



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple

1st Sunday of Lent / Year A -
4th & 5th March 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

Stations of the Cross & Rosary: Monday 5:00pm

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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Parish Prayer Room

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Camillo Di Giammichele (brother & brother-in-law of Maria & Michele Vanni) - Mass will be held on Friday 10th March at 5.40pm

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Helen Grivec, Una Khan, Elvie McGlynn, Mavis Sullivan

Tuesday 7pm: Davasia

Friday 5.40pm: Emma De Luca (one year anniversary)

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



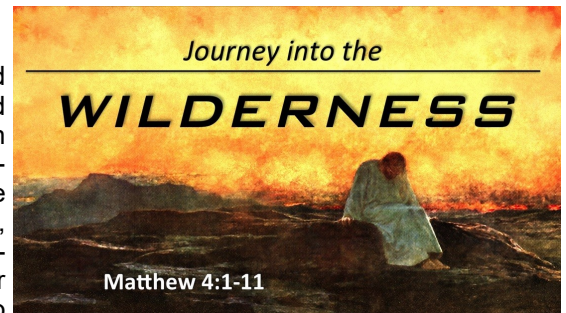
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

Yvonne Ash, Don Lewis, 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, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to



discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the "wilderness" and grappling with the mysteries of life, as well as a time of preparation for Easter. Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in the wilderness. Jesus is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many humans before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the Greek than is "tempted"].

Forty is a significant number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God. Explanations of its significance vary: a round number for long time; a time of testing or trial; totality or fullness.

The wilderness is ever so real and at the same time symbolic. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deut 8:2). In Matthew's account, the "devil" is the "tester" or "tempter", the instrument of God's testing. In each instance, the test is expressed in terms of Jesus' relationship to God: "If you are the son of God...." The Matthean Jesus passes the tests that the people of Israel have failed in the wilderness of Sinai. He refuses the way of special favour from God, the way of status or self-aggrandisement. He is prepared to suffer whatever it takes to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. In other words, he chooses the way of God's empire or the empire "of the heavens" rather than the brutality of the Roman Empire. Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed "of God".

Most people of faith would agree that being "of God" right now has more than a little to do with the way we relate to all of Earth's human and other-than-human inhabitants, the value we ascribe to Earth's precious resources, and the respect we show for life through our responsible use of those resources. Lent calls us to reject the path of domination or greed or status so that, like Jesus, we may be truly "of God".

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

RCIA—Purification & Enlightenment

Will be held on 9th March
7pm in the Hillman Room.



CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please be advised that from Thursday 2nd March our Weekday Mass times will be as follows:

Tuesday: 6:00pm
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9:15am
Friday: 5:40pm

Mass Times



We are still needing two volunteers to help give communion to Regis Ontario while Lexie Gittins recuperates from an illness. **If you can help** please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Will be held every Friday in the Church after the 5.40pm Mass. All welcome.



Community celebration of Reconciliation will be celebrated as Part of the Mission on Friday, 17th March, 7pm. All welcome.

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to both adults and children of catechetical age. The Rite of Election for catechumens, candidates and children of catechetical age will take place on **SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.** The presider will be Bishop Paul Bird CSSR.

Sacred Heart Parish have 7 candidates for RCIA this year. Robert Chiswell, Danni-Sue Jones, Chelsey Morello, Sally Nancarrow, Aleisha O'Brien, Rebecca Siale and Chiew Kee Tang will be presented to the Parish at our 9am Sunday Mass this weekend.



Sacred Heart Parish

Mission

WITH

FR. RAY SANCHEZ CP

Sunday March 12th 2017

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

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Will hold their monthly meeting on Monday 6th March 2017, at the KSC Club rooms at 7.30pm. A BBQ hamburger tea will be available prior to the meeting from 6.30pm.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

A retired Pilot is looking for either short term or long term accommodation in the Mildura area (Bungalow, Granny Flat or a spare room) from 28th March. If you can help please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

THANK YOU

A very big THANK YOU to the lovely people who stayed back after Mass on last Sunday evening to help decorate our Sacred Space for the Lenten Season. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Marion Guthrie

RELIGIOUS MOSAICS FOR SALE

Along the entrance way of the Monaghan Centre you will have noticed a number of Religious Mosaics and other art works from St. Joseph's College.

If you are interested in purchasing an item, you can do so by making a donation to The Shared Table (supporting Fr. Mick's previous Parish in Lima Peru.) Donations can be left in the sacristy or at the Parish Office.

If you ordered one of Fr Pat Flanagan's book "Just What Is Sacrifice", please call in to the Sacred Heart Parish Office and collect it. Book costs \$13.00 each.



SACRED HEART YOUTH

During the Season of Lent The Sacred Heart Youth Group will be meeting in the Monaghan Centre every Friday from 6.30pm.



The next meeting will be held on Friday 10th March. New members most welcomed to join.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1228.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3134.00
Loose Plate	\$ 584.85

No one wins as public discourse thins

Andrew Hamilton consulting editor of *Eureka Street*.

It is a commonplace that our political discourse is much impoverished. Speeches are built around the sound bite designed to be quoted. The Trump administration is experimenting with letting go of speeches and communicating within the limits set by Twitter.

