about recognising our own tendency to be less than vigilant and even to turn away when our presence is most needed. It is about allowing the grace of God to take hold in our hearts, keeping us watchful for the sake of those on the edge and for the sake of a regenerated Earth. Most of us would agree that our Earth communities are in crisis. We need to be alert to causes as well as to consequences so that the cycles of violence might eventually be broken. Our gospel asks no less of us.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Xavier Fox, Julius Mazza and Ilario Mazza whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

### RCIA— Jesus

Thursday, 7th December, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

Any interested parishioners are welcome to attend also.



### COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER at 6pm

Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's Peace at Christmas by acknowledging our need for healing and forgiveness.

### PRAYING THE ROSARY

Every Friday until 15th December, the Tongan Community will be saying the Rosary in the Monaghan Centre from 7pm, all most welcome to attend.



### NATIVITY PLAY CHRISTMAS EVE 2017



All children are invited to attend and be part of our annual and traditional Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 6pm. The first practice session is on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December at 4pm and the second will be a dress rehearsal on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of

December at 4pm both in the Sacred Heart Church. Please contact Rebec-

ca Siale 0427300878 or Megan Wilkes 0418374873 with any questions.

### MILDURA CHRISTMAS MASSES 2017

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00pm Mildura

8:00pm Mildura

12 Midnight Mildura

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am Mildura

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES. ROSTER SHEETS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.**

### PLEASE NOTE

**Change of Mass time on Thursday 7th December from 9.15am to 11am**

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1343.20
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3457.75
Loose Plate	\$ 729.55

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### REGIS TENTH AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm. All welcome.

### ANOINTING MASS

To be held on Thursday 7th December 11am. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY GROUP

Parish Family Group last gathering for the year will be dinner at the Gate Way Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm. K K exchange to the value of \$10.00. Intentions to Lyn & Clive 50211422.

### VINNIES CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

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 10th December will be the final date for this appeal. Many thanks.



### PRIVATE LEASE—HOME MILIA CRT MILDURA

If you are interested in leasing a 3 bedroom/2 bathroom/Double Garage, semi furnished home for at least 12 months please contact Cathy Hardinge @ gmail.com. References required. Possible move in date early January 2018.

### REGISTER YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING MANUS ISLAND

The Prime Minister's office is running a register for people wanting to register their concerns about what's happening on MANUS Island.

It only takes a few seconds because all you need to say is your first name and your State and a short sentence something like "I'm concerned about what's happening on Manus."

Office hours are 8.30 – 5.30 Tel = 02 62 77 7700

## THE SHARED TABLE STALL

Our next Shared Table Stall will be held on: **Sunday 10 December after the 9am Mass.**

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, conserves, home baked and home crafted items.



Items that are not purchased need to be taken home as we cannot provide storage facilities.

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

The Mildura Deakin Cinema Complex will host a very special screening on Sunday December 3rd, from 4pm 'The Staging Post'. It follows the story of refugees stuck in Indonesia, and a refugee school they start for themselves as a result. For more information visit: [www.thestagingpost.com.au](http://www.thestagingpost.com.au)



### “CHRISTMAS -THE VISIT”

Is a live theatre production starring the Bishop of Rivierina, Rob Gillian, who plays the role of a vicar whose parish is turned upside down by the arrival of Jesus right before Christmas.

The production is being stage at the Wentworth Town Hall on Friday, December 8 at 7pm.

A \$2 sausage sizzle will take place from 6pm. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for concession and \$1 for children. Tickets are available at the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre—contact 5027 5080.

## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



# CAROLS ON CLEADON

Wednesday December 6, 2017

6.30pm - BBQ Tea

7.00pm Entertainment starts

**MERCY ACTION STALL**

BBQ, lollies, Icypoles, Raffle, Candles and Drinks

BYO CHAIR / PICNIC RUG

## MISSION OF CHRIST

### CHURCH CONFIRMED AS ONE OF NATION'S LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Published: 30 November 2017

Bishop Gerard Holohan and acting ACCER chair Tony Farley with the report (ACBC) Almost 220,000 people work in Catholic organisations across the country, a new report has found, the *ACBC Media Blog* reports. The report confirms the Church's place as one of the largest employers in Australia.

Bunbury Bishop Gerard Holohan, Bishops' Delegate for Employment Relations, said those working in Catholic ministries – small and large – are carrying on the work of Jesus.

“The Catholic Church in Australia today continues the mission of Christ to humanity. This includes its organisations which minister to the poor and the sick; to the elderly and those struggling to find work; to Indigenous people and the homeless,” he said. “There are organisations ministering to immigrants and refugees; those needing school and tertiary education; those addicted to drugs, and their families; those preparing for marriage and those needing marriage counselling; those needing the range of pastoral care services and those needing ‘time out’ from the stresses of today's pressures.”

The new report, *Our Work Matters*, was launched yesterday at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney. The document, produced by the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, is the most comprehensive report of its kind. Bishop Holohan wrote in the publication's foreword that the new research confirms the Church's vast contribution to Australian society.

“We now have a clearer understanding of when and where Church organisations operate and what impact they have on systems and services, communities and individuals,” Bishop Holohan said.

“The survey findings help us see how notions of the common good, human dignity, solidarity and a preferential option for the poor can be made real through our people and organisations.”

Bishop Holohan said lay people are now overwhelmingly leading the way in Catholic health and aged care, education, social services and other organisations are carrying on the work of religious women and men and clergy.

The report found that 77 per cent of those who work for the Church are women, and that education, health and aged care account for 84 per cent of those working on behalf of the Church.

*Our Work Matters* is available for download at [www.accer.asn.au](http://www.accer.asn.au).

### SOME SIMPLE THINGS TO PRAY FOR DURING ADVENT

1. Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.
2. Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.
3. Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.
4. Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it..

*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

2nd & 3rd December 2017

9th & 10th December 2017

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Isa 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8**  
**Resp Psalm: 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4**  
**Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Co 1:3-9**  
**Gospel: Mk 13:33-37**

**First Reading: Isa 40:1-5, 9-11**  
**Resp Psalm: 84:9-14. R. v. 8**  
**Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**  
**Second Reading: 2 Pet 3:8-14**  
**Gospel: Mk 1:1-8**

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

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SATURDAY		SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM		9AM	5PM	6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required		7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Juliet Cresp	Bill Dolence	Maria Cirillo	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Maree Irvin	
Taiana Fatai	Louise Belej	Jacqui Willis	Christine Carmichael	Maria Scopacasa	Sue Hermans	
Margaret McDonald	Nancy Leonardis	Barbara Bunting	Ellen Frauenfelder	Susan lewis	Danielle Mazzini	
Trish McNamara	Elena Garreffa	Katrina Groves	Jacinda Deacon	Minda Wright	Naomi Kennedy	
Paul Kerr	Maryanne Modica	Judy Hall	Katy Quinlan	Rose Op’t Hoog	Mario Zema	
Anita Naray	Lyn Welsh	Myrna Rodi	Katelin Anesbury	Rini Op’t Hoog	Jose Zema	
	Loretta Thompson			Cora Howell		

**MUSIC**

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M Hammond	Italian Choir		Filipino Choir	Singing Group	No Music
			N Armsden	M Sullivan	

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Please volunteer	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	2 Volunteers required
	Jim O’Donnell		Baptism	Baptism	

**READERS**

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Sacred Heart School	Peter Issanchon	Inez Sullivan	Gary Huxtable	Peter Maloney	Jancy Thomas

**COUNTING TEAM 10**

**COUNTING TEAM 1**

BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099			GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918		
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**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

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READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
W Schmidt	W Smith	D Knight	R Hill