

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Sacred Heart
Mildura

Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Irymple

St. Joseph's
Red Cliffs

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Merbein

The Sunraysia Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed under Parish Heading

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY		9:30AM	
TUESDAY	6:00PM	5:30PM	
WEDNESDAY	9:15AM	9:30AM	
THURSDAY	9:15AM	5:30PM	9:15AM
FRIDAY	5:40PM	9:30AM	
SATURAY	9:30AM	9:30AM	

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	IRYMPLE	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
SATURDAY		6:00PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10:00AM	10:30AM
		5:00PM		

WERRIMULL 11:00AM (LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

MILDURA

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Chris Bogemann

Sunday 9am: Giovanni Strangio (1st anniversary)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: June 11, Gordon Hann; 13th, Teresa Sabo, Gena Matthews, Rosa Panaia, 14th Michael McGowan, Vin McKee, Lucy Duncan, 16th, Stephen Piscioni, 17th Katerina Canidi, Edward Stanbrook, 18th Jack Hamence, Paul McCarthy, 21st Franciska Klarich, 22nd Alvina Mary, 23rd, Edith Holmes.

Only immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204

St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

OLSH Merbein Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258

St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Principal: Mark Gibson 5024 1654

St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura

Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 16th & 17th June 2018

The first of the parables in today's gospel reading has no parallel in the other gospels. It compares God's kin-dom to a trusting sower who scatters the seed by day, sleeps by night, and simply observes the "earth produce of itself" until it is time to harvest the grain. The sower's actions of scattering, sleeping, rising, and going in with his sickle are paralleled by his "not-knowing how" the seed is transformed into grain. We may, in our times, have a more sophisticated, more scientific understanding of the process of growth. We have no less reason to stand in awe at the wonder of it all.

In an era of urbanization, supermarket chains, and online shopping even for groceries, we can easily lose sight of the source of food and the miracle of food production. This little parable might serve as a reminder of the goodness of the Earth and of the God who sustains our planetary home. It might inspire us to contemplate the myriad ways in which the Earth speaks to us of God and God's empire or kin-dom.

At another level, we might ask about the identity of the sower. We might question how the sower's actions and attitudes provide an image of God's reign. Is it in the sower's trusting that all will be well while "not-knowing"? Is it in the observation that the grain is ripe for the harvest? Is it in the prompt action to bring in the harvest? Parables are meant to tease their hearers/readers. They are open-ended and challenging.

The second parable appears in all three synoptic gospels. Matthew and Luke both parallel the mustard seed parable with a parable about a woman mixing yeast into flour. Mark, in contrast, juxtaposes his mustard seed parable with that of the trusting sower. Mustard seeds were tiny, although they were not the smallest of seeds and have never been known to become the largest of shrubs. The idea that God's reign provides shelter for the birds to make their nests is a challenging one at a time when so many species are becoming extinct precisely because their habitats are being destroyed by human activity.

Some scholars have pointed out that the mustard seed was a weed. To compare God's reign with a weed may have brought a smile or two. It would certainly have exercised the minds of Jesus' audience. Maybe Jesus' disciples were in need of encouragement even in the early stages of the Galilean ministry. Maybe the curious and hostile were in need of a reminder to take this movement seriously, for extraordinary things can come from the most inauspicious beginnings. Opposition to Jesus had surfaced at the outset. Mark's community may also have been experiencing opposition and feeling the need for the wisdom that comes from a carefully crafted and perfectly timed story.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

If you want a sick person prayed for, ask their permission. Names will be included for the duration of one month after which family or friends can request more time.

Marian Calf, Janette Piscioneri, Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

Tuesday Mass – cancelled due to Council of Priests Meeting Ballarat.

RCIA 2018 – 19

We are presently enrolling the names of those who would like to be part of the next RCIA Program. Parishioners are asked to direct anyone they know of who is interested in becoming a member of our Catholic Community to enrol their names at the Parish Office.



FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

The Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring the Feast Day celebration of St Mary MacKillop on Saturday 4th August with Mass at 6pm followed by entertainment & free pasta & BBQ dinner. All most welcome to attend.



Community Life & Outreach

REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Thursday 21st June at 2pm. All welcome.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Next outing is a Spud lunch at Lyn & Colin Welsh's home 16 Westside Boulevard on Sunday 24th June. Bring a sweet to share. Please let Lyn & Colin your intentions on 50231356.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL.

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be having their winter appeal on 23rd/24th June.

In these hard economic times help support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available on that weekend. Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. With thanks.

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP—29th July

The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 29th July.

If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40am

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6:30pm

Devotions and Exposition: Friday 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room

PLENARY COUNCIL

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. **Please take a prayer card home with you today and pray daily for the success of this important event.** To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

EUCHARIST & THE CARE OF OUR EARTH

A two hour conversation with **Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson rsm** about Eucharist and the planet we inhabit.