In such a world there is little space for more complex rhetoric, for cultural reference, for reflection on historical precedents, or for wondering. From their speeches we would not know generally what politicians read seriously and what significant cultural influences have shaped them. Their words leave no echoes. Political discourse is dominated by barracking and by answers to 'how' questions.

To recall the world's great political speeches and their writers, ghost and fleshly, and the world of Paine and Burke, of Churchill and Kennedy and even of Rudd's Apology, can be an exercise in nostalgia.

Great speeches mainly belonged to a time when the majority of politicians were more highly educated than their constituents, and when the educational curriculum emphasised rhetoric. The speakers and audience alike shared a wide cultural reference and language that enabled them to speak easily about human goals and the good life.

Today the educational system emphasises technique and the solutions to 'how' questions. Paperless schools exist, and there is no cultural canon that is shared. Political discourse reflects this: once finely honed speeches had public effect; now they don't. So they are seen as superfluous.

It is worth musing on what may be lost in the thinning of public discourse. If language is thin, so is the perception of reality. That is dangerous in political life. It leads to shallow policies and destructive actions.

The value of reading, whether in history or of literature or within a religious tradition, lies in its encouragement to tease out the complexity of reality and of the subtle relationships and interconnections, the history of hurt and gift, the insights and fallibility, the mixture of motives, the pressure of events, the unseen consequences of well-intended actions and of the contingencies that characterise any domestic situation, let alone more public events. It provides words that enable reality to be seen.

An instinctive awareness of this complexity, depth and interconnection is important in political life because it corresponds to the reality of the parliamentary process and also of national life. Novels, poetry, biographies, histories and religious texts attend to the depth of human life and interactions. They provide a range of words and images that illuminate the world and so help us to affect it for the better.

These thick accounts of life in its public and private dimensions draw us beyond the 'how' questions which are properly the focus of government attention to the larger human questions of meaning and of happiness on which effectual answers to 'how' questions depend. They ask why particular actions are proposed, and whether they enhance the life of human beings.

They pose the moral dimension of political life in all its difficulties, complexities, challenges to integrity and weaknesses that are part of political life. Biographies and novels again give images of what it is like to act with integrity as a politician, and what kind of consequence of our action, both foreseen and unseen. They foster the self-knowledge and reflectiveness without which politicians are dangerous to themselves and to others.

It is considered axiomatic that 'those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it'. If this is true, it is not because past situations are identical to present situations, so that we could feed together into a computer the past event and our own situation and so be told what will happen if we act in certain ways. It is rather that if we ignore the past we are vulnerable to a simplistic view of our predicaments and of our own mastery of them.

As a result we shall see ourselves as masters of a situation whereas in reality we are one of many actors, not writers of the script.

The invasion of Iraq illustrates perfectly this thin account of human action and the dangers that flow from it. It was orchestrated and applauded by people with little self-knowledge, less insight into the complexity of the situation in which they meddled, and no appreciation of the consequences that might follow. Their naivety was encapsulated in the poverty of the language in which they spoke of their venture.

In the winds that blow strongly across the world we have entered it seems unlikely that the sources that support a thick account of human life and of its public predicaments will be preserved in the mainstream media and popular culture. The task will fall to small groups to reflect in some depth on the events of our day, drawing on the rich cultural, literary and discursive traditions we have inherited. A modest venture, as modest and as hopeful as that of the monks in the dissolution of the Roman world.

LENTEN REGULATIONS - 2017

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer:** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary.
- (b) **Self-denial:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.
- (c) **Helping others** - for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

On Good Friday and, if possible on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Paschal Fast is observed.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Trinity Sunday, (June 11), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

FUNERALS:

During the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS:

Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate **that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.**

May this Lent bring blessings on us all.

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 March 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Resp Psalm: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3
Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Second Reading: Rom 5:12, 17-19
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Ellen Frauenfelder	Lyn Welsh	Naomi Kennedy
Jacinda Deacon	Loretta Thompson	Mario Zema
Katy Quinlan	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Josie Zema
Irene Morello	Maria Scopacasa	Trish Cirillo
Anne-Maree Greville	Susan Lewis	Jeena Jose
Volunteer please	Minda Wright	Joyce Ribarits
	Volunteer please	

MUSIC

Loretta Thompson	Italian Choir	Youth Group
	N Armsden	K Mafi

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Mary Gobbo	

READERS

Anita Naray	Peter Maloney	Deepu Thomas

COUNTING TEAM 1

GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
M Hill	R Hill

11th & 12th March 2017

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4
Resp Psalm:
Response: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22
Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Taiana Fatai	Rose Op’t Hoog	Clem Carlucci
Margaret McDonald	Rini Op’t Hoog	Vittorio Carlucci
Trish McNamara	Cora Howell	Christine Slattery
Morris Henderson	Narie Lewis	Jacinta Macri
Anita Naray	Renata Byra	Petelo Mafi
Maria Cirillo	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Paula Cox
	Sonia Opie	

MUSIC

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Baptism	Baptism

READERS

Katy Quinlan	Julie O’Bryan	Inez Sullivan

COUNTING TEAM 2

JOE DE JONG 5023 7802

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
P Riordan	M Hill