



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C -
4th & 5th June 2016

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

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Carolina Rosa, George Lipic, Laurie Muir
(Margaret McDonalds father), Henriette De Jong

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Fr Stjepan Gnjec, Pasquale Carfora, Luka Marlais

Sunday 5pm: Patricia Austin

Friday 5.40pm: Giovanna Capogreco (one year anniversary)

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



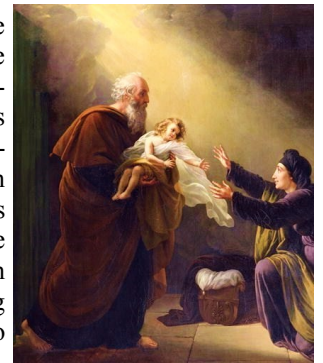
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

Lourdes Stanislaus (Fr Neville's mother), 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, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Sid Robinson, Judy Hunt, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Liberation or release for the most marginalised is at the heart of the mission of the Lukan Jesus. At the beginning of his ministry, we find him in his hometown synagogue in Nazareth, reading from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and appropriating to himself and to his mission the words of the prophet. He knows that the Spirit of God is upon him and that God has anointed him to bring good news to the destitute and release to the shattered (Luke 4:16-20). As the gospel narrative unfolds, we hear story after story of Jesus bringing good news for the destitute and release for the shattered.



In today's gospel passage, he encounters a funeral cortege at the gates of Nain. He is said to be moved with compassion (*esplanchnisthē*) for the plight of a widow who is shattered and under threat of a life of destitution. Women who lacked the protection of a husband or adult son were among the most destitute in first century Palestine. The unnamed woman of our story has already suffered the loss of her husband. She now grieves for the loss of her adult son. For a widow to lose her only son was nothing short of shattering. She would be entirely dependent on the goodwill of neighbours and friends and whatever extended family she may have had. Jesus knows that the death of her son has made this woman even more dependent and vulnerable than she had been made by her husband's death.

Nain was a tiny village in the Valley of Jezreel in the southern part of Galilee. As in every town, the gate would have been the place where legal cases were determined and justice was delivered. Now, at the gate of this town, Jesus of Nazareth brings both mercy and justice. He feels the pain of the widow in his own being and responds by restoring life, not only to the young man, but to his mother, to the extended family and to the grieving village community. Like this young man, Jesus is the only son of a woman who had possibly been widowed by the time he began his public ministry. His mother is to know the same pain of loss as her unnamed "sister" in Nain.

The sight of the funeral procession and the tears of the woman elicit the compassion of Jesus. The verb "to have compassion" (*splanchnizein*) denotes a deeply felt response in the depths of a person's being. It implies not just an emotional response, but action for mercy and justice. Tears will function in next week's gospel reading as an instrument of hospitality. In this story, tears and touch bring life to a son who was lost and restore life to a community and to a family within that community.

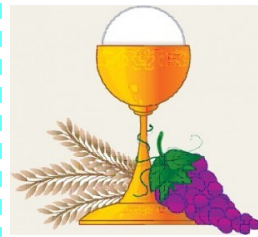
Veronica Lawson rsm

FUNERAL MASS FOR HENRIETTE DE JONG WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE AT 11AM. THERE WILL BE NO 9.10AM MASS ON WEDNESDAY.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Dominic Cavallo & Josephine Fotia who were married this weekend.



FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

Congratulations to the children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Also to their parents and families who have accompanied them throughout their preparation for this Sacrament. As we know, the Eucharist is not a "one off sacrament". The invitation of Jesus is to be present each Sunday as the Community gathers to celebrate and His ongoing presence amongst us, and to be continually nourished with His life through our communion with Him in the Eucharist.

I thank all those who have assisted with the Sacramental Program this year, especially Jen Ditchfield and Maria-Stella Fuoco, the RECs of Sacred Heart and St. Paul's Primary Schools, as well as the parents who have helped with Home Groups, and also Fr. Elio Capra and Rose Marie Prosser for their contributions to the Parent Formation Sessions.

Fr. Michael McKinnon

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY

The Italian Community will be celebrating their annual Feast of St Anthony Mass on Sunday 12th June at 9am. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Elio Capra. Tickets for the raffle are now available at \$2.00 each.

All are invited to stay for the procession followed by morning tea (a plate to share would be greatly appreciated), pasta and BBQ lunch. Traditional Italian fare will be provided along with great entertainment and the drawing of the raffle. For more information or if you are able to help on the day please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.



