



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B -
3rd & 4th October, 2015

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

Scripture Reading: Thurs 10:30 am - 20 Beasy Court

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tues 7:30pm in Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: held 1st Friday of each month in the Church from 12—5:00pm

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Vince Manno, Jock Fisher, Francesca Cua (Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Perce Lunn, Antonio Callipari

Sunday 9am: Libero Bachetti, Mary & Sam Lazarus

(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. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

Joan Appleby, Jock Fisher, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Justin Woodford, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The "test" question about divorce that the Pharisees put to Jesus is very strange in a first century Jewish context, as is the reference to women divorcing their husbands. While there is no evidence that anyone in Jewish circles questioned the legality of divorce, there is plenty of



evidence for lively debate concerning the grounds on which a Jewish man could divorce his wife: adultery; inferior cooking; even diminished beauty! There were various schools of thought. Jewish law, unlike Roman law, however, did not permit women to initiate divorce proceedings on any grounds at all. From the perspective of the Markan Jesus, Moses only permitted divorce as a concession to "hardness of heart": it was not so from the beginning. The ideal, he insists, is expressed in the Garden Story of Genesis, the story of "one flesh", of partnership, of equality and mutuality, of enduring commitment in marriage. The Hebrew word *'ezer* which is translated as "helper" in the first reading from Genesis is used in the Psalms of God's relationship to Israel. It does not denote inferiority of women to men as is sometimes suggested.

In our times, human limitation is just as much a reality as it was in the ancient world. We strive for the ideal but fall far short of it in so many ways. When this happens in marriage, the consequences can be more far-reaching than in other aspects of our lives. The parties involved become the "little ones" whose lives are shattered and disoriented. The embrace of the community is needed in a very particular way for everyone affected by divorce. Too often, those who have experienced the trauma of divorce feel alienated from the worshipping community, and this at a time when they need the grace of God and the courage to face a different future from the one they had envisaged on their wedding day.

Though seemingly unconnected, the story about marital commitment leads immediately into a story about Jesus taking the children in his arms and blessing them, despite the disciples' attempts to send them away. Children are important persons who are not to be excluded from the inner circle of love and compassion at any time. When parents part company, the best interests and needs of the children are sometimes forgotten. Today's gospel seems to be calling us all to be there for one another, to support those who are struggling in their relationships and to remember the children no matter what happens.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Domenic Panuccio and Filomena Carbone who were married this weekend.



RCIA—Meeting with candidates and sponsors
Thursday October 8th in the Hillman Room commencing 7pm.



OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Tongan Community will be praying The Rosary after the 9am Mass each Sunday for during the month of October. All welcome.



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1381.10
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3233.25
Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$ 80.00
Loose Plate	\$ 491.85

Next Finance meeting will be held on Thursday 15th October 7.30am, Hillman Room.

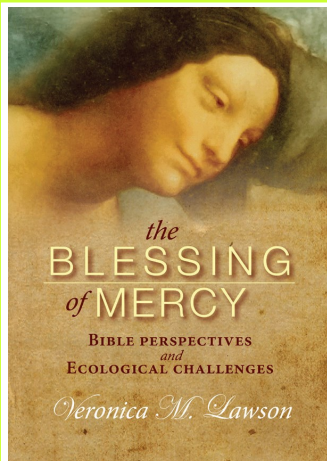
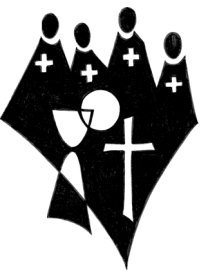
BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$1575.70 to this collection, which raised nearly \$67,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1722.50 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

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**



The Parish Office has for sale copies of Sr Veronica M Lawson's book 'The Blessing of Mercy—Bible Perspectives and Ecological Challenges' at \$12.00 each.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 6th October 9am in the Parish Office.

REGIS TENTH AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 6th October at 2pm. All welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Will gather at the Edge Hotel for the Poets Breakfast on Sunday 4th October at 7.00am. Intensions to John & Helen 5023 2425. All welcome.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY RED CLIFFS

Mission Week 5th –11th October commencing with Rosary 7pm followed by Mass.

