



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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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

## The Epiphany / Year B - 6th & 7th January 2018

### 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

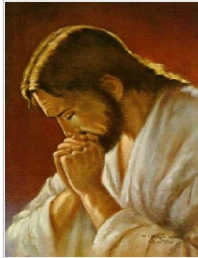
Wed: 9:15 am

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:** Maria Blefari

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Sunday 9am:** Giuseppe Cavallo

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



### PLEASE NOTE:

**THE 9.15AM MASS ON WEDNESDAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE FUNERAL MASS OF MARIA BLEFARI AT 10AM.**

### 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.*

Jean Muir, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

God's presence is revealed to us in diverse ways: we can read the book of God's vast creation; we can search out the meaning of our dreams; we can learn from our own and others' experience; and we can listen to the voice of our sacred scriptures. Being attentive to God's presence has nothing to do with naïve dependence on our own judgment or on the judgement of others. It has more to do with a way of being in the world that involves openness to the unexpected and a critical and careful personal and communal dialogue between our life experience and our faith tradition. A deep awareness of our place in the Earth community teaches us humility. It also teaches respect for the whole of creation and for the power of the more-than-human to lead us beyond ourselves.

Epiphany is the feast of the wise ones or astrologers "from the East" who are led beyond themselves and their immediate location by the rising of a star. They form their own preliminary hypothesis and travel west to search out the meaning of this sign. They learn from the official interpreters of the Jewish scriptures, the "scribes of the people". They then follow the star that leads them to the new born child, the incarnate Wisdom of God. The gospel does not stipulate how many wise ones or magi come to pay homage to the child. There is no indication in the story as to whether they are men or women or both. The three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh have been traditionally associated with three different characters, usually kings, of diverse nationality and colour. These strangers are the first to recognise "God-with-us" in the person of Jesus of Nazareth and to pay him homage. They also come to recognise, in a dream, the duplicity of King Herod. They have the good sense not to accede to Herod's request to "bring him word" of the newborn king. Warned once again in a dream, they return home "by another road".

The story-teller Matthew leaves room in the tableau for the insertion of the wise ones who will emerge through the ages. There is an invitation for us to enter into Matthew's drama, to be the wise ones, to join with people of diverse cultures, to engage in our own search for Wisdom, to honour the birth and the life of every child and to follow the star that leads to truth and lasting peace. There is also an invitation to be wary of self-serving rulers who find their positions threatened by the different sort of power that is based on vulnerability and openness to new life.

Veronica Lawson RSM



*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

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### FIRST EUCHARIST 2018

All information pertaining to preparation for the reception of Reconciliation & First Eucharist in 2018 is now available at the Parish Office. Parents of our children in Catholic Schools should receive information from their School.

Parents must attend the following Parent Information evenings to enrol your child:-

**Reconciliation** Wednesday 7th February  
**First Eucharist** Wednesday 23rd April

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

Last year \$52,000 was collected throughout the Diocese at Christmas Masses. After advice from the Diocesan Social Justice Commission, Bishop Paul has distributed the money as follows:

\$5000 each to Loreto Vietnam Australia program, St Columban's Mission Society, Refugees in the Middle East (through the Melkite Eparchy), Catholic Education in Myanmar, Caritas Australia, Catholic Mission, Nazareth House Ballarat, Opening Doors Foundation.

\$2000 each to 3BA Ballarat Christmas in July Appeal, Wendouree West Exodus Community, Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH). Edmund Rice Centre, Villa Maria Catholic Homes, National Evangelisation Teams (NET) Ministries.

Bishop Paul has expressed his thanks to the people of the Diocese for the support of the 2016 Christmas Appeal and has commended the 2017 Christmas Appeal to us, recognising that there are many times throughout the year when we are invited to respond to appeals for many worthy causes.

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants**

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Study one subject or many - it's a flexible program! Registration for the January 2018 study cycle is open now (closes 9 January). A study cycle means you do one subject over 5 weeks. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one.

Details on the diocesan website:

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Please see list of courses available on church notice boards.

## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

|                                                                    |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery) | <b>\$1272.50</b> |
| <b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)                      | <b>\$4902.50</b> |
| <b>Loose Plate</b>                                                 | <b>\$ 540.75</b> |

13th & 14th January 2018

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9**  
**Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20**  
**Gospel: Jn 1:35-42**

### EUCHARIST MINISTERS

| SATURDAY             | SUNDAY          |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 6PM                  | 9AM             | 5PM              |
| 6 Ministers          | 7 Ministers     | 6 Minister       |
| Maria Cirillo        | Nada Zudetich   | Judy hall        |
| Christine Carmichael | Sara Visona     | Myrna Rodi       |
| Ellen Frauenfelder   | Juliety Cresp   | Maree Irvin      |
| Jacinda Deacon       | Louise Belej    | Sue Hermans      |
| Katy Quinlan         | Nancy Leonardis | Naomi Kennedy    |
| Katelin Anesbury     | Elena Garreffa  | Volunteer please |
|                      | Maryanne Modica |                  |

### MUSIC

|                |             |          |
|----------------|-------------|----------|
| Filipino Choir | M Guthrie   | NO MUSIC |
| N Armsden      | All welcome |          |
|                |             |          |

### ALTAR SERVERS

|           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Please    | Please    | Please    |
| Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

|                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required | 2 Volunteers required |
| Baptism               | Baptism               |                       |
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### READERS

|                 |            |                 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Tricia McNamara | Sonia Opie | Rosemarie Zalec |
|                 |            |                 |

### COUNTING TEAM 6

JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939

### IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

| READER    | EUCHARIST MINISTER |
|-----------|--------------------|
| P Riordan | M Jensen           |