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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

The Ascension of the Lord / Year C - 7th & 8th May 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

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: Karen Belej

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Catherine & Angelo Schembri

Sunday 9am: Henry Berton, Rocchina Delorenzo,
Katarina Balog (one year anniversary)

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



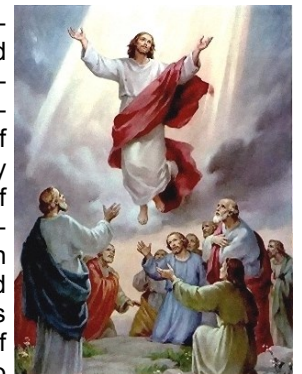
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

*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.*

Lourdes Stanislaus (Fr Neville's mother), 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, Sid Robinson, Judy Hunt, Teresa Panuccio, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan, Harlan Garner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is one of the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.



The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of God's life in their midst.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all peoples", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (*Laudato Si' 2*).

Joy, prayer, and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might pray that the spirit of joy that animated the earliest Christians might fill our hearts so that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

Veronica Lawson rsm

MASS COUNTS

**Mass counts will occur during the following 3 weekends:
7th & 8th May, 14th & 15th May and 21st & 22nd May.**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Paris Ditchburn whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Daniel Cadmore & Casey Gadsden who were married this weekend.

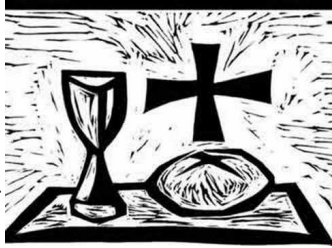


Family Celebration of Eucharist

to be held Thursday 12th May, 6.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

The children's Formation Program will be as follows:-
7th & 8th May: Welcoming—all children participating to be present at one of the Masses.



9th—13th May: Home Groups

14th—15th May: Presentation of the Creed—all children participating to be present at one of the Masses.

16th—20th May: Home Groups

21st—22nd May: Presentation of the 'Our Father' - all children participating to be present at one of the Masses.

23rd—27th May: Home Groups

28th—29th May: First Eucharist celebration

4th—5th June: First Eucharist celebration



FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 22nd at 9am. All welcome. Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants). Please contact Anita 0418 537 959 for more information.

TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community would like to thank all who participated at the Feast of St Peter Chanel Mass and afterwards at the Monaghan Centre last weekend.



Memorial Mass for Bishop Ron Mulkearns

Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at the cathedral on Monday May 16 at 12:05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Will hold their monthly meeting at the KSC clubroom on Monday 9th May from 6.30pm.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

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

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 10th May at 2pm in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

The next outing is a meal at the Gol Gol Hotel on Sunday 15th May at 12 o'clock. Please let your intentions be known to Kit & Jim O'Brien on 50214901. All welcome.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

Edition 48 April 2016 is now available. Great reading. Don't forget to get a copy.

REGIONAL GATHERING CONFERENCE

Living the Gospel of Mercy and Joy

May 27 - 29 2016

St Paul's Primary School

&

St. Joseph's Secondary College

MILDURA

Keynote addresses

Session 1

St Paul's Primary School
 Friday 27th May
 7.00pm - 8:30pm

Where the Hell is God? Holding to faith through the tough times."

Session 2

St Paul's Primary School
 Saturday 28th May
 9:00am - 10:30am

Nine steps to making better choices for my life in the light of faith"

The Called and Gifted Workshop

For this Workshop participants must attend both sessions

St Joseph's Secondary College
 Saturday 28th May
 12:30pm - 5:30pm

&

Sunday 29th May
 9:00am - 12:00pm

PRIOR REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL
 Inquiries: 50212872



PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1272.45
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2648.50
Loose Plate	\$ 447.40

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 12th May 7.30am in the Hillman room.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - MAY 8

In one of the most quoted sayings attributed to St Francis of Assisi he urges his followers, 'Preach the Gospel always, and sometimes in words'. Pope Francis has helped to make the saying popular by the striking gestures with which he commends faith.

Pictures of the Pope darting into a crowd, with panicky security men trailing behind, to embrace a sick person, or in gaol on Holy Thursday washing the tattooed feet of a young Muslim woman, say more than could any book or sermon about what God is like and about how Jesus' followers should behave.

St Francis' line is worth keeping in mind on World Communications Day. When we think of communicating better, we can instinctively imagine it means more writing, more words. But that is a shallow view. Communicating better is not about more, but about deeper and more effective. Today many people complain that there are too many words and too many images. Our challenge is to pick our way through them in order to recognise what is true and what matters. Then our task is to talk about what matters and to let go of the rest.

The technological solution to being overwhelmed by too many communications is to filter out what we do not want to know.

We use search engines or media surveys. But these devices make us dependent on other people's judgment about what matters and what is true. If our search engines and other filters are provided by firms which rely on advertising, their judgment of what matters may be based on what is profitable to them and on what confirms our prejudices. Communication then turns into barracking.

On Communications Day we should focus less on technology than on education in the habits of heart and mind. We learn to discern what matters and what is true. This means building within our lives a space, freed free from distraction by the latest technologies, to leave space for quiet personal reflection and deep conversation about what matters and what is true. Although it is important to use communication technology creatively, the more important task is to develop habits of reflection and discernment in response to the unfocused nature of contemporary communication.

