



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**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
4th & 5th February 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: 7:00 pm

Wed: 9:10 am

Thurs: 9:30 am

Fri: 5:40 pm

Sat: 9:30 am

Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Ignac Strubelj (Slovenia)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

(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.

Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, Moataane Vatuvei, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

You are the salt of the earth.

You are the light

of the world.

In today's gospel, Jesus addresses two short parables to his disciples in the presence of the crowds. The crowds as well as the disciples hear what he has to say. Parables were intended to tease their hearers, inviting them to see things differently or from a new perspective, to see themselves in a new light. One of the difficulties for us is that Jesus told these parables in early first century Palestine with its particular symbol system, while we hear them through the multiple layers of our own twenty-first century contexts and symbol systems. "Salt" and "light" have slightly different resonances in different contexts, as do "earth" and "world". Exploring those resonances or nuances can bring us to a deeper appreciation of the text.

This short reflection allows for a focus only on "the salt of the earth" parable or metaphor. For Jesus' Palestinian audience, salt was used to preserve and season food. It also functioned as a cleansing or purifying agent. It could only lose its savour if contaminated by additives. We can resonate with all of that. For some of the Jewish rabbis, salt signified wisdom: a "salted" disciple was a "wise" disciple. In some parts of the ancient world, as in Pakistan today, salt was used in dyeing processes as a way of intensifying as well as preserving the colour of fabrics. Many Westerners are not aware of this practice. Farmers today are rightly concerned about high levels of salinity in overworked soil. That was certainly not the case for first-century Palestinians.

When we declare someone to be "the salt of the earth", we are generally referring to the sheer goodness of the person in question, her/his down-to-earth reliability, lack of pretentiousness and practical wisdom. To be salt of the earth is to season the earth community, to intensify its beauty, to be wise in one's judgments and just in all one's dealings. This parable, with its multi-layered symbolism, certainly teases the mind.

In the original Greek, the emphasis is on the first word in the sentence. Jesus is telling his hearers, disciples and crowds, that *they* are the salt of the earth. They do not have to *become* the salt of the earth; they *are* the salt of the earth. In short, he is affirming their worth. In its literary context, that assertion contrasts Jesus' followers with those who might persecute them. It affirms their capacity to stand strong in the face of opposition, "for the sake of justice". If they allow themselves to be overwhelmed or their commitment to be shaken, then the "salt" will be contaminated and the "earth" cannot be seasoned. As we reflect on the diverse metaphorical applications of salt and earth, we might take a moment to give thanks to God for the gift of the material realities that underlie these metaphors.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Dear Parishioners (New/Old)

If there is anyone out there willing to be on the music roster, we would love to hear from you, ASAP.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 and let us know. It would mean a commitment once a month. Thank you, *Marion Guthrie*



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 7th February 9am at the Parish Office.

REGIS TENTH AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 7th February at 2pm. All welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Family Group will breakfast at the Mildura Workers on Sunday 19th February 10.00am. Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions 50211918. All welcome.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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At 9am mass on Sunday's during the school term, children will be able to access children's liturgy lessons to learn about

the bible story at their own level. If you are able to provide assistance or volunteer for this program, please contact

Loretta on 0408231026 or

email: speechbubbleonline@hotmail.com



Sacred Heart Parish

Mission

WITH

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

Sunday March 12th 2017

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Friday March 17th 2017

**The Family & How We Communicate
Grief, Loss & the Mystery of Human Suffering**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

Prayer, Solitude & Everyday Spirituality

Reconciliation & Eucharist

RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

All information is available from the Parish Office

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

and enrolment of children Wednesday 22nd February
at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church

LENTEN GROUPS

If anyone is willing to lead a Reflection Group during Lent please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 before 10th February so that books can be ordered.

