



# 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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -  
2nd & 3rd September 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:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Saturday 6pm:** Helen & John Hrascenec

**Irymple 8.30am:** John Curran

**Sunday 9am:** Ilario & Celestina Cirillo, Carmelo Lando, Patricia Farmer

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



### PLEASE NOTE:

**FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**

**5.40PM MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

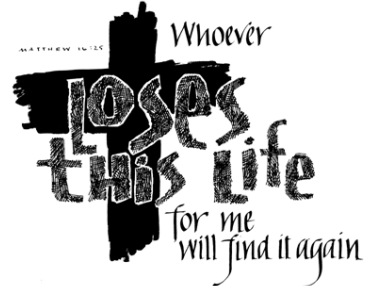
### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

*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.*

Nada Zudetich, Phil & Dorothy Mullane, Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

We all know people in leadership who take themselves a bit too seriously. Some confuse their role or title with their significance in the scheme of things. Some look for privilege and an easy life, forgetting that leadership of anything worthwhile involves hard work, misunderstanding, and invariably brings opposition. The first part of today's gospel story presents Peter, who has just been declared the foundation rock of the church and given the "keys" of the kingdom, refusing to accept that Jesus' mission will involve suffering, even death. The reader is confronted in this story with the expansive rock face at Caesarea Philippi, and invited to consider the friable properties of the seemingly indestructible rock. Even rocks can be reduced to sand or gravel and a humbler mode of being.



For all its seriousness, there is something quite comical about this story as it unfolds. Peter actually censures or reprimands Jesus. Jesus then sets him straight in no uncertain terms. The "rock" becomes the leader of the opposition, a serious obstacle to God's purposes, a stumbling block. He is ordered back to the place where disciples properly belong, namely "behind" Jesus, "following" him. Matthew provides a striking contrast in this section of the gospel between Peter who "rebukes" Jesus and the Canaanite woman who respectfully and persistently implores Jesus to see from a new perspective. Peter receives a decisive rebuttal, while the woman's plea is heard and she herself is praised for her great faith.

Peter's impetuous outburst provides the trigger for Jesus to invite his disciples to think about what they really want. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is the teacher and the disciples are the students who have accepted the invitation to follow him. That means living out in their lives the pattern of his life. If they really want to be his followers, then they have to embrace the pain involved in his relentless program of teaching and of healing the sick and brokenhearted. They will also share the "glory". If they choose to put their own interests first, then they will surely lose themselves. It is ultimately a question of choosing life. Peter forgets this for a while and has to be reminded to be true to what he has previously professed. He is not very different from the rest of us. We all need to rethink our choices and to reorder our priorities from time to time if we want to find life. September 1 was the World Day of Prayer for Creation and many churches are celebrating September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) as a Season of Creation. At a time when life on our planet is seriously endangered, we might attend more closely to the urgent gospel challenge of living in ways that help to sustain the life of the whole Earth community.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Anthony Zappia & Jennifer Argiro who were married this weekend.



### 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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November and the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of November.



The Parent Information Evening will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 9am – 4pm.

The RCIA will commence at the end of September. Please pass on this information to anybody you may know who is interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation & Eucharist during our Easter Ceremonies in 2018.



## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1299.40
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2203.75
Loose Plate	\$ 631.30

### NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

If you haven't already collected your new envelopes please do so from at the back of the church, as the new pledging period begins this weekend. Please note that the envelope numbers have changed so please **destroy your old Envelopes** and commence using the new ones from this weekend.

If you have any concerns regarding the Planned Giving Program please contact the parish office during working hours on 5021 2872.

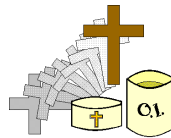
A reminder that the **TIME & TALENT** forms can be returned to the Sacred Heart Parish Office. If you have not yet completed a form we encourage you to do so during the coming weeks. New volunteers are most welcome to assist with various ministries in the Parish. Forms are available at the back of the church. Those who have offered their time and talent for particular groups or activities for the first time will be contracted by the responsible person within the next few weeks. Thank you again for all your support of your Parish. A special thanks to all the parishioners who helped with the follow-up activity.

