

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.
 Child Safety Officers:- Mildura—Christine Slattery, Merbein—Kevin Aston, Red Cliffs—Bernadette Gardner*

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	AS ADVISED
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: Emma Nesci, Maria Cricelli,

Anniversaries: Grazia Callipari

Saturday 6pm: Harry Kerr, Marcello Privrat, Peter & Maria Dran

Sunday 9am: Ioland Dimasi, Marcello Privrat, Peter & Maria Dran

Sunday 5pm: Michele & Bruno Mammone, Annunziata DeMaria

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: June 30th Josephine Murphy; July 1st Alice Avery,
 Charlie Sanford; 3rd Maria Manno.

(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

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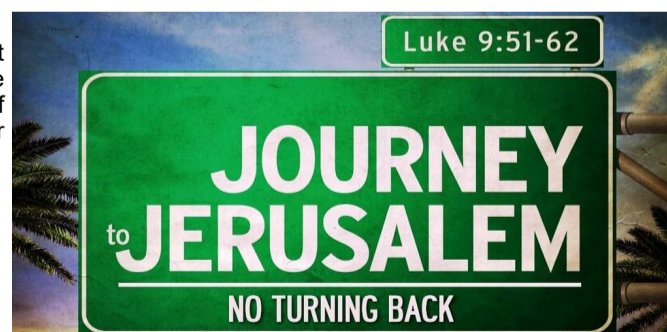
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 29th & 30th June 2019

Gary Cohen's film, *Judah & Mohammad*, depicts the separate lives of two teenage school boys, one a Jewish Israeli and the other a Palestinian Arab. Judah and Mohammad have never met and are unlikely ever to do so. They are near neighbours, but their lives are separated by a "security wall" that keeps them and their people effectively separated and suspicious of each other, despite the desire for peace of many on both sides of the wall. Sandy Tolan's heart-wrenching novel, *The Lemon Tree*, tells a similar story of women on either side of the same divide. Both film and novel reflect a contemporary story of hostility between Israelis and Palestinians that more or less replicates the relationship between Jews and Samaritans in the first century.

Jesus and his Galilean Jewish friends could hardly have expected a gracious welcome, though they may have been welcomed had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is Jesus' decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish life and worship. The Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem", centre of Jewish life and worship.

James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (Luke 6:27-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the villagers who failed to receive him. He simply turns and rebukes his two disciples and moves on to another village.

There is a sense of relentlessness in this passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. In the company of his disciples, Jesus now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news and establishing God's reign of peace on our planetary home is the purpose of the journey. We are invited to enter into that journey with all its demands. There is no room on this journey for violence or for clinging to familiar securities. If we are serious about saving our planetary home, we must relinquish the certainties we have known and be prepared to "set our faces" towards whatever it takes to ensure God's reign of peace in our common home.



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish community **Kento Deluca** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



RCIA 2019 –2020

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.

Community Life & Outreach

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 2nd July 9am, Sacred Heart Parish Office

ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 4th July 9.15am. All welcome

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will be lunching at the Merbein Club on Sunday 14th July at 12.30pm. Please let Helen or Gary know your intentions on 50235035. All welcome to join us.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The members of the Sacred Heart Conference of St Vincent de Paul are very grateful to all those who contributed so generously to their Winter Appeal.



SACRED HEART PRAYER & DISCUSSION GROUP

This newly formed group meet weekly on Thursday mornings at 10am in the Hillman Room, Sacred Heart Presbytery. For further information please contact

Wilma on 5021 4953.

CHAIRS

The Sacred Heart Church now have chairs on the right hand side of the Sacristy for people who have difficulty sitting in the pews and coming forward at the time of Communion. You are invited to use these chairs.

SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA after the 9am Mass Sunday 14th July

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.



Don't forget items for the stall. Fruit, vegetables, preserves etc.

CUPPA

All are most welcome to stay on for cuppa, community and conversation after the 9am Mass.

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

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.

Mildura: Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Michele Vanni, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Merbein: Joan Edwards, Martin Rogers, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

Red Cliffs: Gwen O'Connor, Maureen Lee, Max Slater, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Reynaldo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone

REMINDER

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father will be taken up this weekend.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY Weekend 6th & 7th July 2019



Next weekend provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brother and sisters, the celebration also signifies that we are united as one in God's love and core.

FRESH FOOD FOR FOCOLARE YOUTH VISIT

There will be a group of 40-50 young people and their leaders from the Focolare Community visiting Mildura from Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th July. To help keep costs down for the families, any donations of fresh food would be greatly appreciated. They would be grateful for any supply of tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, bananas, apples, oranges and mandarins, or for any fresh produce that might be in supply on your fruit tree/vegie patch.