FESTA DAY SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Mass 1.00pm followed by Procession.

3.00pm. Entertainment Peter Ietto, Italian Tarantella Group, many food stalls including Zippoli, Italian cakes & biscuits. Bocce competition, pignate & more

7.30pm. Drawing of raffle

8.30pm. Fireworks

All welcome

SACRED HEART YOUTH

On Friday 9th October the Youth will hold their weekly gathering from 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.

Will hold a BBQ sausage sizzle on Saturday 17th October at Cheap as Chips.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 6th October at 4.30pm in the Hillman Room.

Social Justice Statements are now available on their website to download—www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

SENIORS EXPO

Wednesday and Thursday
 7th & 8th October

At Mildura Church of Christ,

On the corner of Tenth Street & Deakin Avenue.

There will be presentations all day on a variety of topics. Please see the noticeboards for further information.

THE UNIVERSE IS REVEALING GOD TO US

A presentation by Sr Mary Dennett rsm BSc MA. A talk on the presence of God in the Universe and in our lives.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein

Monday, October 5th 2015

6.30pm Light meal. Presentation 7pm

Please RSVP by October 1st to Sr Marion at Merbein Parish 5025 2716. All welcome.

Any excess home grown vegetables can be donated to the Soup Kitchen and Vinnies. Please contact Arnold on 0417 311 556 for further information.



FRANCIS STICKS IN REPUBLICANS' CRAW

Pope Francis has been fiercely consistent in his priorities: the lives of the marginalised, the structures that diminish their dignity, and the pastoral imperatives that flow from mercy. He has not so much shifted mainstream Catholic discourse as broadened the terms.

The connections he makes in *Laudato Si* between climate change and the prevailing economic order, for instance, forces a rethink on what it means to be a Catholic with political power. The lead-up to his visit to the United States only confirms that this has been received as provocation, especially among Republicans.

Arizona representative Paul Gosar — a staunch Catholic — made a show of boycotting the historic papal address to the Joint Houses of Congress. In an article for *TIME* magazine, he explains that 'when the Pope chooses to act and talk like a leftist politician, then he can expect to be treated like one'. He advises the Pope to fight climate change 'in his personal time', adding that '(promoting) questionable science as Catholic dogma is ridiculous'.

Fox News radio host Brian Kilmeade was also blunt: 'I'm Catholic and he could stay home. Some of his comments just have no place. He's in the wrong country. He doesn't like capitalism. He blames us and money for what's going on in the Middle East ... He's never visited our country before, now he gets around to it and he's critical going in?'

Washington Post columnist George F. Will (an atheist) was at least less prosaic: 'Francis' fact-free flamboyance reduces him to a shepherd whose selectively reverent flock, genuflecting only at green altars, is tiny relative to the publicity it receives from media otherwise disdainful of his church.'

The conservative response to Francis has exposed fault lines; this much we can gather from the past two years. A US Gallup poll in July attributes the steep decline in his popularity — from 76 per cent to 59 per cent — to Catholics and conservatives.

Last year, 89 per cent of American Catholics had a favourable view of Francis, dropping to 71 per cent this year. Among those who identify as conservative (rather than moderate or liberal), the figure dropped from 72 per cent to 45 per cent. It is reasonable to believe that Francis' critique of free market economics has contributed to the hostility. One pundit described him as 'an eco-wolf in pope's clothing, a stealth Marxist in religious garb'.

Such intra-Catholic tensions aren't new. It is the same adverse response that met liberation theology and distributism.

Dorothy Day, cited by Pope Francis in his speech at the Capitol, was a social activist and pacifist who clashed ferociously with the Archdiocese of New York.

Like Day, Francis has rearranged the furniture, bringing certain elements of Catholic doctrine into better prominence, making central a space for those who have been thrust to the peripheries.

This necessitates change not just in perception, but in things like how the tax system is designed, what our budget priorities are, and whether conditions such as housing, education, health care, employment and security are liberating and available to all.

