



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B 10th & 11th March 2018

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.

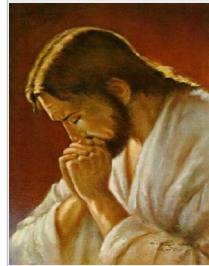
Tues: 6:00 pm Wed: 9:15 am

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: Jovgen Takac, Fr Peter
McGrath

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 6pm: Camillo Di Giammichele, Liliana
Vanni

Sunday 5pm: Joseph Schembri

Wednesday 9.15am: KSC Mass

*(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 permis-
sion. Names will be included for the duration of one month
after which family or friends can request more time.*

Paul & Dianne Lanigan, 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 gospel for today is the concluding section of Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee called Nicodemus, who comes to him "by night". It features a number of typically Johannine themes: life, eternal life, believing, seeing, God's love, salvation, judgment, light, darkness, the world, truth. John loves to play on words. Without losing

sight of the material reality underlying each image, we need to keep asking: how is this word or expression to be understood in this particular context? In John's gospel, the characters often misunderstand and this gives Jesus the opportunity to lead his hearers to a deeper or different understanding of his words.

As 21st century readers, we operate out of a symbol system that belongs in a different time and a different place, hence the need to explore the traditions informing the stories. The first two verses of today's reading evoke the ancient Israelite tradition of the bronze serpent (Numbers 21:5-9). According to the story, the Israelites are unhappy with their lot in the desert. They complain about the food or lack thereof. They blame both God and Moses. Their situation worsens with the outbreak of a plague of poisonous snakes whose bite has killed a considerable number of them. The people interpret the plague as punishment for their sin of speaking against God. They ask Moses to intercede with God. God instructs Moses to make an image of a fiery serpent and set it on a pole: anyone affected by snakebite has only to look upon the image to find life and healing. And so it happens: the bronze serpent is lifted up and those who "see" or "look upon it" find life.

Life and death, seeing and believing in God's love and mercy are at the heart of the story of the bronze serpent. The gospel writer taps into the collective memory of the emerging Christian community: just as the serpent was lifted up and the people found life, so will Jesus be lifted up and those who believe in him will find life. In John's gospel, seeing is often equated with believing and believing leads to "life".

The bottom line is God's saving love for "the world", for the whole Earth community. Most of the themes in this passage have already been introduced in the prologue to the gospel. Here for the first time in the gospel, God's saving activity is expressed in terms of "love". God's love is explicitly related to the gift of Jesus, God's Son, for the salvation of the world. Salvation resides in acceptance of Jesus, judgment in the refusal to accept Jesus as the revelation of God. Later in this gospel (12:33), Jesus will again reference the bronze serpent story in an expansive embrace of all creation: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to myself."

Veronica Lawson RSM



SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Idabagus Lasmana, Bryce De Iesi, Charli & Darci Deiesi, Tori O'Shea & Sonny Winton, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Allyd Kinnersley & Gemma Torpey who were married this weekend.



RCIA

Thursday Session March 15th Hillman Room—Prayer (Sr. Helen)

MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Monday 5pm or
Friday after the 5.40pm Mass.
All welcome.

EASTER DATES

Palm Sunday—25th March
Holy Thursday—29th March
Good Friday—30th March
Easter Vigil—31st March
Easter Sunday—1st April



MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday: Way of the Cross 10.30am
Ceremony 3:00pm

Easter Vigil Saturday

Mildura: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday

Irymple: 8:30am

Mildura: 8am and 10am
(No 5pm Mass)

Red Cliffs: 10am

Merbein: 10.30am

Werrimull: 12noon



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1571.50
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2187.05
Loose Plate	\$ 650.45
The Shared Table	\$ 30.00
Project Compassion (to date)	\$1932.95

Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday 13th March, 7.30am at the parish Office.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHER CROSS MEETING

The Mildura KSC Monthly meeting will be held Monday 12th March 2018, 7.30pm in the Club rooms.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 13th March at 10am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet in the Hillman Room on Tuesday 13th March from 2pm. All most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 13th March after 6:00pm Mass

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will be lunching at Woodies Gem Shop on Sunday 18th March. Please let Jean Rocca know your intentions for booking purposes 50237561. All Welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER ROSTERS

Will be emailed early next week or if you have requested a paper copy, they are now available for you to collect from table at the back of the church.

HYMN SINGING AFTERNOON MILDURA CHURCH OF CHRIST SUNDAY 18TH MARCH FROM 2PM

Please see flyers at each Church Entrance.

MISSING

A bag of religious DVD's belonging to Mary Grivec. If you have seen them or know of their whereabouts please contact the Parish Office. The DVD's are very sentimental to Mary and she would love to have them returned to her asap.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday 17th of
March**
following the 6pm Mass



**BYO drinks and nibbles for some music
and dancing around the Monaghan
Centre—inside and outside.**

CUPPA, CONVERSATION AND COMMUNITY



All are invited to stay for a CUPPA after the 9am this Sunday.

SHARED TABLE STALL

This Sunday 11th March after the 9am Mass.

