



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

**Pentecost / Year A -
3rd & 4th June 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: Antonietta Morello

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 8.30am: Dominic Spadaccini

Sunday 9am: Recent Death: Stefan Anthony Klaric, Pasquale & Immacolata Cafora, Luka Marlais, Fr Stjepan Gnjec, Adrianna Tassone, Henriette de Jong (one year anniversary), Antonio Cirillo (80th Birthday remembrance)

(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.

Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, John Devilee, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Pentecost

Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. The earth itself features powerfully in the imagery associated with this feast: harvest, mountain, earthquake, thunder, fire. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant



Pentecost

that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people. In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant in the upper room appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received God's Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain". To seize hold of wrongdoing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem.

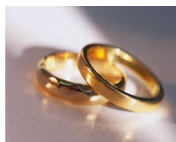
Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of both church and civic leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence. The Holy Spirit is likewise the source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and our power to ensure restoration and healing. In our times, the earth itself cries out for forgiveness, for restoration and for healing. On this feast of the Holy Spirit, we might consider engaging in a "values inventory" by looking at how much of our personal and collective resources we invest in the things that make for peace.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Daniel Ghidinelli & Mary-Rose Costa who were married this weekend.



FIRST EUCHARIST Presentation

We continue to pray for our children preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time on the weekend of 17th & 18th of June. This weekend the children will be presented with a copy of the "Our Father" at each of the Masses.

We continue to pray for them and their families during this time of preparation.

PARISH CENSUS

At Masses this weekend parishioners will be handed census cards as they enter the church.

For the purpose of updating our parish database we ask that a member of each household complete a card and place it in the collection basket.

If you completed a card last weekend you do not need to complete another one.



ADVANCE NOTICE:

**CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS ON:-
TUESDAY 20TH JUNE TO 9.15AM**

**NO MASS ON TUESDAY 27TH JUNE, WEDNESDAY
28TH JUNE AND THURSDAY 29TH JUNE**

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

REGIS TENTH STREET AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 6th June, 2.30pm. All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

In these hard economic times help support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal either today or when convenient. Envelopes are available this weekend.

Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. With thanks.

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY

The Italian Community will be celebrating their annual Feast of St Anthony Mass on Sunday 11th June at 5pm.

Tickets for the raffle are now available at \$2.00 each.

All are invited to stay for the procession followed by pasta and BBQ dinner. Traditional Italian fare will be provided along with great entertainment and the drawing of the raffle.



YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Information is on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

SACRED HEART FEAST DAY 23rd June 2017

- From 7pm—10pm—in the Church
 - Praise n worship
 - Fr Michael to talk on Sacred Heart
 - Exposition/Adoration/Benediction
 - Confession
 - Supper to be provided by Youth.
- All parishioners are invited and most welcome to attend.

ADULT FORMATION

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.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

The Diocesan Ecological and Sustainability Group invite all parishes of the diocese to celebrate World Environment Day on Monday, June 5, 2017. The theme for World Environment Day 2017 is *Connecting People to Nature – in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator*. Could you please note this on parish bulletins and if possible pray for the environment at the weekend Masses on the first weekend in June. The following is Pope Francis' prayer from *Laudato Si'* (A prayer for our earth). Further information on global actions can be found at: <http://worldenvironmentday.global/>

A prayer for our earth:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1354.70
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2530.75
Loose Plate	\$ 573.20

GONSKI IN AN AGE OF BUDGET REPAIR

Frank Brennan |

School funding is a very complex issue in Australia. It's now a poisonous political cocktail.

David Gonski, who had been the poster boy for Julia Gillard's bold education reforms, has now been showcased by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Education Minister Simon Birmingham announcing their new deal for school funding.

The National Catholic Education Commission, the Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association, and the Catholic Secondary Principals Association are upset with the proposed funding arrangements. This has prompted the Catholic Cabinet Minister Christopher Pyne to claim 'the Catholic education system really is running a very dishonest campaign'. The Catholic system educates 20 per cent of Australia's school children in 1737 schools.

Meanwhile Labor's Shadow Education Minister Tanya Plibersek has highlighted that the schools to be most adversely affected by the funding changes are the Northern Territory government schools. She has called the Greens 'morons' for contemplating support for the changes. Even for Canberra, this debate has gone more pear shaped than most.

