



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

5th Sunday Ordinary Time/ Year C - 6th & 7th February 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

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

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH: Valerie Thompson, John Gothorp

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Giuseppe Roccisano (Nichols Point)

Sunday 9am: Mary Langdon

(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

The gospel reading opens with Jesus by the lake shore looking for a little space from the people who are pressing around him to hear "the word of God". For the gospel writer, the word of Jesus *is* the word of God. The listener/reader has been gradually prepared, in the baptism scene and in the synagogue at Nazareth, to receive this momentous statement. Jesus is the anointed of God who brings good news/God's word to the destitute. The gospel narrative assumes that the crowd by the lake receives his teaching as God's word.



Jesus spots two empty boats, gets into the one that belongs to Simon Peter, whom he seems to know since he feels free to do this and even to ask Simon to move the boat out from the shore. Having gained the distance he needs, Jesus sits down and teaches the crowd from the boat. God's word thus comes to the people from the potentially regenerative waters of the lake. Simon no doubt has one ear on Jesus' teaching as he and his despondent business partners clean the nets and pack up ready to go home without any fish. They have fished all night without a single catch.

Evoking the creation story of Genesis where God's spirit moves over the face of the deep, Jesus invites Simon and his companions to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch, even though the odds of a catch seem very slim. Simon Peter hesitates, noting that they have laboured without success all night. He nonetheless follows Jesus' instructions. The dramatic result of his attending to Jesus' word brings Simon to his knees: he acknowledges his limitations, his "sinfulness" in gospel terms. Jesus then commissions him to engage fearlessly in a new mission of reaching out beyond his present business enterprise to "catch people". This commission is not to be understood as a recruitment drive for the reign of God movement. As the gospel story unfolds we discover that it is, rather, a mission to bring the vulnerable safely to shore where they can know the compassion and justice and "hospitality" of God.

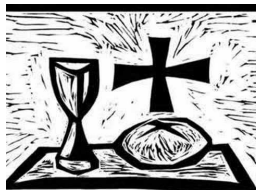
While Peter and his companions are said to "leave everything" and "follow" Jesus, the subsequent narrative makes it clear that they do not abandon their fishing activities. They simply re-centre their lives on the following of Jesus. In other words, they undertake to live out in their lives the pattern of Jesus' life amid the ordinary concerns of daily life. The previous chapter has provided glimpses of that pattern: bringing good news to the destitute, release to the shattered, healing to the sick and the broken. In our times, we are beginning to realise that the "shattered" includes the despoiled Earth and its often polluted waters.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

Parents of children in Government Schools who want their children to receive First Eucharist during this coming year need to register at the Parish Office by the Wednesday 3rd of February. A meeting for parents will take place on Monday 8th of February to discuss the celebration of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* for these same children on *Friday 4th of March*.



LITURGY TEAM MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 11th February, 4.15pm at the Parish Office.



RCIA— Explanation of Lenten Rites & Holy Week -
Fr Mick

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th February, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2016

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, Vigil 9th February: 6pm
Wednesday 10th February : 10am & 6pm

LENTEN GROUPS

Two Group have been organised:-
Group 1: Mary Mazza, Monaghan Centre at 10am commencing Thursday 11th February. Phone 5023 4028
Group 2: Wilma Schmidt, Hillman Room 10am, commencing Thursday 11th February. Phone 5021 4953



PARISH MISSION 2016

I extend an invitation to all Parishioners to participate in our forthcoming Parish Mission. Please try to keep the following dates free. You may not be able to attend all of the days or evenings, but *I would highly recommend that you try to participate in some of the sessions as a means of some personal renewal during the Season of Lent*. All sessions will take place in the Church. Morning Sessions will be 10:15am – 12:15pm. Evening Sessions will be 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Session 1 Sunday 28th February

Jesus – who is he really?

Session 2 Monday 29th February

Jesus, Law and Conscience

Session 3 Tuesday 1st March

Human Growth & Faith Growth

Session 4 Thursday 3rd March

Jesus, Church & Community

Session 5 Friday 4th March

Jesus, Forgiveness & Reconciliation

The final session will include a *Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation*. Visiting priests will be available.

Fr. Michael

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING

Monday 8th February 2016, 7.30pm KSC monthly meeting to be held in the Club Rooms.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday 9th February, 2pm in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

The Passionist Family Group will start the year with Breakfast at the workers. Sunday 14th February after 9.00 am Mass. Please let Denise and Gerry know intentions for bookings 50211918. All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be held at St Margaret's Anglican Church, Mildura on Friday 4th March from 10am. All welcome. Please see flyer at the church entrances.

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

In section 6 of the *Bull of Indiction*, announcing the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis declares that the “mercy of God is not an abstract idea.” He describes it as “a concrete reality through which He reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child.”

He also quotes several extracts from the Psalms, which focus on the quality of mercy. We will share them during the coming weeks.

“He forgives all your iniquity, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit, he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.” (Psalm 103:3-4)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL KIOSK

Available for sale 2016 Columban Calendars @ \$9.00 each.

Kiosk opened Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am and is located in the Front Foyer of the Church.

