



# Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

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Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier  
Elms Street, Irymple

**Palm Sunday / Year A -  
8th & 9th April 2017**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### 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:** Antonio Paiano,  
Kevin McDonald (Melbourne –Peter McDonald’s dad),  
Donald Lewis,

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Sunday Irymple 8.30am:** All Souls in Purgatory

*(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.*

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

Capital punishment is abhorrent to most of us, particularly when a just person dies for specious reasons or to political ends. Public executions of convicted criminals were part of life in the ancient Roman Empire. That’s what confronts us in today’s gospel, although the gospel writers pay little attention to the details of the death and suffering of Jesus. They are much more interested in the meaning of these events.



The Romans execute Jesus outside Jerusalem when the city is filled with Jewish pilgrims who have come there for the Passover festival. For Jesus’ friends and followers, every subsequent Passover is celebrated in the light of his death by crucifixion. They share their memories and reflect on the meaning of his death in the light of their sacred traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God’s deliverance of their ancestors from slavery, resonates with echoes of the experience of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that the final events of Jesus’ life were probably the first part of his story to be committed to writing.

Though Matthew draws much of his material from Mark, he fashions the tradition into a new narrative and adds several distinctive features. “To fulfil all righteousness” is Jesus’ stated mission (3:15). He has declared “blessed” those who suffer for the sake of righteousness [justice]” (5:10-12). He now embodies his own teaching as the just or righteous one, the one in right relationship with God. The prayer on his lips as he faces death (Psalm 22) is that of the suffering just Israelite who is utterly faithful to his mission and whose trust in God never fails.

There are hints that Jesus’ death is not the end, but rather the beginning of the new age of God’s empire, a compassionate alternative to the brutality of Rome. In response to the high priest Caiaphas, Jesus points beyond death to his post-resurrection life “at the right hand of power....” Extraordinary signs follow his death: the tearing of the temple curtain; the trembling of the earth; the recognition of the Roman centurion and his companions that this man is of God; and finally, the opening of the graves and appearance of the dead in anticipation of the final resurrection. The story offers the hope of reversal to all who witness the events surrounding Jesus’ death. It offers hope to the women who have followed him all the way from Galilee and “ministered to him”. It offers hope to the male disciples who have deserted or denied him, to faithful disciples like Joseph of Arimathea, and even to his Roman executioners. It has the potential to bring hope to their counterparts through the ages such as those who keep watch for the condemned on death row or for desperate seekers of asylum.

**Veronica Lawson rsm**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Alessia Caminiti, Mia Warburton and Darcy Webley whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

**BAPTISM**



### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Joshua Cordoma & Melanie Wood and Dino Cielo & Sally Nancarrow who were married this weekend.

### MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

**Project Compassion**—envelope packs at church entrances

### Stations of the Cross

Monday 5pm or  
Friday after the 5.40pm Mass.  
All welcome.



### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

**Holy Thursday:** 7pm

**Good Friday:** Way of the Cross 10.30am  
Ceremony 3pm

### EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY

**Mildura:** 7.30pm

**Irymple:** 6pm (for this year only)

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Mildura:** 8am and 10am  
(No 5pm Mass)

**Werrimull:** 8.30am

**Merbein:** 10.30am

**Red Cliffs:** 10am



### HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

**VOLUNTEERS** are still needed for our Holy Week Ceremonies—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning.

Please place your name on the list provided at the back of the church if you are available.

Many thanks **FR MICHAEL**

### THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Teresa Parente, staff and students from St Joseph's College for organising and making the Palm Crosses for this weekend.



### MUSICIANS AND LEADERS

Are most welcome to join in for our Easter Triduum. Thank you, *Marion*

### FLOWERS

Are needed for the Altar of Repose. Please bring the flowers to the Church Thursday morning. *Mary Grivec*



## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Monthly meeting to be held in the Club rooms Monday April 10th 2017 at 7.30pm.

### ADVANCE NOTICE



### PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

After the 6:00pm Mass at the Presbytery  
Light evening meal provided

### TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday 30th April at 9am. All are invited to stay on for food, drinks etc from the Monaghan Centre.



If you ordered one of Fr Pat Flanagan's book "Just What Is Sacrifice", please call in to the Sacred Heart Parish Office and collect it. Cost \$13.00 each. 16 BOOKS STILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED.

### BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Sacred Heart Parish bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th April with Mass starting at 11am followed by a counter lunch at the pub. Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office to make a booking on 5021 2872.



### MISSION BOOKLETS

Copies of "The Parish Mission" booklet, from Fr Ray Sanchez, are now available. If you put your name down for copy, please collect your booklet from the Parish Office. A donation to cover printing costs would be greatly appreciated.

### SACRED HEART PARISH COMMUNITY GROUPS

We are currently in the process of updating the Sacred Heart Parish records of our current community groups, so if you are a leader of a Parish Community Group it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the Parish Office advising: The name of the group, leaders name, telephone number and email address.

It is intended to not only update the Parish records but to also place this information on the Parish website.

### PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1192.40</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$2391.00</b>
<b>Project Compassion—to date</b>	<b>\$3571.65</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 465.95</b>

Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th April 7.30am at the Parish Office.