Thursday 21st June 2018

1-3pm or 7-9pm

Monaghan Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

*Where on earth is God?
How on earth is God with us?
Why does it matter?
All welcome*



REGIONAL YOUTH NEWS

Ballarat Diocese is holding 3 x day-long Festivals called Joy+ for youth and young adults 15-30yo. From the Murray to the Sea, in **Robinvale on Sunday 5 August**, in Warrnambool West on Sunday 2 September, in Ballarat on Sunday 25 November. Come to one or more! Features Genevieve Bryant & band and many guests. Free registration open soon. This is an initiative for the Year of Youth - Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy! More details check youth ministry web pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

BBI -TAITE—ACBC 14TH NATIONAL ECONFERENCE

Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

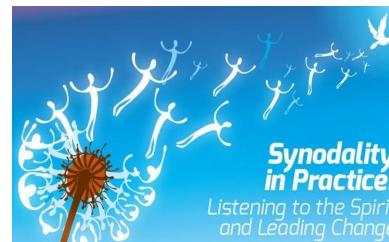
Will be held on Wednesday 8th August at the Sacred Heart Parish—Monaghan Centre—from 10am—3pm

Cost: Free

Bring your own lunch or a plate to share.

All most welcome to attend.

For booking enquiries please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872. Please see noticeboards for further details.



ST ANTHONY—MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

1st prize—Domenico Parente

2nd Prize—Andrea Martin

3rd prize—Rosa Mazza

4th Prize—Elisabetta Carlucci

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1444.20
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2590.25
Loose Plate	\$ 581.50
Monaghan Centre	\$ 370.40
The Shared Table	\$ 124.10

St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein



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If you want a sick person prayed for, ask their permission. Names will be included for the duration of one month after which family or friends can request more time.

Caterina Brizzi, Carmel Markham, Larry Cricelli, Jana Njegovan, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Diane Lanigan, Heather McWilliams, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone, Joe Cufari, Brother Dan Geary MSC



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Kit Coogan, Peter Willcock, Betty Green, Joan Appleby, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Alison Olden, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

**Monday to Thursday—Scriptures 9.30am
Friday 9.30am—Mass**



Upcoming Events

Monday 18 June: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Church Service 2pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 20 June: Finance Meeting 7pm & Parish Council meeting 7.30pm, School Hall.

Sunday 24 June: Next Sunday, is the Feast of the birthday of John the Baptist. This is an important feast, which displaces the ordinary Sunday (Sunday 12.)

Monday 25 June: Parishioners Volunteers - Meals on Wheels week.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL UNITS—RED CLIFFS

Now have available 2 x single bedroom units for rent. Applicants must be on a Centrelink pension. Please contact Peter Bramsen 5021 1393 or 0427 567 650

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE

After Mass next Sunday, June 24. Don't forget to bring in items for the trading table. Proceeds from Trading Table this month are our annual collection for the Pope.



YOUTH-LED MASS

Our next youth-led Mass is on Sunday, July 1, today fortnight. There will be a barbecue lunch after Mass in St Joseph's School Hall. Cost is a gold coin

per person. For catering purposes, please sign the form in the foyer.

ADVANCE NOTICE

July 15 will be a Lay Led Assembly.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St Joseph's Parish will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of the Church. on Sunday 19th August 2018.

Bishop Paul Bird will be celebrating Mass followed by a light luncheon/finger food at the school hall. Please mark this day on your calendar. Further information in the coming weeks.

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$148.85
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$294.35
Loose Plate	\$

Vision & Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Catholic Community committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily life. We do this by:

- Coming together regularly to worship God;
- Witnessing to Gospel values in our daily lives;
- Nurturing the growth & development of our faith;
- Caring for all in our Community;
- Taking responsibility for our Parish.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: will be happening in Term 3 for those children in Year 4. Please contact Janine Dannatt for further details.

DISCUSSION SESSIONS:

With Fr. Barry Ryan & Sr. Veronica Lawson - **an opportunity not to be missed!** Thursday June 21 at Monaghan Centre Mildura 1 -3pm or 7-9pm. See notice board for more details and Regional News & Events.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Straight after Mass today.

PLEASE NOTE:

THAT ARTICLES IN THE REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS SECTION—2ND PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN—RELATES TO ALL PARISHES—RED CLIFFS, MERBEIN AND MILDURA.

SCHOOL NEWS

Enrolments for 2019 are now being taken. If you are a current family with a sibling ready to start school next year, please make an appointment for an interview as soon as possible, so that we can gain an idea of potential numbers. If you know of any families interested in enrolling their child/children at OLSH in 2019 please pass on this information and encourage them to contact the school.