This view makes Francis authentic, not radical. Even his overhyped comments on capitalism are nothing more than an iteration of Christian priorities: 'Business is a noble vocation, directed to producing wealth and improving the world. It can



be a fruitful source of prosperity for the area in which it operates, especially if it sees the creation of jobs as an essential part of its service to the common good.'

The only people who regard Francis as radical are those who think popes should only attend to matters of personal conscience. Topics such as abortion and same-sex marriage are safe zones for comment because they don't concern the economic order, or threaten systems that generate income and wealth for the few. As Gosar put it in his boycott piece: 'If the Pope stuck to standard Christian theology, I would be the first in line.'

But Francis has smudged the line between faith and economics in a way that many conservatives find inconvenient. To be consistently Catholic, they would need to support policy that prioritises those who have the least.

Fatima Measham is a Eureka Street consulting editor.



JOKE

FACEBOOK . . . FOR SENIORS

This is for those of my older generation who do not really comprehend why

Facebook exists. Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I go down on the street and tell the passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do tomorrow night.

Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool.

I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them. And it works.

I already have 3 persons following me: Two police officers and a psychiatrist.

NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS



St Paul's Primary School, Mildura

A Catholic School of the Sacred Heart Parish

2016 Generalist Classroom Teacher Positions

2 x Fulltime and 1 x Part-time (0.4)

Fixed Term (Parental Leave replacements)

Applications are invited from Teachers who:

- Are committed to the ideals and ethos of Catholic Education.
- Can build positive relationships with learners and staff
- Have a belief that all students can learn
- Can inspire creativity in the classroom

Have the ability and desire to work collaboratively within a team

Special Requirements

Be enthusiastic about and able to teach within an Open Plan school

Desirable

Accreditation to teach RE in a Catholic School
Familiarity with enquiry based learning

Leadership positions

Successful applicant will be eligible to apply for 2016 Leadership positions.

Key Selection Criteria

Can be downloaded from school's website

Applications in writing:

Personal letter, Current resume, Three referee contacts

Applications close **Tuesday 6th October 2015 @ 4pm**

Applications to: Vince Muscatello, Principal, St Paul's Primary School

P O Box 4004, MILDURA Vic 3502

Ph: 03 5023 4567

or Email to: principal@spmildura.catholic.edu.au

General School information ~ www.spmildura.catholic.edu.au

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: *Anthony Banks* 5018 8000

3rd & 4th October, 2015			10th & 11th October, 2015		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Gen 2:18-24 Resp Psalm: Ps 127. R. v. 5 Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11 Gospel: Mk 10:2-16			First Reading: Wis 7:7-11 Resp Psalm: Ps 89:12-17. R. v. 14 Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13 Gospel: Mk 10:17-30		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	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
Ellen Frauenfelder	Nada Zudetich	Sasha Banks	Margaret McDonald	Maryanne Modica	Nisa Abraham
Maria Cirillo	Sara Visona	Katrina Groves	Anita Naray	Maria Page	Greg Johnston
Anne-Maree Greville	Juliet Cresp	Judy Hall	Leo Kearney	Lyn Welsh	Sandra Walker
Anthony Henderson	Robert Tindall	Myrna Rodi	Margaret Sheahan	Sheryl Pettinau	Mario Zema
Christine Carmichael	Louise Belej	Sue Hermans	Linda Henderson	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Josie Zema
Volunteer please	Nancy Leonardis	Danielle Mazzini	Irene Morello	Maria Scopacasa	Trish Cirillo
	Elena Garreffa			Susan Lewis	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	Italian Choir	M Hammond	Filipino Group	Youth Group	Mass for
All welcome	N Armsden	J Ljubic	N Armsden	Leader	Young Families
		J Macri		K Mafi	
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required	2 Servers required
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
	Catherine & Paul	Laura Fisher	Baptism	Baptism	Joy Morvell
	McErvale				
READERS			READERS		
Daniel Nemtsas	Julie O’Bryan	Clare Sheahan	Rosemary Barnes	Nicholas Mataele	Barb Bunting
COUNTING TEAM 7			COUNTING TEAM 8		
BRIAN BLEESER 5021 1828			TREVOR AUST 5023 6597		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Joe Kearney	Robin Hill		David Nicholls	Margaret Hill	