In a world of customised words simple actions speak loudly. In our work with vulnerable young people at Jesuit Social Services, its fruitfulness depends on the extent to which the ways in which we interact with them speak of availability, greeting, faithfulness and hope.



Week of
Prayer for
Christian
Unity



This year our Parish is hosting the liturgy for Christian Unity. We will celebrate with prayer on **Wednesday 11th of May at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church**. It would be good to have a solid representation from our own Community so that we can extend a warm welcome to members of other Churches who will come to pray with us. We need some volunteers to assist with the provision of a cuppa in the Monaghan Centre after the celebration. If anybody can help, can they please contact the Parish Office and let Carmel know.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another big week this week will hopefully close with wonderful Mother's Day celebrations for everyone. We remember and honour all the mother-figures in our lives and give thanks for the nurturing love we all receive and pass on to others.

We have much to celebrate this week. First of all we congratulate Kulkyne on winning our School Cross Country competition. We had a wonderful day yesterday and thanks go to Mrs O'Callaghan for her brilliant coordination of this exciting event.

This Friday Miss Megan Clementson will be presented with the Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence at LaTrobe University. Our school and community are all the richer for Megan's presence, and we are extremely proud of her achievements.

Our Preps will be having their first 'camp' experience this Friday, with the highly anticipated Prep Breakfast. They have been preparing for this special event all week and are very excited. The teachers are also looking forward to the 7am start and the extra-long school day! Warm regards

Emma Rutherford (on behalf of Mr Lowry)

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Cross Country on Friday. I was disappointed that I could not attend as I was at a Principal network briefing in Horsham. The children certainly didn't mind the light drizzle which added another level of excitement to the day. Enrolment Interviews for 2017 have begun this week. If you have not made a booking or know of someone who is looking at schools for next year, please tell them to contact the school office to make an appointment.

Wednesday I hosted a number of colleague Principals and leadership team staff from various schools for a professional development day focussed on Media Training. This day is being facilitated by the Catholic Education Office, Ballarat.

Thank you to those families that attended the First Eucharist Formation evenings. Don't forget about the Parish Regional Gathering at the end of May. Flyers were attached to the school newsletter. To all our mums, grandmas and aunties, thank you for everything you do for us each and every day. You always manage to do the ordinary things extraordinarily well. We hope you have a lovely day this Sunday and get spoiled by your children. As always, Keep the Faith

Vince Muscatello—Principal

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Over the past two months our Year 11 Business Management classes have been planning to operate small business stalls at the school. On Thursday three Year 11 Business groups operated their business stalls at the Mercy Campus during recess and lunch time. Year 8 students were able to purchase subway cookies, pizzas, homemade pasta and drinks.

While on Friday seven Year 11 Business groups operated their businesses at the Enright Campus during recess and lunch time. Students were able to purchase an array of food and drinks such as cakes, hot dogs, fruit juices, steak sandwiches, wedges, dim sims and spring rolls.

All business stalls were operated in a socially responsible manner while returning a profit. All profits will be used to support the Australian Business Week Program complete in Term Three. Any excess items were kindly donated to the Sacred Heart Parish Soup Kitchen.

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

7th & 8th May, 2016

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Resp Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6
Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Second Reading: 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6PM

9AM

5PM

6 Ministers required

7 Ministers required

6 Ministers required

Christine Carmichael

Nancy Leonardis

Greg Johnston

Margaret McDonald

Elena Garreffa

Sandra Walker

Anita Naray

Maryanne Modica

Mario Zema

Leo Kearney

Maria Page

Josie Zema

Margaret Sheahan

Lyn Welsh

Trish Cirillo

Linda Henderson

Mary Grivec

Jeena Jose

Giuseppe Scopacasa

MUSIC

Filipino Group

Youth Group

Sacred Heart Group

N Armsden

K Mafi

Leader

M Faingaanuku

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

2 Servers required

Please volunteer

Please volunteer

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

2 Volunteers required

Baptism

READERS

Rosemary Barnes

Nancy Fatai

Greg Johnston

COUNTING TEAM 8

TREVOR AUST 5023 6597

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

P Riordan

D Knight

14th & 15th May, 2016

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Resp Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30
Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading: Rom 8:8-17
Gospel: Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

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Irene Morello

Maria Scopacasa

Joyce Ribarits

Katy Quinlan

Susan Lewis

Clem Carlucci

Taiana Fatai

Minda Wright

Vittorio Carlucci

Trish McNamara

Johanna Bagacay

Christine Slattery

Morris Henderson

Rose Op't Hoog

Jacinta Macri

Ellen Frauenfelder

Rini Op't Hoog

Petelo Mafi

Cora Howell

MUSIC

Sacred Heart Group

Tongan Choir

M Sullivan

Leader

M Guthrie

J Macri

M Fainga'anuku

J Ijubic

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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J Movell

READERS

Trish McNamara

Sr Rosemary

Clare Sheahan

COUNTING TEAM 9

GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER

EUCHARIST MINISTER

M Smith

W Smith