



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**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C - 5th & 6th November 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

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: Pauline Byron, Betty Krake, Giuseppe Dimasi

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: David Porter

Sunday 9am: Leo Camarotto, Antonio Cirillo, Vincenzo Zinghini (one year anniversary)

Sunday 5pm: Giuseppe De Maria, Annunziata De Maria

Friday 5.40pm: Deceased members of Sunraysia St Vincent de Paul Society

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



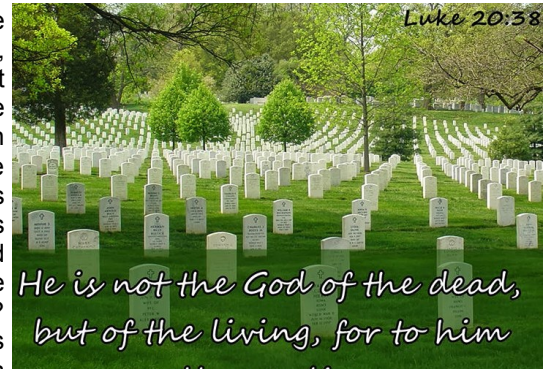
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

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, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Judy Hunt, Hailey Crossan, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio,

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in



death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as "not of the dead, but of the living."

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder this mystery of the bonds of love that persist, in unimagined and unimaginable ways, even after death. Some Sadducees "who say there is no resurrection" put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God's chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God's people). At the same time, there was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs.

Recently, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. I knew in my heart that the life she generated and the love she knew and brought to others over almost eight decades somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that is sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in that God, and in hope of the resurrection.

Veronica Lawson rsm

FUNERAL MASS FOR BETTY KRAKE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30AM. THIS WILL REPLACE THE 9.10AM MASS.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Otto Hamence whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



ADVANCE NOTICE

Period of Enquiry—Being Parish



Will be held on Thursday 10th November, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSE BOUND

The Parish Office is currently updating its Data Base for those who give communion to the sick who are house bound. If you are currently undertaking this ministry please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2017 – Advance Notice

The celebration will take place on **one weekend only** – 17th & 18th of June at each of the Parish Masses – Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm.



Advance notice for parents of children in Grade Four next year.

More details will be available shortly.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1265.70
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3851.00
Loose Plate	\$ 585.95



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Mass for the deceased members of the Sunraysia St Vincent de Paul Society, will be offered on Friday 11th November 5.40 p m, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura.

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Columban Calendars for 2017 are now available for sale at \$9.00 each, also available Religious Christmas Cards at \$3.00 a pack.

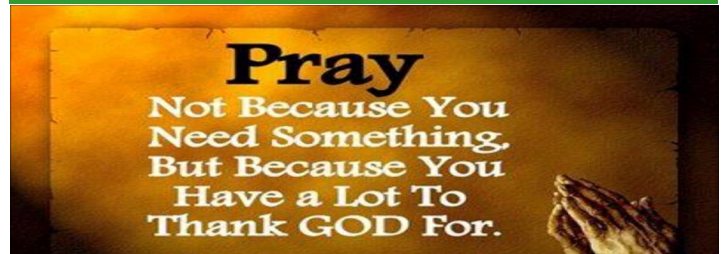
ASSIST A STUDENT PROGRAM

Paul McCarthy, the St Vincent de Paul State Co-ordinator for the "Assist a Student Program" has asked us to see if any of you would like to support the program. The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our north to get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. It costs \$70.00 to assist one student for one year. Pamphlets and sponsorship slips are available at the Church doors. Any queries to Patricia Fitzgibbon 5021 5486. Many thanks from all the members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul.

FOR SALE—Grey Pavers

The Parish has approximately 180 grey square pavers for sale \$200 for the lot.

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



SACRED HEART PARISH
invite you to help celebrate
Fr Michael's 60th Birthday
on Sunday 27th November, 2016
with drinks and cake following the
5pm Mass
in the Monaghan Centre

TURNBULL'S BOAT BAN IS CRAZY AND CRUEL

(Article from latest edition of Eureka Street)

Kerry Murphy 02 November 2016

'Will this affect my case?' Hassan was worried about the survey that said nearly 50 per cent of Australians wanted to ban Muslims from migrating to Australia. I was working on his protection visa from Iraq. He had a strong case. 'No,' I replied, perhaps overconfidently.

'Not all Muslims are like Daesh,' he replied using the Arabic acronym for the self-proclaimed Islamic State. 'I fled Iraq to escape those crazy people and the many militias and criminal gangs. I hate them as well, they are not true Muslims.'

Over the years of working with refugees from Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan I had learned about some of the many different types of Muslims and Islamic groups and sects.

Like any large religion, there are many variations in practice and beliefs, influenced by cultural and historical events. To simply ban them all is a crazy option. You do not ban everyone just because a small minority are involved in criminal activity. Or so I thought.

Then the Prime Minister announced that there would be a life ban on people coming to Australia if they arrived by boat and were sent to Nauru or Manus Island. This is also clearly crazy, but it has been proposed and now we await the bill for parliament.

Already One Nation supports it. This is not surprising, but what is concerning is that a major party has once again adopted the irrational hate and fear politics of One Nation as part of its policy for asylum seekers.

Back in 1996 One Nation advocated temporary protection visas (TPVs) for all refugees. Then Minister Ruddock later criticised the idea: 'The people you bring are very likely to have been tortured, traumatised and in need of support for rebuilding a new life. Can you imagine what temporary entry would do in terms of giving people a chance?' That was in September 1998. In October 1999 he introduced the TPV for boat arrivals.