**Pledge cards** are available at the church entrance if you have not yet had a chance to complete one. Completed cards can be left in the collection place or dropped off to the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 5th September 9am at the Parish office.



Sacrament of Anointing

### ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 7th September at 9.15am. All welcome.

### WEEKEND RETREAT IN OUYEN

Join us in Ouyen for a weekend retreat for all ages, with talks on the faith, times of prayer, fellowship and an opportunity to be recharged in the love of God. When: 6-8th Oct (beginning Friday evening, ending before lunch on Sunday) Where: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ouyen More info: coming soon! Contact Marie to register your interest on 0417 660 893

### BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests This weekend

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The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$60,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.



**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

### CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 3rd—9th SEPTEMBER

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility and we should regard every week as Child Protection week. We can play our part by:-

- Being a good role model for children
- Being kind to children and their parents
- Take time to listen to children and believe them if they tell you something
- Look out for all children, not just your own
- Don't be afraid to ask for help, or ask someone if they need help
- Learn about what services are available so you can support others if they need help

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### THE SHARED TABLE

#### Sunday Market—10th September

Next Sunday after the 9am Mass—there will be a Sunday Market with proceeds from this Market supporting the Shared Table Project in Lima, Peru.

Those interested in supporting The Shared Table are welcome to either contribute goods or set up a table themselves in the Monaghan. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



### PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

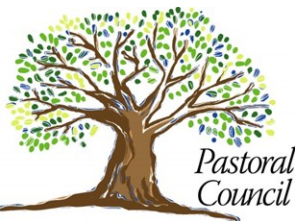
#### SUNRAYSIA REGIONAL GATHERING

Will be held on Sunday 1st October 11.45am in the Monaghan Centre. All Parish Council members are expected to be present. Lunch will be provided.

This is an important meeting as we need to begin to undertake some serious strategic planning for the future of this Catholic Region.

#### THE PARISH OF OUYEN

As of this weekend, the Parish of Ouyen (including Patchewollock and Underbool) has now been incorporated into the Ministry District of Sunraysia. Ouyen will remain a Parish in its own right – Fr. Michael has been appointed Parish Priest. This extension of pastoral ministry will necessitate a few more Lay Led Assemblies in Sunraysia in the future. There will be a **REGIONAL GATHERING** which will include the Parish of Ouyen on **SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER** to be held at Red Cliffs. Could all Parish Council Members please keep this date free.



## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

The last week at St. Joseph's College has been a very busy one. Firstly, on Monday we conducted our first Assembly for Term 3. A number of academic awards were presented with students recently participating in the Maths competition & maths challenge. Both Will Faingaanuku and Taylah Leonard both from the VCE music class gave admirable performances to prepare for their forthcoming exams. A number of sporting awards were presented with the McAuley House being the winner for the first time in many years at our annual athletics carnival. On Thursday Science students participated in activities run by Questacon from Canberra. Thursday was also the day that the College celebrated Padua Day with a house assembly being conducted and students received a small purple cupcake. Next is our Annual Australian Business week that is a highlight for all commerce students.

Religious Education classes at the College in Semester 2:

Year 7 are studying - How can we make a difference? Christian Decision-Making & Christian Prayer

Year 8 are studying – The Covenant Unfolds, Why are there differences in the world? Prayer and Meditation.

Year 9 are studying – Eucharist [Sacraments], Relationships and Spirituality & Making Christian Decisions.

Year 10 are studying – The Church through Time & Prophets and Saint

Year 11 are studying- Religion & Ethics or RE Art as well as completing twenty hours of community service.

Year 12 students have recently completed their five- day retreat at Anglesea, as well as completing twenty hours of community service.

**Philip Opie- Religious Education Domain Leader**

### ARCHBISHOP CLARIFIES STANCE: NO SACKING THREAT FOR STAFF IN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Tuesday 29 August 2017

Today Archbishop Denis Hart spoke with 3AW's Neil Mitchell to offer clarity on the Church's position on same-sex marriage, and what it would mean for employees of the church if same-sex marriage laws were passed in Australia.

