



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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A -
8th & 9th July 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: 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: Elsie Collins (mother of Leon Lynch)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Fermin, Diomedes & Ryan Manatad, Reynaldo Pitago, Bruno Pelle,

Friday 5.40pm: Giovanni Strangio (one month Mass)

(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, John Devilee, Hailey Crossan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Siliako Lolesio

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Some people have little appreciation of the depth of their own wisdom. Others seem to think they have the monopoly on wisdom. Jesus contrasts the latter, those who consider themselves wise and intelligent, with the truly wise ones, the "little ones" to whom the secrets of God's empire have been revealed. The first part of today's gospel is his prayer of gratitude for God's choice of the "little ones". God's ways turn human expectations upside down.



The final verses of today's gospel are among the best known and best loved in all of the gospel tradition. "Come to me...and I will give you rest" is a lovely invitation. It is issued to those who are weary and burdened, and that includes most of us at some or another. The "rest" that Jesus offers is God's rest. It is not just relief from drudgery and hard work. In the biblical tradition, rest is *shabbat*. It is freedom from any sort of enslavement, freedom to remember God's goodness in creation. Rest time or *shabbat* is about making a space to contemplate the wonder of the galaxies, the wonder of life in all its forms and all its potentialities. God's rest restores life to our wearied spirits. It frees us to open ourselves to ever new possibilities and to be there for others. For me, spending a little time each day with a poem or a beautiful painting, even a postcard, has become an experience of entering into God's rest.

"Take my yoke upon you..." is Jesus' further invitation. Later in this gospel, the same verb will be used when Jesus tells his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." The "yoke" of Jesus, the cross that he will take up, and the cross that his disciples are invited to bear are all of a piece. A yoke is a cross-beam or cross-bar. Jesus will carry his cross-beam to execution. Disciples, in their turn, will carry their cross-beams, figuratively if not literally. They will not be weighed down or burdened by this prospect for the "yoke" of which Jesus speaks is easy and the burden is light. How can this be? The answer lies in the final invitation: "Learn of me, for I am gentle and humble of heart..." In Matthew's beatitudes, the gentle are those who inherit the earth. There is nothing weak about the gentle ("meek" is not a helpful translation). The non-violent methods of the gentle are infinitely more effective in restoring creation than the violence of so many who present themselves as "wise and intelligent". God's "rest" is the source of their power-and of ours.

Veronica Lawson rsm

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community, Jack McCormick and Mack Wiseman whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Giovanni Cua & Olivia Cavallaro who were married this weekend.



**ADVANCE NOTICE:
THERE WILL BE NO MASS THIS
THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2017**

PARISH FINANCE

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1199.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2550.50
Loose Plate	\$ 372.55

Last week's collections

Parish Finance meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th July 7.30am at the Parish Office meeting room.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

Our Stewardship Program begins next week. The Program invites us to revisit our role as committed parishioners and how our parish can benefit from our collective gifts. The work parishioner means 'one who belongs to/is connected with a parish'. Being a member of a parish means playing a part in the parish community in all areas, taking ownership and belonging to a family of faith believers. Over the course of the next few weeks we will look at the different areas of our parish and where each of us fits in.

INFORMATION MEETING:

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend one of our Parish Information Meetings in Mildura, 1st August, Red Cliffs 2nd August or Merbein 3rd August commencing at 7pm. At this meeting we gather as a community to plan for the future of our parish and share a cuppa together. Please mark this date in your calendar.

A huge THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers who helped with the WORKING BEE on Tuesday morning. It was an amazing effort.

Fr. Michael McKinnon



COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING

Mildura Branch of the Knight's of the Southern Cross will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday 10th July at 7.30pm in the KSC Club Rooms.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 11th July at 10am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will hold their monthly gathering in the Hillman Room on Tuesday 11th July from 2pm. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PASSIONIST GROUP

Will lunch at the Mildura RSL Club on Sunday 16th July at noon. All welcome. Please let Helen or Gary know your intentions on 50235035



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day will be celebrated on Saturday 5th August at 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by procession to the Sacred Heart Hall. There will be a free BBQ & Pasta meal and entertainment.

Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and Knights of the Southern Cross.

All parishioners are most welcome.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul. I am aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese through the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention. Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world. I commend the 2017 Appeal to all parishioners.

Paul Bird CSsR—Bishop of Ballarat

BUS TRIP TO WERRIMULL

Sacred Heart Parish bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th July 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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

FAMILY MATTERS – Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum—Saturday 26th August 2017

This forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker will be held in Mildura. This free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. You can register on line: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> or alternatively through the Sacred Heart Parish Office. Details regarding venue & workshops will be released soon. More information is available also from Tony Haintz - social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

CAMINO 2018

I am considering organising another Camino for around the School Holidays (last week of September – first week of October) 2018. Plans are very open at this stage, but I would be limiting the walk to about 2 weeks. I would also have to limit numbers to about a dozen people. If anybody is interested, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm. Health and fitness of those wishing to participate is of the highest priority.