The level of consultation prior to the announced changes was appalling. But that is now water under the bridge. It's time to enunciate some clear principles. And it's time for respectful consultations to take place investigating how those principles can be best applied. This must be done within the realistic political environment where the present government is committed to delivering much less for school education than is Labor, in the name of 'budget repair'.

On the government's own figures, they would deliver \$6.3 billion less to schools in the next four years and \$22.3 billion less in the next ten years than would Labor. The issue of school funding as a budget priority and as an item of 'budget repair' is now a key election issue. The Catholic Bishops Commission for Catholic Education has stated, 'As bishops, we acknowledge the difficult financial situation currently faced by the government and the nation.' While the Coalition is in government, the question is whether the available pot of money (smaller though it be) is to be equitably distributed with a proper weighting for the poor and needy, and an appropriate loading for those non-government schools whose parents cannot afford the fees of the flashier independent schools.

The government says that it is time for the Commonwealth's direct contribution to school funding to be principled and transparent, 'sector-blind' and needs-based. Following Gonski's original recommendation to the Gillard government, the Turnbull government is adopting a school resourcing standard (SRS) which is based on the cost of delivering a good education to every child.

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This standard includes a base amount payable to all students which is then discounted by the school community's capacity to contribute. So, in a sense, the Commonwealth government's contribution to the school resourcing standard is means tested. There is then a top-up for disadvantage. The disadvantage test includes a consideration of six factors: indigeneity, disability, low English proficiency, socio-educational disadvantage, rural and remote location, and school size. The top-up is not means tested.

The top-up does not consider all categories of disadvantage. For example, there is no additional payment to schools which take in students whose parents are asylum seekers with limited work and welfare rights. Peter Goss from the Grattan Institute, who is generally supportive of the Turnbull-Birmingham reforms, says, 'The details of the SRS formula should be reviewed, since there are flaws and the original analysis was done with too little evidence.'

The core principles are basically sound. But then it must be noted that these principles are being applied by the Commonwealth only to itself and not to the states and territories. By 2027, the Commonwealth will fund all schools on the same basis, with the Commonwealth providing 20 per cent of the funding standard for state schools, which are largely funded by the states and territories, and the Commonwealth providing 80 per cent of the funding standard for the non-government sector, which receives much less support from the states and territories, being more dependent on parents' fees.

Over the next ten years it is expected that 41.6 per cent of Commonwealth funding will go to the government sector, and 58.4 per cent to the non-government sector.

The Turnbull government insists that the time for special deals with each state and with each sector has past, and that there is a need for the Commonwealth to apply the same principled criteria for funding in a transparent manner. Turnbull has no interest in maintaining the 27 separate arrangements negotiated by Gillard. And he has abandoned Gillard's restrictive precondition on Gonski that no school be left worse off.

The government concedes that the termination of the past special,

negotiated arrangements will occasion some grief, particularly with low fee paying Catholic primary schools having to raise fees. They are providing a very modest \$40 million as an 'adjustment assistance' package. There may well be a case for increasing the size of that package given that there will be 620 schools facing a real funding cut in the next financial year, 180 of which will still be losers in 10 years time.

When it comes to the application of the principles, the Catholic educators are stating two sound principled objections. The Australian Bureau of Statistics assessment of the socio-economic status (SES) is very inaccurate as it draws on clusters of households averaging income and education. Also, the government is wanting to abandon the student weighted system average SES.

The Catholics point out that especially with low fee paying primary schools, the parent base, even in better-off suburbs, includes families who can ill afford to pay high fees. Any significant jump in fees will result in many of those families simply shifting their children to government schools, which will then be bursting at the seams. Some of these Catholic primary schools are being expected to increase their fees radically in the next few years because the increased Commonwealth revenue stream will not come on line for another four years.

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The second objection is that the application of the principles results in the very wealthy being treated the same as those on moderately comfortable incomes. When it comes to means testing the schools resourcing standard, the government model treats all families earning over \$156,000 the same. The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria claims that most better off families in Catholic schools have incomes less than \$182,000 but that 40 per cent of those in independent schools have incomes greater than \$260,000.

The third objection is that after the first four years, the indexation of the Commonwealth funding formula changes, with the result that teachers' wages in the non-government sector might remain depressed for a decade while wages in the government sector increase. These objections need to be considered on their merits. They do not derogate from the principled criteria the government has enunciated. But they do imperil the government's high moral rhetoric in the application of the principles. The Catholic bishops have said, 'We are not asking for any special deals.' They are seeking viability for the system of Catholic schools, a fair go for parents in those schools, and rightful autonomy for the school system administrators. Everyone agrees that any changes need to be 'sector blind'. Plibersek says the model 'cannot be sector blind when it entrenches different funding levels for government and non-government schools, and it cannot be needs based when thousands of public schools and parish Catholic schools lose funding and some of the wealthiest schools in the country get a funding increase.'

The Commonwealth has agreed that the states and independent schools systems like the Catholic system will retain their own independence. The states will determine for themselves how to allocate their education funds. And the Catholics will continue to receive their Commonwealth payments in block, rather than the payments being made direct to each individual school. Birmingham has said: 'We support and respect the integrity of school systems ... to be able to make more granular and detailed decisions about funding and support for each of their schools.' He says, 'I respect the autonomy of Catholic education systems to take the pool of federal funding they receive which we are simply proposing they will receive based on the need of each of their individual schools.'

In the second reading debate on the *Australian Education Amendment Bill*, Tanya Plibersek pointed out:

The Northern Territory, with the nation's most disadvantaged schools system, gets the smallest increases — not even enough to cover inflation. Take Anula Primary School in suburban Darwin. Twenty-two per cent of its students are Indigenous and around half of the students have a language background other than English. By 2027 this school will get about \$4232 per child from the Commonwealth government. That is an increase of just \$554 over ten years. Ten years!

Compare that with Trinity Grammar School in Sydney, with fees of up to \$24,000 a year for primary school children. That will receive \$7799 per student, which is an increase of \$2734 per student over the same time period. Trinity Grammar has great resources. It has a low-need student population. How does it get an increase in funding from the Commonwealth government that is five times larger than a public school in suburban Darwin? In what way is this needs based funding? How can those opposite claim that this is fair with straight faces?

There is clearly a need for the government to revise the application of the laudable Gonski principles ensuring that every Australian child has a fair go at accessing a good education, within the funding constraints of the government of the day committed to 'budget repair'. For its part, the Catholic sector should ensure its schools are more available to the poor, enacting Pope Francis' desire: 'I want a Church which is poor and for the poor.'

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.”*



**All of them were
 filled with
 the Holy Spirit!**
 Acts 2.4

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

3rd & 4th June 2017

10th & 11th June 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
 Resp Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30
 Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

First Reading: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9
 Resp Psalm: Dan 3:52-56, R. v. 52
 Response: You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13
Gospel: Jn 3:16-18

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Margaret McDonald	Loretta Thompson	Wendy Finn
Trish McNamara	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Tony Finn
Morris Henderson	Maria Scopacasa	Melanie Ransome
Anita Naray	Susan Lewis	Bill Dolence
Maria Cirillo	Minda Wright	Jacqui Willis
Christine Carmichael	Rose Op’t Hoog	Barbara Bunting
	Rini Op’t Hoog	

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Ellen Frauenfelder	Cora Howell	Katrina Groves
Jacinda Deacon	Narie Lewis	Judy Hall
Katy Quinlan	Renata Byra	Myrna Rodi
Anne-Maree Greville	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Maree Irvin
Volunteer please	Sonia Opie	Sue Hermans
Volunteer please	Philip Opie	Danielle Mazzini
	Catherine McErvale	

MUSIC

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

Filipino Choir	Singing Group	Feast St Anthony
M Hammond	M Sullivan	Italian Choir
		N Armsden

ALTAR SERVERS

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Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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

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	Baptism	Baptism
		Feast St Anthony

READERS

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Jen Ditchfield	Mary Jackson	Melanie Ransome

Gary Huxtable	Cathy McErvale or	Feast St Anthony
	Paul McErvale	

COUNTING TEAM 4

COUNTING TEAM 5

KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778

JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM

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READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
M Smith	G Schmidt

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J Kearney	P Riordan