Over recent weeks, the Archbishop's comments on same-sex marriage have been under the media spotlight. Earlier this month, Fairfax media reported that staff working for the Catholic Church—including doctors, nurses, teachers—entering into a same-sex marriage would be at risk of losing their jobs. But today's interview revealed that these comments, and those drawing the most attention, weren't in fact spoken at all. 'I said, "that's best dealt with at a local level",' Archbishop Hart clarified. 'I said nothing whatever about sackings.'

When asked if he would be comfortable with nurses and doctors in a Catholic hospital who were in a gay marriage, Archbishop Hart replied, 'I've got no difficulty about that.' Schools were a similar matter. According to the Archbishop, if gay marriage were legalised and a teacher entered into a marriage with a same-sex partner, there would be no question whether their position as a teacher was at risk. 'We're not entering into their private lives,' the Archbishop said, adding that his concern was whether they were willing to teach Catholic teaching in schools. 'The church, like many other organisations, has certain expectations of staff which have to be fulfilled ... we exist to teach certain things and the people in our employ need to be able to do that.' And that would depend on 'an assessment at a local level.'

A 2015 paper released by the Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations reported more than 180,000 Australians working for the Catholic Church in some capacity, making it the nation's biggest private employer.

The Archbishop attempted to relieve members of staff who may have felt alarmed or threatened by recent weeks' controversy. 'We have many good people in our hospitals and elsewhere in [same-sex] relationships.' He added, 'Some of the most caring people I know have a same-sex orientation.'

The discussion turned to an opinion poll suggesting that two-thirds of Catholics support same-sex marriage. 'It reflects their respect for other people, their respect for diversity of views in the community,' the Archbishop said. 'It may reflect their compassion for others in the community rather than their own belief.'

Throughout the interview, Archbishop Hart expressed his confidence in Australians' ability to maintain tolerance and respect when faced with differences of opinion. According to Archbishop Hart, while gay marriage may change society, 'traditional marriage will always exist. [Australians] are generally pretty tolerant of people who have different views. While I would very strongly disagree, I would want to respect the views and choices that other people have.'

Mitchell probed the Archbishop about the Church's position on gay people taking communion. 'Of themselves, there's no rejection,' the Archbishop said. 'We accept people at face value. I'd give people the benefit of the doubt always ... I have to respect the dignity of every person.'

*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 September 2017			9th & 10th September 2017		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
<b>First Reading: Jer 20:7-9</b> <b>Resp Psalm: Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2</b> <b>Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.</b> <b>Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2</b> <b>Gospel: Mt 16:21-27</b>			<b>First Reading: Ezek 33:7-9</b> <b>Resp Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8</b> <b>Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</b> <b>Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10</b> <b>Gospel: Mt 18:15-20</b>		
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCCHARIST MINISTERS		
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
Maria Cirillo	Elvira Mazza	Paula Cox	Anne-Maree Greville	Ross Tongue	Bill Dolence
Christine Carmichael	Jill Joslyn	Jennifer Boord	Taiana Fatai	Talia Faingaanuku	Jacqui Willis
Ellen Frauenfelder	Lisa Cirillo	Reni Cheriyan	Margaret McDonald	Michael Faingaanuku	Barbara Bunting
Jacinda Deacon	Jean Rocca	Wendy Finn	Trish McNamara	Maureen Speed	Katrina Groves
Katy Quinlan	Bobby Castillo	Tony Finn	Morris Henderson	Peter O’Donnell	Judy Hall
Katelin Anesbury	Volunteer please	Melanie Ransome	Anita Naray	Greg Johnston	Myrna Rodi
	Volunteer please			Gina Raiti	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
St Pauls Primary	Fathers Day	NO MUSIC	Filipino Choir	M Guthrie	M Sullivan
School	Italian Choir		N Armsden	B Lewis/B Prescottt	J Macri
	N Armsden			J O’Bryan	J Ljubic
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer
OFFERTORY PROCESSION			OFFERTORY PROCESSION		
2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	L & C Welsh		Baptism	Baptism	
READERS			READERS		
St Pauls Primary	Julie O’Bryan	Christine Slattery	Rosemary Barnes	Maria Munro	Barb Bunting
School					
COUNTING TEAM 7			COUNTING TEAM 9		
HELEN KAY 0429 135 053			GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7933		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
D Nichols	D Knight		K Modoo	R Barbary	