



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

**St. Francis Xavier
Elms Street, Irymple**

**4th Sunday of Lent/ Year C -
5th & 6th March 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

Stations of the Cross: Monday 5:00pm followed by Rosary

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: Anna Ietto, Heyden Andriske

Thursday 9.30am: Knights of the Southern Cross—special intentions

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



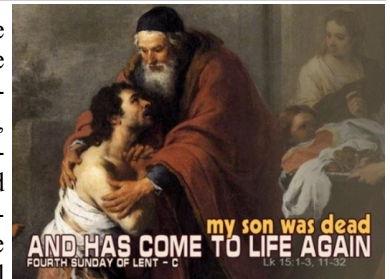
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

If you want a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Please let us know when to take their name off the list.

Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, Monica Crimmins, Daniel Ralli, Dan Rodan, John Devilee, Ethan Neyland, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Mad-den-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns, Betty Krake, Sid Robinson, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Judy Hunt

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Parent-child conflict is part of life and every parent's dream is to be able to deal effectively and lovingly with children behaving badly, including adult or adolescent children. Unfailing forgiveness and arms open to welcome back wayward sons and daughters: that is the way proposed in today's gospel story.



There is no room in the hearts of Jesus' critics for such forgiveness: upright law-abiding people should exclude "sinners" from their company. In a first-century Jewish context, it was easy enough to be a sinner. Whole groups of people, depending on their occupation, fell into that category simply because they failed to observe one or more of the 618 prescriptions of the law. Jesus' response to critics is the story of a parent both of whose sons lose their way for a time. One son finds his way back to the centre of family life and the support of the wider community while the other more law-abiding son seems to place himself outside the family circle, holding on to the resentment he feels at his brother's return.

We need to fill in the gaps in the story: there may be daughters as well as sons; there is surely another parent, a mother who shares the heartache of her husband when their younger son requests his one-third share of the estate. To make such a request in this context is unthinkable: it is tantamount to wishing his parents were dead. To accede to such a request is likewise unthinkable, even shameful in that society. The head of a patriarchal household who acts thus stands to lose honour, status, and authority. [It is important to note that the older brother is not disadvantaged: he is assured of a two-thirds share according to the law as well as the ongoing love and support of his family, as his father makes clear].

When things turn out disastrously in the distant country, the younger man shows no real interest in a restored relationship with his family. Rather, he devises a plan that will put food in his empty belly—not a particularly lofty motive for returning home. He thinks up a speech about sharing the status of the family employees. Thanks to the expansive heart of an amazingly compassionate parent, he does not have to deliver the speech he has prepared, but is gathered into the heart of family and local community. That's how it needs to be with us. It is certainly how it is with our merciful God. We can abandon, even betray; our motives for returning home can be very mixed; we may even be like the unwelcoming older brother; but the God of mercy and compassion is always there for us. **Veronica Lawson rsm**

FUNERAL MASS FOR ANNA IETTO WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 10AM. THERE WILL BE NO 7PM MASS ON TUESDAY

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Bruno Capogreco and Breyana Schultz who were married this weekend.



RCIA— Explanation of the Easter Vigil—Fr Michael

To be held Thursday 10th March, 7pm in the Hillman Room..

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

As new rosters are being compiled please advise the Parish Office on 5021 2872 if you are no longer available or wish to change your Mass time.

More Ministers are urgently needed for both Saturday 6pm and Sunday 5pm Masses.

New Eucharistic Ministers most welcome and training will be provided.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2016

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—Friday, 18th March, 7pm. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK ROSTER

Volunteers are needed for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses: readers, Eucharistic ministers; altar servers etc. **Please place your names on the roster sheets provided at the back of the church.**

MASS OF THE OILS: MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2016

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday 21st March. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan church. Yours in Christ.

Bishop Paul Bird CCsR

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1286.15
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2466.25
Loose Plate	\$ 581.65
Project Compassion	\$ 611.25

Next Finance Meeting Thursday March 10, 7.30am, Hillman Room.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

SPIDER TREATMENT

The Church will have its yearly spider spraying treatment on Monday 7th March am.

PRINCES COURT NURSING HOME MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 10am. All welcome.

OASIS AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 11.15am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on Tuesday 8th March 2pm in the Monaghan Centre.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Will meet on Tuesday 8th March 4.30pm in the Hillman Room. All welcome.

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 10th March at 9.30am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH LITURGY MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 10th March at 4.15pm at the Parish Office meeting room. All welcome.

WONDERFUL MISSION

We are very grateful to Fr. Ray Sanchez for his insightful and informative presentations throughout the Mission. Ray also made time to talk with students and staff in our schools, and was available for individuals who wanted to chat with him.

I believe the Mission was more than worthwhile, gifting us with a marvellous opportunity to make the most of our Lenten Journey during this Year of Mercy. I have invited Fr. Ray back to lead us in a Mission during Lent 2017. My hope is that those of us who have enjoyed him so much this year will make it our own personal mission to invite friends and neighbours to next year's presentations.