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

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent— 11th March 2018

The symbolism in today's readings reminds us of the richness of God's mercy and grace.

In the Gospel today, we see Jesus speaking with Nicodemus. The same Nicodemus we are told a few verses earlier, who came to Jesus by night [John 3:10-12]. In the scriptures, night is often associated with secrecy and darkness. In contrast, later in John's Gospel, Jesus tells us he himself is the "light of the world".

As the Church continuously revisits the long history of God's relationship with God's people, Caritas Australia takes this opportunity to revisit and explore the impact of its relationships. We first heard about Evangeline, a young First Australian woman a couple of years ago. She lives in the remote community of Beswick in the Northern Territory. Evangeline's work is, of itself, life-giving for her and her community. She helps to preserve and bring into the light her own precious gifts and talents and the art and culture of her people.

As a Senior Artswoker for Djilpin Arts, a non-profit Aboriginal organisation, her career has flourished, along with the success of the enterprise. She has become an inspirational leader for youth, while the Djilpin Arts Centre has become an example of excellence in Indigenous tourism and is now a major employer for young people in the community.

In Evangeline's words, "This opportunity has helped me turn my life into something more positive. It makes me more confident and more independent."

We are blessed by their willingness to share their gifts with the broader Australian community.

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Let unifying love be your measure; abiding love your challenge; self-giving love your mission!"

Just as Evangeline is shining a light on her culture and history for future generations, we can ask ourselves: how are we living in Christ's light?

As we look with joy towards the Easter season, we pray that our hearts will be filled with God's mercy. May we be people of peace, open to God's transforming love and always ready to walk in solidarity alongside those most marginalised.

Evangeline's career has also flourished along with the growth of Djilpin Arts.

In the last couple of years she was the youngest Artswoker ever to be accepted into the Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists Artswokers Extension Program.

She says this opportunity has helped her turn her life into something more positive, making her more confident and independent.

This year, in 2018, Evangeline is busy guiding tourists, coordinating cultural activities and helping community members to practise and market their arts, such as weaving and jewellery-making.



Evangeline says that Caritas Australia's support for Djilpin Arts, through Project Compassion, is vital for all Wugularr's young people.

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Your support for Project Compassion in 2018 will provide employment and training for First Australians. The work of Evangeline and Djilpin Arts is creating opportunities for First Peoples to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Last year, with your help, Project Compassion raised over \$11 million. This amount is testament to your enormous generosity and compassion. Again this year you can make a difference and contribute to A Just Future for our most vulnerable youth and their communities. You can make your donation in the collection box or use the donation envelopes on your seat. We can also help you run your own fundraising events. Committing to something meaningful during Lent is another way to draw closer to God, raise money and stand in solidarity with people in need. Why not support Project Compassion throughout the year by becoming a Monthly Giver? If you are interested in making a lasting impact, please come and see me for further information. You can find out more about Evangeline's story on the Caritas website or how you can fundraise and get involved. Go to www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

A Just Future for all starts with your support. Please keep Project Compassion, and the people we serve, in your prayers. Thank you



**SACRED HEART
PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
EXTRAVAGANZA**

MARCH 23rd from 4pm

**Featuring live music with
OLD MELBOURNE ROAD**

Come and enjoy the fun and music!



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**TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT
ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN
UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN**

#LIVELENT | **LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE**

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

10th & 11th March 2018

17th & 18th March 2018

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Resp Psalm: Ps 136
Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10
Gospel: Jn 3:14-21

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34
Resp Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12
Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9
Gospel: Jn 12:20-30

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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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

Sonia Opie

Bill Dolence

Anne—Maree Greville

Judy Webster

Maree Irvin

Christine Carmichael

Phillip Opie

Jacqui Willis

Taiana Fatai

Jean Rocca

Sue Hermans

Ellen Fraudenfelder

Catherine McErvale

Barbara Bunting

Margaret McDonald

Bobby Castillo

Naomi Kennedy

Jacinda Deacon

Elvira Mazza

Katrina Groves

Trish McNamara

Ross Tongue

Mario Zema

Katy Quinlan

Jill Joslyn

Judy Hall

Paul Kerr

Talia Faingaanuku

Josie Zema

Katelin Anesbury

Lisa Cirillo

Myrna Rodi

Anita Naray

Michael Faingaanuku

Volunteer please

Laurie Fry

Marueen Speed

MUSIC

MUSIC

Filipino Choir

M Guthrie

M Hammond

Singing Group

Tongan Choir

H Hammond

N Armsden

B Lewis/B Prescottt

J Ljubic

M Sullivan

M Guthrie

J Macri

J O’Bryan

J Macri

J Ljubic

ALTAR SERV ERS

ALTAR SERV ERS

Please volunteer

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Baptism

Mary Gobbo

READERS

READERS

Anita Naray

Maria Munro

Volunteer

Christine Carmichael

Mary Jackson

Inez Sullivan

COUNTING TEAM 4

COUNTING TEAM 5

KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778

JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

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READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

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P Riordan

D Knight

M Smith

W Smith