FLORES DE MAYO

We thank the Filipino Community for the wonderful celebration on the 22nd May and for their kind and generous donation \$1500.00 toward the Monaghan Centre.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1400.85
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2814.20
Loose Plate	\$ 836.40

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

Project Compassion receipts are now available and are at the back of the church for those parishioners who indicated on their form that they wished to obtain a tax receipt.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 7th June 9am.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 9th June at KSC Clubrooms at 7pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL KIOSK

Now has new Rosaries, statues & Mass Books suitable for First Eucharist—the Kiosk is situated in the front foyer of the Church and is opened—Saturday after 6pm Mass and Sunday after 9am Mass.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Copies are now available for you to take home. Great reading. Edition 3—Mercy in social justice, carrying a message of hope.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 4TH/5TH JUNE '16

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.

A 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.

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Sacred Heart Parish next bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 31st July with Mass starting at 11am followed by a counter lunch at the pub. Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office to make a booking on 5021 2872.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The next meeting of this group will be held on Wednesday June 15 at 7 pm in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome to explore ways of helping ourselves to live more responsibly and sustainably. Our current focus is on the devastation caused by the use of plastic bags. (Even the biodegradable ones)

The environmental impacts of plastic bag use include:

Danger to animal life, especially when they find their way into the sea.

Plastic bags are quite commonly mistaken for food by animals, especially when the bags carry food residues, are brightly coloured or are animated by the movement of water. A great variety of animals, land and especially marine, can choke to death on bags, experiencing much pain and distress. If swallowed whole, animals may not be able to digest real food and die a slow death from starvation or infection.

Litter problem

Plastic bags are a highly visible, ugly component of litter. Local and State Governments around Australia spend more than \$200 million per year picking up litter. If plastic bags continue to be used, the number of bags littering the environment will increase over time.

Loss of resources

Plastic bags are typically used for a short period of time but take hundreds of years to break down in landfill. While plastic bags can be recycled, only a tiny proportion of plastic bags are collected and reprocessed.

A lightweight plastic bags consumes about 4.5 times more energy in its manufacture than reusable 'green bags'. Check out the following web sites. <http://www.bagtheban.com>/<https://www.reusethisbag.com>.

A Vote For The Voiceless

A STATEMENT BY THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA ON THE ELECTION

Australians are again going to the polls. We do so thankful that the electoral process will be free of the violence found elsewhere. Our political system may have its problems but we have a stable democracy, which is not to be taken for granted. Nor is the quality of those who put themselves forward for election to the Federal parliament. We are in their debt for their willingness to serve.

During the long election campaign there will be much talk about the economy and the need for good economic management at a time of some uncertainty. Both sides of politics will state their economic credentials in a bid to win power.

The economy of course is important and there does need to be sound management. But, as Pope Francis has pointed out, there is also a danger that the economy can become a kind of false god to which even human beings have to be sacrificed.

This leads to what the Pope has called the throwaway culture - a culture of over-consumption where all kinds of things are thrown away, wasted, even human beings. The voices of the thrown-away people will not be heard in the long and rowdy campaign. Their faces will not be seen in all the advertising. Yet unless their voices are somehow heard and their faces seen, we will not have a truly human society in which economic management serves human beings rather than the other way round.

That is why we bishops want to speak a word as part of this campaign - not in order to push an ideological line or simply to defend the Church's interests but to give a voice to the voiceless and make their faces seen, however briefly in a statement such as this.

Among the people discarded in this throwaway culture are these: Refugees and asylum seekers who are often seen as a problem to be solved rather than as human beings in need of our help.

Indigenous peoples whose cry for recognition has barely been heard and who suffer injustice at the hands of our justice system. The survivors of sexual abuse who have emerged from the shadows and whose voice is now being heard, crying out for redress and healing.

Those who suffer family violence who are often unseen and unheard, behind closed doors with nowhere to go and no-one to turn to.

Those in the womb who are among the most defenceless, at risk of being deprived of the most basic of all human rights, the right to live.

The elderly who are seen at times as an economic burden now that they are unable to "produce" or consume in the way the economy demands.

Those suffering mental illness who seem not to fit in with accepted patterns of social behaviour and are often presumed to contribute nothing to society, thus ending up in the too-hard basket.

Those suffering addiction who can see no way out of the destructive grasp of alcohol or other drugs, gambling or pornography.

Those entrapped in new forms of slavery who are the victims of sexual or workplace enslavement.

The desperately poor beyond our shores who look to wealthy Australia for the help they need - often simply to survive - but find our nation less and less generous.

There are others in our community, near and far, whose voices are unheard, whose faces are unseen. They are seen as politically irrelevant. They will not decide any marginal seats or determine the result of the election. Yet any society is ultimately judged not on how well it manages the economy but on how well it treats the thrown-away people.