ADVANCE NOTICE

March 1: Ash Wednesday

April 9th: Palm Sunday

April 13th: Holy Thursday

April 14th: Good Friday

April 15th: Easter Saturday Vigil

April 16th: Easter Sunday



FRANCISCO – THE MAN BEHIND THE POPE

**Deakin Cinema February
15th at 6:30pm**

This event has now been confirmed for one night only. If you have reserved your tickets at the Parish Office please call in to pay for and collect your ticket @ \$21.65 each. If you missed out on reserving your ticket you can still purchase your tickets online: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/1407> so notify family and friends and make a night of it. If you are having trouble going online the Parish has purchased another 10 tickets so call the Office and reserve your ticket.



The Sacred Heart Parish would like to thank the St Anthony Committee for their kind and generous donation of \$5000.00 which will go towards the Monaghan Centre.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE—LAUNCHING OF 'SOME JOURNEYS CONTINUE....'

As part of the excitement and enthusiasm of welcoming the 2017 school year, St. Joseph's College is also launching the first recorded history of the College. The book titled *Some Journeys Continue . . .* will be launched and blessed at 5.00pm Mass on Sunday February 19 followed by 'A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert' with nibbles and a 'cup of tea'. College Principal, Marg Blythman warmly invites you to attend. Please reply by February 3, to Mrs Pat Riordan on 0429437663 or by email priordan@sjcnda.vic.edu.au as numbers are required for catering purposes.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

COULD ALL NOTICES FOR THE PARISH BULLETIN BE IN BY NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 3PM.

Thank you Carmel



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1233.85
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1233.00
Loose Plate	\$ 806.80

FINAL HEARING STAGE OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE

The final hearing into the Catholic Church begins in Sydney tomorrow, February 6th, and is expected to run for three weeks. Unlike the case studies this hearing will be less forensic in nature and more of an exploration of the causes and contributing factors for the institutional responses from Church Authorities to child sex abuse cases. This important hearing is vital to the overall assessment of the Commission will make of the Church's response to this scandal.

The history of abuse in the Catholic Church has been confronting and shameful. There is no excuse for it. There may well be reasons why it occurred but the fact that it did cannot be merely contextualised away. In its private sessions and through its data collection the Royal Commission has an estimate of the extent of the sexual abuse of children within the Church. This will be made public in the hearing and we need to brace ourselves once again as this revelation is made public.

This will be the first time anywhere in the world that the data of the Catholic Church on child sexual abuse has been compiled and analysed for public consideration. The data and the evidence from expert witnesses will make for an intense examination of the abuse scandal. It will point to cultural and sociological issues in the Catholic Church in Australia – how decision making occurred, who was involved and why. It will look at where responsibility fell and to what degree accountability and compliance processes were effectively deployed. The hearing will seek to provide an understanding of how priests and religious were selected and trained in the decades past as well as in current times. All this within the general understanding that sexual abuse of children has occurred across institutions, and almost universally those institutions had cultures of cover-up. We have engaged in the Commission process openly and in a spirit of cooperation.

This will be the 20th public hearing involving the Catholic Church and the 15th directly focused on the Catholic Church. It will be an important exploration of a devastating chapter in the history of the Catholic Church in Australia. And it will be difficult for us as a Catholic community. But the revelations will provide litmus for how we as Church recover and move on from this low point.

As this hearing proceeds on and after Monday, February 6, it will undoubtedly generate much attention in the press and media generally. We need to prepare ourselves and to ask: What can we learn from this sad and shameful chapter of our history?

Victims or families of victims of abuse by catholic clergy or religious can seek free assistance or advice through THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS RESOURCE GROUP, VICTORIA on 50 236790

MEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Welcome to the commencement of the 2017 academic year at St Joseph's College. As I begin the year I can tell we have much to be grateful for and to celebrate within this wonderful Catholic learning community. The aim of an education at St Joseph's is to develop our young people's thinking within the Catholic faith context, so they reach beyond their potential and become vital contributors to not only their local community, but to the wider world. For many of our students their hopes and dreams for future careers and lives may reach beyond the boundaries of the Sunraysia region.

This year we have declared our theme to be Compassion. As a Catholic school community we will embrace this call and take our scripture theme this year to guide us: *'...do to others whatever you would have them do to you...'* Matthew 7:12. *As a place of hope and love, we compassionately seek to empathise with and respond to others in a spirit of Mercy.* We will have many opportunities throughout the year to remind ourselves of this call to live a life of mercy and to celebrate compassion in practical ways in our school community.