YOUTH



YOUTH GATHERING

Halls Gap, April 4th—7th, 2016
For young people aged 16 and over.
More information to follow.

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1354.20
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2532.50
Loose Plate	\$ 526.40

In conjunction with the Readings of this Sunday, we might consider the following Church Teaching from Vatican II

- The faithful are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world. (*The Constitution on the Church* LG 31)
- The laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. (LG 31)
- They live in the world, that is, in each and in all of the secular professions and occupations. They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. (LG 31)
- They are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven. (LG 31)
- All are called to sanctity and have received an equal privilege of faith through the justice of God. (LG 32)
- Now, the laity are called in a special way to make the Church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can she become the salt of the earth. (LG 32)
- For all their works, prayers and apostolic endeavours, their ordinary married and family life, their daily occupations, their physical and mental relaxation, if carried out in the Spirit, and even the hardships of life, if patiently borne – all these become ‘spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.’ (LG 34)
- Together with the offering of the Lord's body, they are most fittingly offered in the celebration of the Eucharist. (LG 34)
- Thus, the laity consecrates the world itself to God. (LG 34)



NEW FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends,

Welcome back! The beginning of the 2016 school year is off and running! We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing break. You will see many changes around the school. Year levels have moved to different rooms and lots of new faces. We hope that 2016 is a great one for SHPS community with plenty of good times and learning. The 2016 Prep children have settled in and there seem to be fewer tears from parents!

Last night the SHPS Parents & Friends held their first meeting.

School Assemblies will resume this Friday beginning at 2.45pm in the stadium, and starting next week classes will begin leading the assemblies. Families and friends are invited to come along to all assemblies.

I look forward to a great year together and we get to celebrate a Collingwood Premiership as a SHPS community also...Have a great week.

Des Lowry—Principal

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear School Families & Friends,

A very special welcome to the new families who have joined us this year and an extra welcome to our new Foundation children for 2016.

We also welcome new staff. Jenna Palazzo, Narelle Stanley & Jess Vanek.

Tuesday night our School Advisory Council met for our first meeting for the year. Congratulations to Carolyn Morris, Emma Spratt and Karen Keher who have joined us as new members for 2016 and a special congratulations to Trish Clifford who is our School Chairperson and David Kennedy who is our Deputy Chairperson. As always, keep the faith.

Vince Muscatello-Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

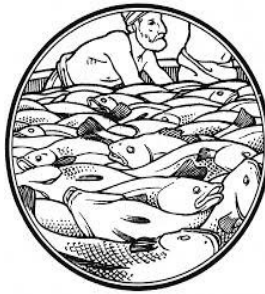


I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Marg Blythman and as the new Principal of St Joseph's College I am delighted to be involved with a community which has provided wonderful educational opportunities for young people for over a century. I am keen to create the conditions in which every student flourishes. I believe in the power of high expectations and a context where every student is challenged to do and be the best possible.

My husband David and I have found Mildura to be a vibrant place with the most supportive and welcoming people. Beautiful weather for growing roses! We are proud parents to three adult children who reside/study in Melbourne. My elderly mother Patricia also resides in Melbourne – I include an image of her as she is the Matriarch of our family, mother to my 7 siblings, Grandmother of 18 and Great Grandmother of 5.

I look forward to meeting you, working with you and experiencing/enjoying the success of our students at St Joseph's College.

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

6th & 7th February, 2016			13th & 14th February, 2016		
THIS WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: Isa 6:1-8 Resp Psalm: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v. 1 Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Gospel: Lk 5:1-11			First Reading: Deut 26:4-10 Resp Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15 Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13 Gospel: Lk 4:1-13		
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCCHARIST 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
Katy Quinlan	Robert Tindall	Jennifer Boord	Maria Cirillo	Sheryl Pettinau	Jacqui Willis
Taiana Fatai	Louise Belej	Reni Cheriyan	Anne-Maree Greville	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Barbara Bunting
Trish McNamara	Nancy Leonardis	Wendy Finn	Anthony Henderson	Maria Scopacasa	Katrina Groves
Morris Henderson	Elena Garreffa	Tony Finn	Christine Carmichael	Susan Lewis	Judy Hall
Ellen Frauenfelder	Maryanne Modica	Melanie Ransome	Margaret McDonald	Minda Wright	Myrna Rodi
Volunteer Please	Maria Page	Bill Dolence	Anita Naray	Johanna Bagacay	Volunteet Please
	Lyn Welsh			Rose Op’t Hoog	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
M Guthrie	Italian Choir	Youth Group	Filipino Group	Youth Group	Singing Gorup
All welcome	N Armsden	K Mafi	N Armsden	Leader	M Sullivan
				K Mafi	
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
	Jim O’Donnell		Baptism	Baptism	Laura Fisher
READERS			READERS		
Mary Jackson	Philip Opie	Bill Dolence	Irene Morello	Jill Joslyn	Vince Muscatello
COUNTING TEAM 5			COUNTING TEAM 6		
JIM FARRELLY 5021 5646			JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM		
READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER	
Pat Riordan	Denise Knight		Marty Smith	Wendy Smith	