Who then are the people unheard and unseen? What does it mean

for Australia to care for them? If we fail to ask these questions and to try to answer them, then much that goes on in this or any other election campaign will be political theatre that does not address the real issues.

But it is not just individual people who are thrown away. The same can happen to the environment, both social and natural. At the heart of a healthy social environment there is marriage and the family. Yet political decisions can end up undermining marriage and providing less and less support for families despite a rhetoric that claims otherwise.

The fact is that economic decisions have been less and less favourable to families in recent years; and it may be that political decisions in the future will undermine further the dignity and uniqueness of marriage as a lifelong union of man and woman. Support for marriage and the family does not look a big vote-winner, so that even the most basic human institution, upon which the health of a society depends, can become part of the throwaway culture or at best an optional extra.

Pope Francis has said that the earth too cries out for justice at this time. The natural environment - the land we live on, the air we breathe, the water we drink - even this can become voiceless, so that the earth's cry for justice can go unheard. Now is the time to act, so that the natural environment is able to meet human needs rather than be sacrificed to the god of the economy. We need an economy that is truly human, not falsely divinised. This does not mean divinising the natural world, but it does mean treating it with respect and seeing it as a gift to be received gratefully rather than as a resource to be plundered at will.

Neither can we as Christians afford to be voiceless through this campaign. On all kinds of issues we need to make our voices heard. But to do that we will have to listen first - not only to the voice of the voiceless, but even to the voice of God. That is why for Christians and others prayer is an essential part of this long journey to the election. By prayer, we mean first listening to God who has a word to speak in all this - the God who is neither voiceless nor faceless. If we can listen to God's voice, then there is a chance that we might be able to speak with a voice that is not just our own.

To listen to God and to the voiceless is in the end the same thing. In hearing their voice, we can hear the voice of God. That is where the real God is; that is how the real God communicates.

We hope that this campaign - for Christians at least and especially for Christian politicians - will be a time not of spin and bombast but a time of wise and true speaking that comes from deep and humble listening. Then our vote may be a vote in favour of a community where no-one is thrown away, where all the voices are heard and all the faces seen.

REGIONAL GATHERING

Special thanks to Fr Richard Leonard SJ, Lorraine McCarthy and Clara Geoghegan for their contribution. Thanks also to St Paul's Primary school and St Joseph's College for helping to facilitate a successful and worthwhile weekend.



URGENT NOTICE FROM Fr. Mick

A friend has a ticket for the AFL Grand Final on the 1st October.

Unfortunately, it clashes with his wedding.

Do you know anyone who wants to get married?



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 June, 2016			11th & 12th June, 2016		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24 Resp Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2 Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Second Reading: Gal 1:11-19 Gospel: Lk 7:11-17			First Reading: 2 Sam 12:7-10, 13 Resp Psalm: Ps 31:1-2, 5, 7, 11. R. cf. v. 5 Response: Lord, forgive the wrong I have done. Second Reading: Gal 2:16, 19-21 Gospel: Lk 7:36-50		
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
Trish McNamara	Talia Faingaanuku	Sue Hermans	Christine Carmichael	Gina Raiti	Josie Zema
Morris Henderson	Michael Faingaanuku	Danielle Mazzini	Margaret McDonald	Anna Vartuki	Trish Cirillo
Ellen Frauenfelder	Maureen Speed	Nisa Abraham	Anita Naray	Nada Zudetich	Jeena Jose
Maria Cirillo	Alicia Tindall	Greg Johnston	Leo Kearney	Sara Visona	Joyce Ribarits
Anne-Maree Greville	Lily Tindall	Sandra Walker	Margaret Sheahan	Juliet Cresp	Clem Carlucci
Volunteer please	Peter O’Donnell	Mario Zema	Volunteer please	Robert Tindall	Vittorio Carlucci
	Filomena Carbone			Louise Belej	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
First Eucharist	First Eucharist	Youth Group	Filipino Group	Feast of St Anthony	M Guthrie
M Guthrie	M Sullivan	K Mafi	N Armsden	Italian Choir	All welcome
Sacred Heart School	J Macri			N Armsden	
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
First Eucharist	First Eucharist		Baptism	Feast of St Anthony	
READERS			READERS		
First Eucharist	First Eucharist	Tony Finn	Jen Ditchfield	Feast of St Anthony	Bill Dolence
COUNTING TEAM 2			COUNTING TEAM 3		
JOE DEJONG 5023 7802			PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
K Modoo	Malcolm Hoy		M Hill	R Hill	