Fr. Michael

ADULT FORMATION

13TH NATIONAL ECONFER- ENCE

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

With Guest speakers:

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.



ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP – applications now open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

CUPPA after 9am Mass this weekend.

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867.



YOUTH SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN - THE GOOD OIL 2017 YOUNG WRITERS' AWARD

The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award seeks to encourage and support the development of younger writers interested in exploring ideas, contemporary issues and stories about people and happenings from a contemporary Christian perspective. The award is open to ALL secondary school students and post-school young adults in Australia, Japan, the Philippines and Kiribati. Entrants are invited to submit a piece of writing, between 750 and 1000 words adopting one of the following writing styles: journalistic feature writing (e.g. profiles of people or issues-based articles based on interviews); opinion writing; creative writing or first person reflective writing. In their chosen writing style, entrants are asked to explore the theme "Who is my neighbour?". Entries for the award close on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Thanks to the generous support of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and Good Samaritan Education, a total of \$3,000 in prize money is on offer. More details can be downloaded from the Good Samaritan Sisters' website www.goodsams.org.au

BLESSED PETER TO ROT- FEAST DAY JULY 7

Blessed Peter To Rot was a Tolai Malanesian born in Rakunai on the island of New Britain nearly 30 years after Catholicism came to PNG.

He would become the country's most revered and steadfast lay Catholic, becoming a martyr at 33. Peter trained as a catechist after his father considered Peter's generation too young in the faith to study for the priesthood.

As a catechist, Peter was called to live a missionary life that included full-time teaching in a parish school, visitations to the sick and dying, catechetical instruction of the faithful at Mass and to non-Catholics after school-hours, leading prayer services if Mass was not possible, and in the absence of a priest, witnessing marriages, baptisms of babies and dying non-Catholics, and the distribution of Holy Communion. While the local MSC priests thought he was fit for the priesthood, he married a 16-year-old Catholic woman from a nearby village and had three children, the youngest of which was born after Peter's death.

On January 23, 1942 the Japanese invaded New Britain, initially ordering the removal of all missionaries, but allowing pastoral activity to continue on the island. This left Peter as the only spiritual guide for Catholics in Rakunai.

By the end of March, 1943, the Japanese suffered a loss and prohibited Christian activity, forcing Peter to perform his missionary duties in a ravine in Taogo. Soon religious ceremonies were restricted to small gatherings in the early hours, and the Japanese tore down the local parish Church requesting it be replaced with a smaller camouflaged building.

A total prohibition on religious activities was placed in March 1944, an order which Peter found unacceptable to the point where he built an underground shelter on his property to administer the sacraments regularly. To improve their relations with the local chiefs, the Japanese then legalised the an old Tolai practice of polygamy, and punished anyone who refused to obey by this new law.

Peter came out strongly against polygamy and said the law "cannot stop us loving God and obeying His laws".



This outburst and his commitment to offering Sunday services against the law led to his death by lethal injection in prison on a Friday in July 1945, witnessed by a prisoner.

Blessed Peter To Rot was beatified on January 17, 1995 by Pope John Paul II, who also announced his feast day for July 7.

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 July 2017

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Zech 9:9-10
Resp Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1
Response: I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God.
Second Reading: Rom 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Maria Cirillo	Louise Belej	Tony Finn
Christine Carmichael	Nancy Leonardis	Melanie Ransome
Ellen Frauenfelder	Elena Garreffa	Bill Dolence
Jacinda Deacon	Maryanne Modica	Jacqui Willis
Katy Quinlan	Lyn Welsh	Barbara Bunting
Katelin Anesbury	Loretta Thompson	Katrina Groves
	Giuseppe Scopacasa	

MUSIC

Filipino Choir	Youth Group	M Hammond
N Armsden	K Mafi	J Macri
		J Ljubic

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Baptism	

READERS

Trish McNamara	Narie Lewis	Jim Graham

COUNTING TEAM 9

GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
D Knight	K Knight

15th & 16th July 2017

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Isa 55:10-11
Resp Psalm: Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8
Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23
Gospel: Mt 13:1-23

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
6PM	9AM	5PM
6 Ministers required	7 Ministers required	6 Ministers required
Anne-Maree Greville	Maria Scopacasa	Judy Hall
Taiana Fatai	Susan Lewis	Myrna Rodi
Margaret McDonald	Minda Wright	Maree Irvin
Trish McNamara	Rose Op’t Hoog	Sue hermans
Morris Henderson	Rini Op’t Hoog	Danielle Mazzini
Anita Naray	Cora Howell	Naomi Kennedy
	Narie Lewis	

MUSIC

M Hammond	Tongan Choir	NO MUSIC
B Prescott	M Guthrie	

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required	2 Volunteers required
	Louise Belej	

READERS

Christine Carmichael	Kevin Schultz	Sue Hermans

COUNTING TEAM 10

BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099

IRYMPLE - SUNDAY - 8.30AM

READER	EUCHARIST MINISTER
M Hoy	W Smith