SCHOOLS NATIONAL TREE DAY – 27th July

It started in 1996 and since then more than 4 million people have planted over 24 million trees. We will be celebrating this day on June the 15th with our Grade 3 and 4 school leaders assisting Scott Pollock to plant trees along the rear fence of the school. Schools Tree Day is an opportunity to do something positive for our local environment and to reconnect with nature.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Last Tuesday was World Environment Day and the theme this year is 'Beat the Plastic'. This is a time when our focus turns to the impact we are having on the environment and how we can clean up the planet. Don't forget to take your own bag when shopping at the Super Market!

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 86.00
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$224.00
Loose Plate	\$ 12.75

National apology for child sexual abuse survivors



Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull yesterday (ABC/screenshot)

The Turnbull Government has promised to deliver a national apology to survivors and victims of institutional child sexual abuse, and their families, later this year, as part of its official response to the royal commission. Source: *The Australian*.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse delivered its findings late last year, giving the commonwealth, state and territory governments six months to respond. Of the 409 recommendations made, 122 fell wholly or partially under the Commonwealth's jurisdiction.

"We've already acted on many of the recommendations of the commission, but today, we accept or accept in-principle 104 of the remaining 122 recommendations directed

wholly or in part to the Australian government," Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said. "The additional 18 recommendations have been noted as they require further consideration. We've not rejected any of the royal commission's recommendations."

Mr Turnbull announced a new federal office to monitor child safety and said he would deliver his national apology on October 22 to coincide with National Children's Week. He has formed a national apology reference group to ensure the apology meets the expectations of survivors. "Now that we've uncovered the shocking truth, we must do everything in our power to honour the bravery of the thousands of people who came forward," he said.

On the question of the seal of the confessional, Mr Turnbull said the safety of children must come first, but he acknowledged it was largely an issue for the states to determine and Attorney-General Christian Porter would be talking to the states to try and ensure a harmonised outcome.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, welcomed the government's response to the royal commission, including measures to standardise approaches to child safety and research to help prevent child sexual abuse in the future.

"The Catholic Church has already begun its work to respond to the recommendations of the royal commission. Some of those responses began during the course of the royal commission," he said. "Across the country, child safeguarding offices have been established or strengthened in dioceses, archdioceses and other Catholic organisations to streamline and centralise work on protecting children and young people in Church settings.

"At the national level, Catholic Professional Standards Ltd has been working with Church agencies, other non-government organisations and a number of government agencies to produce consistent national safeguarding standards for the Church."

Archbishop Coleridge said the Catholic Church was the first non-government institution to join the national redress scheme on the national level and is firmly committed to providing redress to survivors who were abused in Catholic settings.

"The Church also has established the Implementation Advisory Group, made up mostly of lay people, which is helping the bishops decide how to respond to the royal commission," he said.

"Regarding the issue of the seal of confession, the Catholic Church does not view the sacramental seal as incompatible with maintaining child safety," he said.

"The Church wants measures that will genuinely make environments safer for children. There has been no compelling evidence to suggest that legal abolition of the seal of confession will help in that regard."

Archbishop Coleridge said the Church would continue to work with government to ensure both protecting children and upholding the integrity of Catholic sacraments could be achieved and maintained.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS

The Nativity of St John the Baptist / Year B 23rd & 24th June 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6
Responsorial: Ps 138:1-3, 13-15
Response: I praise you for I am wonderfully made.
Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26
Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80



Werrimull Last Sunday of month 11:00am	Sacred Heart Saturday 6.00pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 9:00am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5.00pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader / Reader	Trish McNamara	Cathy or Paul McErvale	Christine Slattery	K Modoo	M Matotek Volunteer/M Lee	N Prevedello	June 24th Sr Carmel Setford Annette Lemon
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	Sacred Heart Choir M Fainga'anuku	Youth Group M Sullivan		Guitar		
Offertory		Baptism			C Cavallaro		
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Maddison Follett		July 29th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
Eucharist Ministers	Christine Carmichael	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Trish Cirillo	Malcolm Hoy	Elektra Papanicolaou	Vi Barling	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Maria Scopacasa	Jeena Jose		Abby Collihole	M Farnsworth	
	Jacinda Deacon	Susan Lewis	Cleam Carlucci		Megan Collihole		August 26th
	Katy Quinlan	Minda Wright	Vittorio Carlucci				Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Katelin Amesbury	Rose Op't Hoog	Christine Slattery		C Russo	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Rini Op't Hoog	Volunteer Please		J Strangio	Kay Wagner	September 30th
		Cora Howell			M Suppa		Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Counting Team	TEAM 9	GEORGE DOLENCE 5021 2099			L Grevic/T Njegovan		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Cleaner	As per arrangement	