Despite the TPV being proven, in studies by mental health specialists, to be harmful for a vulnerable group, the Abbott government reintroduced it and made it tougher — with no hope of permanent resettlement or family reunion, except for a small group who need to go through major hurdles. That was unnecessary and deliberately cruel, and I did not think it could be worse until last weekend. The new law would place a life ban on those who came by boat — and are presumably found to meet the strict refugee definition — from ever being able to come to Australia, or reunite with family here. This affects maybe 2000 or so people, some of whom are already here on bridging visas awaiting decisions on their fate. The 35,000 others who also came by boat do not face a life ban (yet) but have major hurdles to get a TPV.

The fast track system is designed as a 'limited right of review' and it enables bureaucrats to refuse cases, without an interview, or a chance for people to properly present their cases for protection. This is done to limit the risk of the courts overturning the decisions on review.

Why is it being done? To send a message to people smugglers, to stop people drowning at sea and most significantly to punish those who came by boat, even if they are found to meet the refugee definition. A group of people has been vilified not because of any harm they have done to anyone, or to Australia, but because their presence here is against the stated policy of government. It is not enough to incorrectly label them 'illegal', we have also to change the laws to make it harder for them to get protection and reunite with family members. Then a small subset of this group face life bans from ever coming here.

The first Immigration Act — the 1901 Immigration Restriction Act — was only 19 sections in length. The current Act is over 500 sections, but at least 19 sections just provide bans preventing different people from even applying for protection in Australia unless the Minister personally intervenes. The concentration of power in one politician is great, and this is without any transparency or independent review. Now it is proposed to increase this central ministerial power.

On Q&A, Stefano de Pieri, the celebrated Italian chef and writer from Mildura, could not contain his disdain for this policy. 'Who thinks up this cruelty?' he asked. Indeed, how have we come to such a level of cruelty for a small group of people who have caused us no harm?

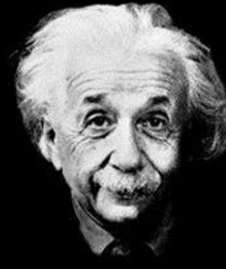
In 30 years of working with refugees, I can only think of one positive change in the law — the introduction of complementary protection back in 2012. There are around 45 other changes, which are detrimental, or reduce the adverse effects of a previous law. I think of Hassan's question and worry that if the many cruel policies we have already introduced are possible, then how far away are we from banning a group just because of their religion, or race?

We wait to see what will be introduced to parliament. Sadly, rather than seeking to deal with the complex issues of seeking asylum and refugee protection, politicians have decided to take the easy uninformed populist route. Probably that is easier to explain in 100 characters or in a 30 second media interview.

What is consoling is the large numbers of people, from many different walks of life, who are also questioning the vilification of people who arrive by boat. Often this is after meeting and listening to the asylum seekers and refugees themselves. We can only hope that more sensible, and less cruel, laws will prevail in the future.

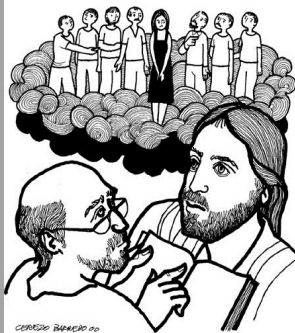
Kerry Murphy is a partner with the specialist immigration law firm D'Ambra Murphy Lawyers and member of the boards of the IARC and JRS.

**A bundle of belongings
isn't the only thing a refugee
brings to his new country.**



Einstein was a refugee.

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 November, 2016

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14
Resp Psalm: Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v. 15
Response: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
Second Reading: 2 Thess 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM	
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	
Trish McNamara	Renata Byra	Katrina Groves	
Morris Henderson	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Judy Hall	
Anita Naray	Sonia Opie	Myrna Rodi	
Maria Cirillo	Philip Opie	Maree Irvin	
Christine Carmichael	Catherine McErvale	Sue Hermans	
Ellen Frauenfelder	Elvira Mazza	Danielle Mazzini	
	Jill Joslyn		

MUSIC

Sacred Heart Group	Italian Choir	Youth Group
Leader	N Armsden	K Mafi
M Fainga’anuku		

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	Bereavement Team	

READERS

Trish Swincer	Maria Page	Deepu Mathew
		Thomas

COUNTING TEAM 4

KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
K Modoo	G Schmidt

12th & 13th November, 2016

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Mal 3:19-20
Resp Psalm: Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9
Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
Second Reading: 2 Thess 3:7-12
Gospel: Lk 21:5-19

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Jacinda Deacon	Lisa Cirillo	Greg Johnston	
Katy Quinlan	Katalina Mafi	Naomi Kennedy	
Margaret Sheahan	Aloisia Mafi	Mario Zema	
Irene Morello	Jean Rocca	Josie Zema	
Anne-Maree Greville	Bobby Castello	Volunteer please	
Taiana Fatai	Ross Tongue	Volunteer please	
	Talia Fainga’anuku		

MUSIC

Filipino Group	M Guthrie	Sacred Heart Group
N Armsden	B Prescott, B Lewis	Leader
	J O’Bryan	M Fainga’anuku

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Baptism	Baptism	

READERS

Gary Huxtable	Luke Guthrie	Inez Sullivan

COUNTING TEAM 5

JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
W Schmidt	P Riordan