



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier  
Elms Street, Irymple

## The Transfiguration of the Lord / Year A - 5th & 6th August 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

**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:** Robert Hogart, Harold (Harry) Naden, Frances Morey Giuseppe (Joe) Martino,

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Saturday 6pm:** All Souls in Purgatory, deceased members of the Healy Family, Bob Brown

**Sunday 9am:** Angelo & Luigi Resta, Toody McGlashan

**Sunday 5pm:** Elizabeth Pollifrone (10 year anniversary), John, Margaret & Dennis Donnellon, Gabriele & Teresa Vanni

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



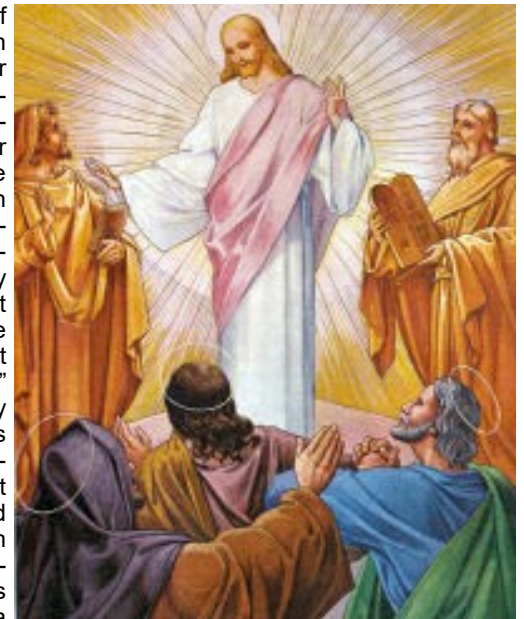
#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

*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.*

Sr Rosemary Graham, Brian Gibson (Hobart), Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Feast of the Transfiguration takes precedence over the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and features its own particular readings. Today we are invited to reflect on a transformative moment in the life of Jesus as experienced by his closest followers. It is important to note that Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is loosely framed by reminders that Jesus is to suffer and eventually to meet a violent death (16:21 and 17:23). It would seem that Jesus' three companions, Peter, James and John, get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence and opposition to God's reign. They see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet.



The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he continues to confront the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with that realisation in the wilderness at the outset of his ministry. He comes to peace with what it involves on the mountain top. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. Rather, he and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God.

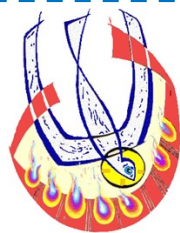
Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We also need the good sense to listen and to follow through on the path that brings life to all the earth's inhabitants, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the experience of glory, and come to terms with the personal cost of going all the way to Jerusalem, to the place of victory. We might take time this Sunday to consider the challenges facing us as contemporary disciples. According to the 2017 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Report, almost three quarters of a billion people have less than \$US1.90 per day to meet all their basic needs for food, shelter and security, even as the gap between rich and poor in our world is widening. Only when we willingly accept the pain of relinquishing our hold on an unfair share of the world's resources will we understand the meaning of this feast.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Lily Ashelford whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017**  
Parents of children in Grade 5 who celebrated First Eucharist last year are reminded that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on the weekends of the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November and the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

The Parent Information Evening will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October** 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Parents **must** attend this evening to enrol their children in the Program. More information is available at the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm.

### MUSICIANS

Please return your Copyright booklets to the Parish Office by Thursday 10th August. Thank you



### ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY



Will be celebrated on Saturday 5th August at 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by procession to the Sacred Heart Hall. There will be a free BBQ & Pasta meal and entertainment.

Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and Knights of the Southern Cross. All most welcome.

### MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - CELEBRATION 2017

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 13th August. Holy Mass at 9am. Free food and soft drinks will be provided after the mass. All welcome.



Organised by the Kerala Community



## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### 13TH NATIONAL ECONFERENCE

Will be held on **Thursday 10th August 2017 from 10.30am to 2.45pm— Monaghan Centre**  
Streamed Live

**Theme: Gospel Leadership in times of Chaos—The Hope of Pope Francis**  
**With Guest speakers:**

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.

**A light luncheon will be provided.**



## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Are having their monthly meeting on Tuesday 8th August from 2pm. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th August, 6.30pm in the Hillman room.

**OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY**  
Available now at each church entrance.  
Don't forget to get a copy. Great reading.

### MONEY COUNTERS

It has been brought to our attention that if one cannot come to a counting evening, please find your own replacement, that way the COUNTING TEAM will not be short of helpers.

### FAMILY MATTERS: STRENGTHENING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

MILDURA Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at St Joseph's College

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ providing the opening address, followed by a number of workshops. The recent Ballarat event was an excellent opportunity to learn, connect and reflect. **The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat in conjunction with Centacare.**

**Workshops/seminars to choose from include:**

- Family violence
- Having the suicide conversation
- Building trust/listening
- Enriching family relationships
- Keeping children the focus in blended families
- Tuning into Kids



To register, contact Sacred Heart parish Office by no later than the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017, 5021 2872

### DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

In response to a request from Pope Francis, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has set aside Sunday September 10th 2017, Child Protection Sunday, as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

### REAL CARE, LOVE AND COMPASSION: THE ALTERNATIVE TO EUTHANASIA

In the light of the proposed legislation of euthanasia and assisted suicide, there are two short publications available at the entrances to the Church. A booklet entitled: **When Life is ending**. A leaflet entitled: **Real care, love and compassion: an alternative to euthanasia**.