**SACRAMENTAL TEAM MEETING**  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2:00pm  
Parish Office

**CUPPA AFTER SUNDAY 9AM MASS.  
ALL WELCOME**



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL -  
7-9 DECEMBER 2017 IN SYDNEY!**

15,000 young people are expected in Sydney from all round Australia for ACYF 2017 - the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival hosted by the Australian Bishops. The theme of this Festival is *Open new horizons for spreading joy*. The Festival offers a multitude of ways of expressing Catholic faith in an amazing 3 day experience. The Festival is for Year 9-25yos. Parishes and schools are asked to consider sending a group. Smaller parishes might join together or connect their young people with another parish. Ballarat Diocese will be assisting with this, including planning travel and accommodation. Festival details and links are on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or contact us on [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)



**SACRED HEART TENNIS URGENTLY WANTING PLAYERS FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR TEAMS TO ENTER COMPETITION WHICH STARTS MAY 6 WITH SUNRAYSLIA DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION – practice at AERO COURTS 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET MILDURA - 4 PM FOR JUNIORS 5PM SENIORS – NAMES CAN BE REGISTERED AT THE COURTS OR RING MERLE WATSON 50 232883 OR INEZ SULLIVAN 50 230742**

**SR MARION'S FAREWELL—MERBEIN**

The Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Merbein are farewelling our long serving and highly appreciated Parish Leader, Sr. Marion McDonald, who is going into retirement at the end of April. We will have a Mass on Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in the Church, followed by a luncheon in the school multi-purpose hall. You are invited to attend this special event, and if you would like to join us please email [principal@olshmerbein.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olshmerbein.catholic.edu.au) for catering purposes, or call our school on 5025 2258.

**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



**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.

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.

**REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

The Passion narrative, as described in the gospel of Matthew, is keen to drive home two particular points. Firstly, throughout this gospel, the gospel writer is at pains to demonstrate Jesus as fulfilling the prophecy of scripture. At the time of the arrest and the use of the thirty pieces of silver, we are reminded that these things took place to fulfil scripture. Secondly, this particular gospel emphasises the innocence of Jesus throughout the passion narrative: he is 'sold out' by one of his followers; his trial before the Sanhedrin is a farce; his most loyal follower denies association with him; Pilate declares himself innocent of Jesus' blood and the crowd accepts the consequences of their actions. At no point is any hint of guilt cast over Jesus. He is an innocent whose fate has been manipulated by others. In this gospel there is no conversation between Jesus and the criminals between whom he is crucified. There is no suggestion that Jesus too is a criminal who is deserving of his fate. His innocence is manifest.

These two themes merge together in this gospel. The manner of Jesus' arrest, trial and death are all in accordance with the prophecy of scripture (i.e. in accordance with God's will), and yet it is emphasised throughout that Jesus is innocent. There can be no accusation that Jesus is in any way deserving of his treatment and yet what befalls him is in keeping with God's plan. It emphasises the sacrificial act made by Jesus: a proven innocent giving his life for the good of others. The actions of those who plot against Jesus to seek his downfall actually serve to bring about his purpose. No other outcome was possible. The writer assures the audience that the death of Jesus was no accident; it was intended from the very beginning.

**Different View – The Blame Game**

This Passion narrative has been used in the past as justification for persecution of Jews. The text has the people of Jerusalem calling out, 'his blood be on us and on our children!' This has been interpreted (poorly) as reason to condemn all subsequent generations of Jews for the death of Jesus. However, this gospel was written in the aftermath of the fall of Jerusalem and destruction of the Temple in 70 CE. The gospel writer sought some explanation for this disaster in the story of Jesus' life and death: it is the children of the crowd at Jesus' death who suffered in the fall of Jerusalem.

**Gospel Focus – Uniquely Matthew**

The passion narrative in the gospel of Matthew follows the gospel of Mark very closely. However, unlike in other sections of the gospel the Matthew writer has not just inserted sections from the Mark account. Rather, the material is re-worked and given a unique Matthean 'flavour'. In addition, the Matthew account includes five events that are not found in the Mark account: Judas hanging himself (27:3-10); Pilate's wife's dream (27:19); Pilate's washing his hands (27:24-25); extraordinary events at the time of Jesus' death (27:51b-53); sealing and guarding the tomb (28:62-66).

*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

8th & 9th April 2017

15th & 16th April 2017

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Isa 50:4-7**  
**Resp Psalm: PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. V. 2**  
**Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**  
**Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11**  
**Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66**

**First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43**  
**Resp Psalm: Ps 117**  
**Response: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**  
**Second Reading: Col 3:1-3**  
**Gospel: Jn 20:1-9**

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

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SATURDAY		SUNDAY		SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM	7PM	8AM	10AM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Irene Morello	Juliet Cresp	Mario Zema	AS PER	AS PER	AS PER
Anne-Maree Greville	Louise Belej	Josie Zema	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER
Taiana Fatai	Nancy Leonardis	Trish Cirillo	ROSTER	ROSTER	ROSTER
Margaret McDonald	Elena Garreffa	Jeena Jose	SHEETS	SHEETS	SHEETS
Trish McNamara	Maryanne Modica	Joyce Ribarits			
Morris Henderson	Volunteer Please	Clem Carlucci			
	Volunteer Please				

**MUSIC**

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Filipino Group	Youth Group	M Sullivan	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster
N Armsden	K Mafi	J Macri	Sheets	Sheets	Sheets
		J Ljubic			

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

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2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
Baptism	Baptism		As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster
			Sheets	Sheets	Sheets

**READERS**

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As per Easter Roster	As per Easter roster	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster
			Sheets	Sheets	Sheets

**COUNTING TEAM 6**

**COUNTING TEAM 7**

**JIM O’DONNELL 5021 4939**

**HELEN KAY 0429 135 053**

**IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM**

**IRYMPLE - SATURDAY - 6PM**

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER	READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
K Modoo	M Jensen	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster