



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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Fr James Kerr—Assistant Priest

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Office Hours: Tues—Fri 9am—4pm

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier  
Elms Street, Irymple

4th Sunday of Easter / Year A -  
6th & 7th May 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: 8.30 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

**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:** Fr John Murphy

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Sunday 9am:** Katarina Balog

**Sunday 5pm:** Frank Fush,

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



YEAR A  
Fourth Sunday in  
**Easter**

### 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.*

Dennis Ryan, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsay, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Ron Morello, John Devilee, Fr Denis Dennehy, Hailey Crossan, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

My brother and sister-in-law were farmers who woke up one morning to find that all their sheep had disappeared. It seems that some enterprising thief or thieves had managed to load their sheep on to transports and move them interstate in the few hours between dusk and dawn.



The unwelcome visitors had actually come in by the front gate, crossed the cattle pit, worked swiftly, and driven out again. In ancient Palestine, the flock would have been much smaller, the entrance would have been guarded and comings and goings would have been monitored closely by the gatekeeper. A thief would have had to scale the wall of the small enclosure and watch carefully for a chance to get away with a few of the sheep.

In John 10, Jesus presents a parabolic image about sheep and shepherds. His hearers fail to understand. This is hardly surprising because of the unusual mixing of metaphors, but also because they are hostile and choose not to understand. He proceeds to offer explanations of various aspects of the image he has created, two of which are included in today's reading. In the image, Jesus is both the gate to the sheepfold and the shepherd of the flock. He contrasts the access he provides as "the gate" with the unauthorized access gained through others "who have come before" him, namely the religious authorities featured in the previous chapter. They are unauthorized shepherds who gain access to the sheepfold on false pretences and lead God's flock into pastures that fail to satisfy.

There are echoes of the Psalms of Israel in this reading. In Psalm 23, God is the shepherd of Israel who leads the people into nourishing pastures and restores life to the depths of their *nephesh* or being. *Nephesh* is the word used in Genesis 2 for the life that God breathes into all beings. God leads the people in the way of justice or righteousness. Psalm 118 sings of God's gate through which the just or righteous will enter and give thanks. As the gate to the little sheepfold, Jesus offers the way to and from abundant life. As the shepherd, he monitors the movement of the sheep so that they are not tempted to stray along the paths of unrighteousness and destruction.

As usual, the gospel text is multi-layered. The images pulsate with life and energy. They invite to vigilance on the one hand and gratitude on the other. They offer yet another way of thinking about Easter. At this time of Earth's distress, we might spare a thought for our farmers who, often in the face of adversity, struggle to care for their animals, to ensure the sustainability of the land entrusted to them, and to provide the produce we so often take for granted.

Veronica Lawson rsm

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



RCIA— Post Baptismal Catechesis -  
Mystagogy - Universal Mission

Thursday 11th May 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.

### MASS COUNT DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the next 4 weekends commencing this weekend of 6-7 May and concluding 28-29 May.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

New rosters are currently being compiled. Please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872 by Friday 19th May, if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or if you are no longer available to serve or if you wish to change your rostered time.

As there are changes, an information session along with training of new members will be held at a date yet to be confirmed.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We now have available hosts which are for parishioners who suffer from Coeliac or Gluten problems. These hosts are rated at 5PPM and are **NOT TOTAL GLUTEN FREE**.

If you are concerned about the rating, you are most welcomed to drink from the chalice.



### FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 7th at 9am. All welcome.

Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

### TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

Thank you to all who helped organise and prepare last weekend's Feast of St Peter Chanel.

We would also like to thank the Tongan Community for their kind donation of \$2000 which will go towards the Monaghan Centre.



## PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1550.65</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$2782.50</b>
<b>Project Compassion—to date</b>	<b>\$5105.05</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 602.95</b>

Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May 7.30am, Parish Office.

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Next meeting will be held on Monday 8th May 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

### PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 9th May at 10.30am. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

Will lunch at the Mildura Golf Resort Twelfth St Mildura on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Noon.

All welcome. "Seniors Card Welcome"  
Intensions to Kit & Jim O' Brien 50214901.



### MISSION BOOKLETS

Please collect your booklet from the Parish Office. A donation to cover printing costs would be greatly appreciated.

### PARISH OF MERBEIN

As a result of the departure of Sr. Marion McDonald from the Parish of Merbein, Bishop Paul Bird has nominated Fr Michael as Parish Priest. The Sisters of Mercy have assured us that they will have a member of the congregation available to live in the parish house at Merbein and to accompany the Community. We will greatly miss the presence of Sr. Marion, but we are very grateful to the Sisters of Mercy for their continued support of the pastoral care of the Merbein Parish.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY—RED CLIFFS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 3rd June from 6.30pm at the  
Quality Grand Hotel

Entertainment by Adelaide Band

**Keep the Change.**

3 course meal, drinks at bar prices.

Tickets—\$60 each.

Please see Carmel at the Parish Office for tickets or contact  
Marianna Cavallaro 0419 860 247

**Numbers need to be confirmed by 19th May with payment for tickets at the same time.**

## YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Information is on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

All are invited to stay for a **CUPPA** after the 9am Mass next Sunday May 14th.





## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD – MAY 6-7, 2017**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood (or Good Shepherd Sunday) is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter May 6-7. Five seminarians from Corpus Christi College will be visiting the Diocese of Ballarat to give a vocation reflection.

We welcome Jessie Banez who will be visiting Sacred Heart Parish and Our Lady's of the Sacred Heart, Merbein.

### **BISHOP PETER CONNORS 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION**

A Mass will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome. Please see flyer on notice board at each Church entrance.

### **LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM – NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the May study cycle closes on 22 May, 2017 - or you can start in July or later in the year. See the details on the diocesan website (link is on lower part of front page), then contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **“LESSONS FROM THE LONG PADDOCK” ECON-FERENCE**

The Diocese of Wilcannia- Forbes is offering an e-conference online event called “Lessons from the Long Paddock” on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This e-conference opens the conversation for many people who are curious about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Participants engage with conversations which signpost essential spiritual markers relevant to knowledge about what leads into fuller humanity, Christian, Catholic and Australian life. This e-conference draws participants to seek Christ at the heart of human experience and nurtures a capacity to trust that individuals have all they need to begin the journey into constant conversion. The e-conference has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. The workshops will be facilitated by Kate Englebrecht, Diocesan Director of Mission. For more information please contact Kate on, ph. 0420 309 689 or <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/> More information attached.

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE**

The Offices attached to the present Parish Office have been purchased by the Parish and will be occupied by the Catholic Education Office. This acquisition was made possible by the fact that the CEO Ballarat has signed a lease for the next ten years, and paid the full amount up front. The balance has been met through the assistance of a \$70,000.00 loan from the Catholic Development Fund Ballarat, as well as some money from our own Parish funds. The Catholic Education Office began operating from these premises as of the beginning of the present school term.

## NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### **ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Congratulations to the Midgeley family (Mayah MB2) on the wonderful addition of their new baby daughter and sister, Rosemary. Secondly, Congratulations to the Toutai family (Billy DB10, Lainesia MB2, and Elizabeth LH4) on the birth of their new baby daughter and sister Eseta. May God bless these families at this very special time.

In preparation for our Annual Northern Zone Catholic Primary Principals Association Meeting I attended a two day meeting that allowed me to work closely with the other principals in our zone and also with our Parish Priests. I also had an opportunity to visit St Mary's Primary School and discuss Digital technologies and the use of ICT resources in their school environment. There are lots of new initiatives that we will be undertaking in supporting our children's learning through the use of ICT.

Grade 3 & 5 children will be involved in the annual NAPLAN Assessments. We endeavour to ensure that the children are adequately prepared for this in many ways. What is important to remember is that NAPLAN is one piece of data that we collect and we treat these days no differently to any other normal school day.

Keep the faith,

*Vince Muscatello, Principal*

## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

The last week at St. Joseph's College has been a very busy one. Firstly, on Friday April 28, we celebrated the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. Very little is known about St. Joseph but we do know he was a humble and hard working person who made his family a real priority. He was always supportive of his wife Mary and his son Jesus, even when they faced many challenges. On Monday May 1, we conducted our annual cross country, followed by each homeroom conducting a food or activity stall. In the afternoon, the College had its annual variety concert- The Carpenter's Classic. The day was a great success due to the planning of many staff members and the full support and participation of our students. St. Joseph's Feast Day is always a wonderful community day. On Tuesday May 2, the College conducted student / teacher / parent interviews. Again this was really successful day, as discussion about teaching & learning always leads to positive outcomes.

In Religious Education classes at the College:

Year 7 are studying -How Do We Experience Community? With a focus on the Church.

Year 8 are studying - How do we celebrate? (Sacraments and Liturgical Year).

Year 9 are studying – Formation of the Gospel's with particular reference to Matthew.

Year 10 are studying – Religious Diversity locally and globally.

Year 11 Ethics are studying- Religion in a Pluralistic Society

*Philip Opie Religion Education Domain Leader*

### **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*

*Guest speakers:- Professor Massino Faggioli, Mr Pual Kelly, Professor the Hon Bob Carr, Sr Clare Condon SGS, Rev Dr Gerald A Arbuckle SM, Ms Elizabeth Proust AO, Sr Ruth Durick OSU*

**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 May 2017

13th & 14th May 2017

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 22:1-6. R. v. 1**  
**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:20-25**  
**Gospel: Jn 10:1-10**

**First Reading: Acts 6:1-7**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22**  
**Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**  
**Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:4-9**  
**Gospel: Jn 14:1-12**

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Morris Henderson	Katalina Mafi	Barbara Bunting
Maria Cirillo	Elvira Mazza	Katrina Groves
Anita Naray	Jill Joslyn	Judy Hall
Christine Carmichael	Lisa Cirillo	Myrna Rodi
Ellen Frauenfelder	Katalina Mafi	Maree Irvin
Jacinda Deacon	Aloisia Mafi	Sue Hermans
	Jean Rocca	

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Katy Quinlan	Bobby Castillo	Danielle Mazzini
Anne-Maree Greville	Ross Tongue	Greg Johnston
Taiana Fatai	Talia Faingaanuku	Naomi Kennedy
Margaret McDonald	Michael Faingaanuku	Mario Zema
Volunteer please	Maureen Speed	Volunteer please
Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
	Volunteer please	

**MUSIC**

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M Guthrie	Flores de Mayo	Youth Group
All welcome	Filipino Community	K Mafi
	N Armsden	

Mother’s Day	Mother’s Day	M Sullivan
Sacred Heart School	Youth Group	J Macri
	K Mafi	J Ljubic

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

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**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

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2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Flores de Mayo	
	Filipino Community	

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Baptism	
	Baptism	

**READERS**

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Christine Carmichael	Flores de Mayo	Greg Johnston
	Filipino Community	

Sacred Heart School	Rose Op’t Hoog	Christine Slattery

**COUNTING TEAM 10**

**COUNTING TEAM 1**

**BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099**

**GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM**

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READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
G Schmidt	W Smith

READER	EUCCHARIST MINISTER
G McCracken	R Hill