If you would like to know what is going on in our College, please feel free to drop by Reception and collect one of our special Seasonal Produce calendars.

Report by Philip Opie, Religious Education Domain Leader at St Joseph's College

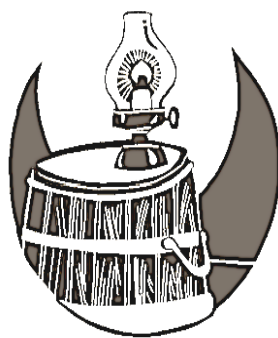
At our final staff mass at Sacred Heart Church on December 14, 2016 we conducted presentations to staff members leaving the College. One of these staff members was Sr. Caroline Coyle RSM. This was a very sad day for the College as Sr. Caroline has made a significant contribution over the last five years, as a member of the College Wellbeing team. Sr. Caroline entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1956, at the novitiate based in Rosanna. Her first vows were made in January, 1959, and Final Profession was made in 1962. After teacher training at Mercy Teachers' College, Ascot Vale, Mercy appointments were placed in co-educational secondary colleges in Western District and Central Victoria. Sr. Caroline has always ensured that she completed further studies and they were taken in Melbourne and La Trobe Universities. For a period of years, Sr. Caroline was involved in Special Education to young people with varied disabilities. Taking on another role in education Sr. Caroline spent time as a college counsellor in a Girls' college in Melbourne. Her next Mercy ministry was delivering pastoral care to the aged and dying.

When looking through Sr. Caroline's long career it does not summarise her wonderful qualities. Sr. Caroline is a humble person who has a wealth of wisdom that she is happy to share. In the true Mercy tradition, Sr. Caroline enjoys a cup of tea. I have been very pleased to spend time with Sr. Caroline at these times and listen to reflections of her experiences of education and the wonderful students and families at St. Joseph's College. Sr. Caroline reminds me of my first Principal Sr. Pan Holland with her compassion and empathy for others. St. Joseph's College has been very lucky to have both Sr. Caroline and Sr. Rosemary Graham over the last five years, as key members of our Wellbeing team. Sr. Caroline is retiring to Geelong and we wish her a happy retirement but I know that Mercy sisters never retire, as they always continue their ministry to others. I will miss Sr. Caroline's wisdom and advice but I know that she will be

a wonderful asset to her community in Geelong.



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: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

4th & 5th February 2017

11th & 12th February 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Isa 58:7-10
Resp Psalm: Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4
Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5
Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20
Resp Psalm: Ps118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1
Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10
Gospel: Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Katy Quinlan	Sonia Opie	Joyce Ribarits
Margaret Sheahan	Phillip Opie	Clem Carlucci
Irene Morello	Catherine McErvale	Vittorio Carlucci
Anne-Maree Greville	Elvira Mazza	Jacinta Macri
Taiana Fatai	Jill Joslyn	Petelo Mafi
Margaret McDonald	Lisa Cirillo	Volunteer Please
	Katalina Mafi	

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6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Trish McNamara	Aloisia Mafi	Paula Cox
Morris Henderson	Jean Rocco	Jennifer Boord
Anita Naray	Bobby Castello	Reni Cheriyan
Maria Cirillo	Ross Tongue	Wendy Finn
Christine Carmichael	Ta;oa Faingaanuku	Tony Finn
Ellen Frauenfelder	Michael Faingaanuku	Melanie Ransome
	Maureen Speed	

MUSIC

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M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Youth Group
		K Mafi

Filipino Group	Marion Guthrie	M Sullivan
N Armsden	All welcome	J Macri
		J Ljubic

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	J Morvell

READERS

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Irene Morello	Talia Faingaanuku	Bill Dolence

Rosemary Barnes	Soane Fati	Vince Muscatello

COUNTING TEAM 7

COUNTING TEAM 8

HELEN KAY 0429 135 053

TREVOR AUST 5023 6597

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

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READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
D Knight	W Schmidt

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
M Hoy	R Barbary