



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

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

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B -
7th & 8th November October, 2015**

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: held 1st Friday of each month in the Church from 12—5:00pm

Devotion Prayer and Exposition: Fri 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am

RECENT DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Antonio Cirillo, Rocchina Delorenzo (6 months 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. 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, Mathew Spain, Georgie Manning, Dorothy Norris, Eileen Flanner, Fr Justin Woodford, Fr Denis Dennehy, Eli Madden-Andrews, Kel Townsend, Vince Alicastro, Bishop Ron Mulkearns

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Whether the longer or shorter gospel reading is selected for today's liturgy, the literary context deserves attention. Jesus is teaching the crowds in the Jerusalem Temple. He knows the vulnerability of many of the people around him and issues a warning about the grandiose behaviour of the Jerusalem scribes. The scribes were generally learned men on whom the people relied for rulings in matters of sacred law as well as for drawing up contracts and other important documents. They commanded the respect of many of the people. Jesus is not impressed by the behaviour of some of the scribes. He sees their pomposity as a mask for dishonesty and exploitation: they will receive the "greater condemnation". They "devour the houses of widows" and hide behind the pretext of long prayers. Widows included women who had lost their husbands through death or divorce as well as single unmarried women. They were women alone without male protection in a patriarchal society and without the benefit of a social security system. They were dependent for survival upon the care of family and community. Jesus' words of condemnation are strong words that will understandably provoke a reaction. It is no surprise that the Jerusalem scribes are among those who later conspire to kill him (Mark 14:1).



It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the goodness of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular "desstitute" widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums contributed by the wealthy out of their excess. Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Or is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a free agent, a model of discipleship, who offers everything she has to live on? It may not be necessary to choose between these two interpretations. It is clear that this woman's action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness.

- Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Fletcher Farley, Georgia Jones, Claudia Roccisano, Jason De Iesi, Harlequin-Rose Hendy, Billie Jenkins, Ivy Loxton & Patrick Trimboli whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



RCIA—The Church

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th November, 7pm in the Hillman Room.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

In a recent meeting of the Sacramental Team it was decided that we would celebrate **First Eucharist in Grade 4 and Confirmation in either Grade 5 or 6** (yet to be decided). This decision is based upon our desire to make the reception of these Sacraments more pastorally effective. The outline of the Eucharist Program for 2016 will be available in the very near future; however, it would be good for parents to know in advance that they will be expected to attend Faith Formation Evenings in the first week of **March 2016**.



Fr. Michael

ADVANCE NOTICE: COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 16th of December 7pm Sacred Heart Church.



**WE WILL
REMEMBER
THEM**

PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1448.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3180.60
Loose Plate	\$ 641.30

Next Finance meeting will be held on Thursday 12th November 7.30am.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Will hold its monthly meeting on Monday 9th November, 7.30pm in the KSC Clubrooms.

PRINCES COURT NURSING HOME MASS

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

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November at 1.30pm (please note the change of time). At 2.30pm a guest speaker, Allie Collyer from Murray Mallee Community Legal Service will speak about Will & Power of Attorney.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18th of November as Fr. Michael has a Council of Priests Meeting in Ballarat on Tuesday.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Will dine at the Irymple Hotel on Sunday 15th November at 6.30pm. All welcome. Please let Joe & Lorna Kearney know your intensions for bookings purposes on 50212530.



BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Our next and final bus trip for 2015 to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 29th November. Mass at 11am followed by a counter lunch at the pub. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking on 5021 2872.

As we only have one person who has registered to date, we will make the decision on whether or not to cancel the bus trip by next weekend.

ASSIST A STUDENT APPEAL

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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Now available for sale 2016 Columban Calendars for \$9.00 each, also available Religious Christmas Cards at \$3.00 per pack.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Listen To Our Stories

Refugee Awareness Evening

The recent Bishop's Statement challenges us to inform

ourselves about the plight and struggle of refugees around the world,

and to consider our response as a society.

The Parish Social Justice Group invites Parishioners to an evening to listen to some of the stories of refugees from overseas who are presently living in Mildura.

**Monday 9th November 7:00pm
Monaghan Centre**



Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si': On the Care for Our Common Home* is a call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

He points to numerous ways world organisations, nations and communities must move forward and the way individuals -- believers and people of good will -- should see, think, feel and act.

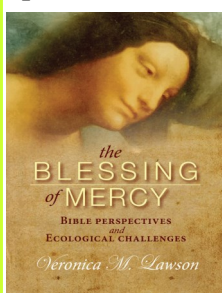
Each week, we offer one of the Pope's suggestions, with the paragraph numbers to indicate its place in the Encyclical.