Fr. Michael

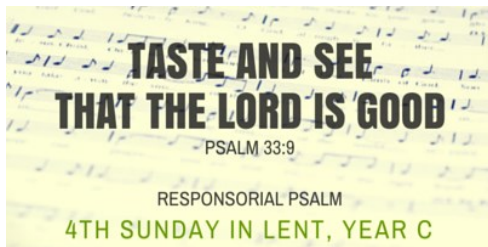
HEALING PRAYER

Loving God, we pray for those who have suffered the injustice, humiliation and pain of abuse within our Churches and communities across Australia. In your mercy, create opportunities for these men, women and children to share their pain, reveal their struggles and expose the hurtful actions of others. We pray for wisdom and guidance in order to deal with the realities of what has happened in the past. We pray for healing for those who have been abused. We pray for sensitivity and wisdom for all who minister to victims and survivors of abuse. We pray that into the future children everywhere will be protected from all forms of violence. We pray that the Church responds with love and action in order to heal injustices. May your Spirit draw us together and strengthen us with the truth of the Gospel through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

CATECHISM CLASSES

The Sisters of Charity—Dareton will host Catechism Classes in the Hillman Room every Saturday from 10.30am—11.30am. Scripture Classes for children aged 3-8.



THE YEAR OF MERCY



MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

Every confessor must accept the faithful as the father in the parable of the prodigal son: a father who runs out to meet his son despite the fact that he has squandered away his inheritance. Confessors are called to embrace the repentant son who comes back home and to express the joy of having him back again. Let us never tire of also going out to the other son who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing, in order to explain to him that his judgment is severe and unjust and meaningless in light of the father's boundless mercy. May confessors not ask useless questions, but like the father in the parable, interrupt the speech prepared ahead of time by the prodigal son, so that confessors will learn to accept the plea for help and mercy gushing from the heart of every penitent. In short, confessors are called to be a sign of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what.

YOUTH

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

(run by Fr Damian)

Will be held in the Hillman Room Fridays following the 5.40pm Mass. All youth of the Parish welcome.



NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last Monday, Fr Ray Sanchez visited our school community and spent some time with the children sharing his experiences about "Mission". They have been insightful, challenging, reflective and faith filled.

Our School Advisory Council had their March meeting on Tuesday evening and we welcomed Mr Joe Sapuppo to the Council as a new member. There was lots of discussion around our school policies, our capital development projects and fundraising opportunities for 2016.

Next Wednesday evening we will be hosting our annual family picnic at school. It's a great way to meet new families and catch up with your teachers. So bring your chairs, blankets and food and enjoy the evening. We have jumping castles for the kids to enjoy! Friday April 15th - St Paul's Big Night Out Cinema Evening. Keep the date in your diary. It's one of our major fundraisers for the year. Great raffle prizes on the night.

"Our job in education is to cultivate talent in children" Pedro Noguera. As always, keep the faith.

Vince Muscatello—Principal

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

It has been very busy start to the school year and the month of February seems to have taken longer to finish this year than in the past few years.

The Sacred Heart Parish **Mission** is going brilliantly this week, with high attendance at all presentations from the facilitator Fr Ray Sanchez. I along with fellow staff members have been fortunate to attend a number of these sessions, and we have asked Fr Ray to work with the SHPS staff tomorrow after school along the theme of 'Who is Jesus?'. This Friday evening we have quite a few students celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (7.00pm - 9.00pm) for the first time and we keep them in our prayers. Part of the celebration will include a session with Fr Ray and candidates and their parents are asked to be at the church for a 7.00pm start.

We will be having the SHPS **Open Day on Wednesday 13th April**. I ask that all existing families with siblings to attend next year please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Have a great week.

Des Lowry—Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

On Monday our Year 7 and 8 Instrumental Music students were involved in a full day music program. While on Wednesday night the Year 8 Camp Parent Information Evening was conducted enabling parents the opportunity to meet the Mercy Campus staff and also discuss the Grampians Trip.

While on Thursday night our Homeroom Teachers held Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews to discuss how our Year 7 students were settling in to life at SJC and how to access the PAM module on the College's Webpage. This was a wonderful opportunity for parents to visit the school and see their child's Homeroom Classroom and Banner.

Next Friday the College is looking forward to the Opening Mass with Bishop Paul Bird, Fr Michael McKinnon and Fr Damian Styles.

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

5th & 6th March, 2016

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Josh 5:9-12
Resp Psalm: Ps 33:2-7. R. v. 9
Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6PM

9AM

5PM

6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

6 Ministers required

Anthony Henderson

Ross Tongue

Christine Slattery

Christine Carmichael

Talia Faingaanuku

Jacinta Macri

Margaret McDonald

Michael Faingaanuku

Petelo Mafi

Anita Naray

Maureen Speed

Paula Cox

Leo Kearney

Alicia Tindall

Jennifer Boord

Margaret Sheahan

Lily Tindall

Volunteer Please

Peter O’Donnell

MUSIC

Youth Group

Italian Choir

M Guthrie

Leader

N Armsden

All Welcome

K Mafi

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Colin & Lyn Welsh

READERS

Christine Carmichael

Maureen Speed

Inez Sullivan

COUNTING TEAM 9

GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

Kath Modoo

Mary Hoy

12th & 13th March, 2016

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Isa 43:16-21
Resp Psalm: Ps 125. R. v. 3
Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled
with joy.
Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14
Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

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6PM

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5PM

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Linda Henderson

Filomena Carbone

Reni Cheriyan

Irene Morello

Gina Raiti

Wendy Finn

Katy Quinlan

Anna Vartuli

Tony Finn

Taiana Fatai

Nada Zudetich

Melanie Ransome

Trish McNamara

Sara Visona

Bill Dolence

Morris Henderson

Juliet Cresp

Jacqui Willis

Robert Tindall

MUSIC

Filipino Group

Youth Group

M Guthrie

N Armsden

Leader

All welcome

K Mafi

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2 Servers required

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

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Baptism

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Laura Fisher

READERS

Anita Naray

Cathy McErvale or

Inez Sullivan

Paul McErvale

COUNTING TEAM 10

BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

Denise Knight

Pat Riordan