More information is available from the Archdiocese of Melbourne website:

<http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Culture-of-Life/Euthanasia>





## FEAST DAY—ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (1842-1909) our first Australian saint, had a passion to ensure that education was available to poor children right across the Australian countryside. She went to extraordinary means and difficulties to pursue the calling and have her sisters travel to where the greatest need existed. She exhibited courage, trust, openness and raw faith in her deliberations and actions. On 15th August 1867, Sister Mary Mackillop took her first Vows as a Religious and the title “of the Cross”, a call to lifetime courage and desire to serve Jesus in very practical ways. She faced many trials and tribulations setting up groups of sisters in and near Adelaide (including Penola), Sydney, Bathurst and Brisbane, travelling widely and writing volumes of letters of support and encouragement available to us today.



Relying on the providence of God, Mary provided care for neglected children, girls in danger and for the aged, poor and incurably ill, as well as refuge for women off the streets or newly from jail. She is remembered for her significant contribution to education, as Mary established a system of elementary Catholic education that would prepare the children of ordinary working class people for suitable employment. Her letters continue to be a support and encouragement for many.

The life and spirituality of our Australian “Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop” has been officially acclaimed by the Universal Church in her Canonization on 17th October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. Her spirit is truly alive in the ongoing work of the Sister of St Joseph and in the hearts of those who have been inspired by her.

## YOUTH & YOUNG PEOPLE

### ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to ‘book in’ your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 0427 748 867. More information on [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) / Youth and Young Adult pages.

### YOUTH SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5337 7125.



## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1265.65</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$3330.20</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$1045.00</b>

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

This weekend brings the final theme for our Stewardship Program “Supports Generously” and we welcome Fr Dennis Cramer from Wodonga Catholic Parish and Fr Frank Marriott from Bendigo who will speak at all our weekend Masses. All parishioners are asked to respond generously and make a financial commitment to support the parish by completing a new pledge card at Mass today.

The Time and Talent Sheets will also be collected during Mass today. New rosters will be sent in the coming weeks for the various parish ministries and activities. Spare Time and Talent Sheets are available at the back of the church.

The Program Director Tony Biviano will be available at all Masses this weekend should you need any further information.

### DISTRIBUTION MEETING

All parishioners who have generously volunteered to help with follow-up are reminded of our meeting as follows: Distribution Meeting—Tuesday, 15th August 7pm in the Hillman Room. If you have not volunteered and would like to help or to hear the results of our Support Generously Weekend please come along. All welcome.

### PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.

In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.

By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.

By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.

Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service And to give without counting the cost.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen  
*Fr. Michael McKinnon*



## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### SACRED HEART PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT

Fr Rojan George VC  
Director Vincentian Retreat Centre Melbourne  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
2017

From 6.30pm to 9pm  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;  
Save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise  
Jer 17:14*

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to Fr. Frank Marriott and Fr. Dennis Cramer both of whom belong to the Diocese of Sandhurst (Bendigo). Fr. Frank and Fr. Dennis are here to speak to us on our Pledging Sunday. We thank them for their time and generosity.

*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

5th & 6th August 2017			12th & 13th August 2017		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
<b>First Reading: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14</b> <b>Resp Psalm: Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9. R. vv. 1, 9</b> <b>Response: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.</b> <b>Second Reading: 2 Pet 1:16-19</b> <b>Gospel: Mt 17:1-9</b>			<b>First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13</b> <b>Resp Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8</b> <b>Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.</b> <b>Second Reading:</b>		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	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
Maria Cirillo	Michael Faingaanuku	Reni Cheriyan	Anne-Maree Greville	Sara Visona	Barbara Bunting
Christine Carmichael	Maureen Speed	Wendy Finn	Taiana Fatai	Juliest Cresp	Katrina Groves
Ellen Frauenfelder	Peter O’Donnell	Tony Finn	Margaret McDonald	Louise Belej	Judy Hall
Jacinda Deacon	Greg Johnston	Melanie Ransome	Trish McNamara	Nancy Leonardis	Myrna Rodi
Katy Quinlan	Gina Raiti	Bill Dolence	Morris Henderson	Elena Garreffa	Maree Irvin
Katelin Anesbury	Anna Vartuli	Jacqui Willis	Anita Naray	Maryanne Modica	Sue Hermans
	Nada Zudetich			Lyn Welsh	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Mary Mackillop	Italian Choir	M Guthrie	Filipino Choir	Indian Feast Day	M Sullivan
KSC	A Armsden	J Macri	N Armsden	Indian Community	J Macri
Youth Group		J Ljubic		M Guthrie	J Ljubic
ALTAR SERVERS			ALTAR SERVERS		
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
Mary Mackillop	Baptism			Indian Feast Day	
KSC					
READERS			READERS		
KSC	Mary Jackson	Vince Muscatello	Jen Ditchfield	Indian Feast Day	Peter Hammond
COUNTING TEAM 3			COUNTING TEAM 4		
PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531			KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
D Nichols	Malcolm Hoy		P Riordan	K Night	