"Even if it doesn't fix the world, beautification and good-will gestures inspire and remind people that 'we were made for love'."

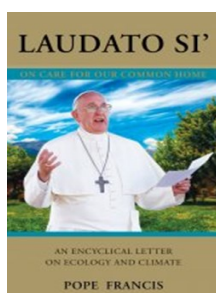
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COPIES FOR SALE

The Parish Office has for sale copies of Sr Veronica Lawson's book—'The Blessing of Mercy—Bible Perspectives and Ecological Challenges' at \$12.00 each



and Pope Francis—*Laudato Si'* - on Care for our Common Home. An encyclical letter on Ecology and Climate for \$14 each.



YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA

Commencing November, on the 2nd & 4th Sunday, after the 9am Mass, the Youth will organise a "Cuppa" in the Monaghan Centre.



On Friday 13th November the Youth will hold their weekly gathering from 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.

YOUTH GATHERING

Halls Gap, April 4th—7th, 2016

For young people aged 16 and over.

More information to follow

JOKE

An old priest was dying. He sent a message to the parish Banker and Lawyer, to come to his home.



When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the priest held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The priest grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling.

For a time, no one said anything.

Both the banker and lawyer were touched and flattered that the preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moments.

They were also puzzled; the priest had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them.

They both remembered his many long, uncomfortable homilies about greed, covetousness, and avaricious behavior which made them squirm in their seats.

Finally, the banker said, "Father, why did you ask us to come?"

The old priest mustered up his strength and then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go."

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year students from St. Joseph's College purchase gifts that are given to St Vinnies to distribute to needy local families in Sunraysia. For this project, Religious Education classes go to local shopping centres, buy gifts individually or as part of a group, and then these gifts are assembled in the library. The gifts are taken to St Vinnies when the Christmas gifts are being prepared by the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution. In recent years, the College has been able to provide gifts for over 100 families annually. As we would be aware, the demands for this generosity are growing yearly. Families who receive gifts are known to the St Vinnies staff who ensure that all gifts go to genuine and deserving families. Students take great pride in their gifts purchases and know they are making a real difference to the experience of Christmas for many families. We encourage people in the Sacred Parish to also assist St. Vincent de Paul.

Philip Opie
Religious Education Domain Leader

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: *Anthony Banks* 5018 8000

7th & 8th November, 2015			14th & 15th November, 2015		
NEXT WEEK’S READINGS			NEXT WEEK’S READINGS		
First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16 Resp Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 2 Response: Praise the Lord, my soul! Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28 Gospel: Mk 12:38-44			First Reading: Dan 12:1-13 Resp Psalm: PS 15:5, 8-11 Response: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope. Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18 Gospel: Mk 13:24-32		
EUCHARIST MINISTERS			EUCHARIST 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
Trish McNamara	Alicia Tindall	Katrina Groves	Anthony Henderson	Sara Visona	Greg Johnston
Morris Henderson	Lily Tinall	Judy Hall	Christine Carmichael	Juliet Cresp	Sandra Walker
Ellen Frauenfelder	Peter O’Donnell	Myrna Rodi	Margaret McDonald	Robert Tindall	Mario Zema
Maria Cirillo	Filomena Carbone	Sue Hermans	Anita Naray	Louise Belej	Josie Zema
Anne-Maree Greville	Gina Raiti	Danielle Mazzini	Leo Kearney	Nancy Leonardis	Trish Cirillo
Volunteer please	Anna Vaturli	Nisa Abraham	Margaret Sheahan	Elena Garreffa	Jeena Jose
	Nada Zudetich			Maryanne Modica	
MUSIC			MUSIC		
Filipino Group	Youth Group	M Hammond	M Guthrie	Tongan Community	Singing Group
N Armsden	Leader	J Ljubic	J O’Bryan		M Sullivan
	K Mafi	J Macri	B Lewis		
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
Baptism	Baptism	Laura Fisher		Mary Gobbo	
READERS			READERS		
Christine Carmichael	Ross Tongue	Melanie Ransome	New Roster pending	New roster pending	New roster pending
COUNTING TEAM 2			COUNTING TEAM 3		
JOE DE JONG 5023 7802			PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531		
IRYMPLE - SUNDAY			IRYMPLE - SUNDAY		
READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER		READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	
Denise Knight	Pat Riordan		Wilma Schmidt	George Schmidt	