If you think you will be able to help out, please let Fr James know. Any donations can be left in the Monaghan centre over the weekend of July 6th/7th and Fr James will be able to pass it on to the group.

ADVANCE NOTICE FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

The Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring the Feast Day celebration of St Mary MacKillop on Saturday 10th August with Mass at 6pm followed by entertainment and free pasta and BBQ dinner, from the Monaghan Centre. All most welcome to attend.



ADVANCE NOTICE—SAVE THE DATE

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

During 2019 Workshops will be held to help plan for our Diocesan Education Community 2020—2024. Fr Michael is strongly encouraging teaching staff, parents and parishioners attend one of the two Workshops to be held in the Monaghan Centre on Tuesday 27th August from 4.30pm—6.00pm or 7.00pm—8.30pm.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

WHY IT'S FUTILE TO BEG FOR REFUGEES' HUMAN RIGHTS

A recent Australian Human Rights Commission report on risk management in immigration detention has come and gone with little notice. To many readers the topic will seem recondite and the possibility of it producing change low. Both the report and the response to it by the Department of Home Affairs, however, demonstrated the irrelevance of human rights in the development and administration of policy concerning people who seek asylum.

The report itself is methodical and helpful, offering an overview of the number and variety of Australian immigration detention centres, the categories of people held in them and the points at which perceived risks are eliminated at the cost of respect for the humanity of the people detained. The report and its recommendations were informed by interviews with people detained, visitors to the centres and officers of the Australian Border Force. The recommendations are modest, but if fully implemented would make the conditions of people detained marginally less soul-destroying.

The report also offers examples of the human effects of risk management procedures on people. The possibility of smuggling or introducing harmful substances in food, for example, prevented a visitor from bringing in a cake for a detained child to celebrate her second birthday party.

The report and the response reveal the gulf between the philosophies and priorities of the government and its plaintiffs. People who take human rights seriously do so because they believe in the unique value of each human being. For this reason they believe that law and its administration must work within a framework of respect for human dignity. They expect that if they point out violations of human rights the response will either deny such violation or will correct it by changing legal and administrative processes. Humanity trumps instruments of control.

The Australian government's treatment of people who seek asylum, however, is based on subordinating the humanity and rights of people to a policy of control, with all the laws and processes that implement it. Humanity and human rights are expendable when set against instrumental policies and regulations. That is true of the detention regime generally and of the way in which it is administered. The distress and loss of faith in humanity of a family whose birthday party is spoiled counts for nothing in comparison with the goal of seamless control.

The Department's response to the Commission's recommendations is understandable in this context. It is unyielding to its insistence, based on Australian policy, that the integrity of the detention regime be maintained and that the controlling principle of its administration is security. To visitors to the centres the response will read as a chilling demonstration of power over humanity. The Commission's appeal to human rights will seem like a little boy holding a flower to turn back an advancing tank.

The difficulty with policy that is built on disregarding the humanity of those whom it touches, whether it be in immigration, justice, welfare, Indigenous affairs or health, is that its administration produces the risks to whose elimination it then gives priority. To take one example, the report pleads for more discrimination in relating the conditions of detention to the risk of violent or disruptive behaviour. The response insists on the priority of security against such behaviour.

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Violent and disruptive behaviour, however, may be expected when people have made atonement for crime by serving sentences in prison, or have been imprisoned indefinitely without having been found



guilty of any offence, and are then promptly imprisoned again awaiting a protracted process of appeal. Harsh conditions of imprisonment designed to meet the risk of antisocial behaviour further encourage the cycle of fury and preventative repression. The natural endpoint of this cycle is the punitive arbitrariness analysed by Behrouz Boochani in *No Friend but the Mountains*. People are treated as risks to be managed in a way that eliminates all risk, and are therefore stripped of their humanity. The arbitrariness of the treatment of people in detention, indicated at many points of this report, reflects the operative principle that all risk is to be avoided whatever the cost to the humanity of the people detained. In Boochani's experience and description, Australians were homogenous and unreflective parts of a machine designed to dehumanise, cow and corrupt the people who sought protection from persecution. This report and the departmental response suggest that in on-shore detention the human destruction is not directly intended. It is seen simply as irrelevant.

To beg respect for human rights, as the AHRC report does, is a merciful thing to do, and if crumbs of concession fall from the tables of the powerful, the humiliation of begging will have been worthwhile. But in the long run Boochani's scream of outrage at the injustice of it all seems a cleaner, if in the short term no more effectual, response.

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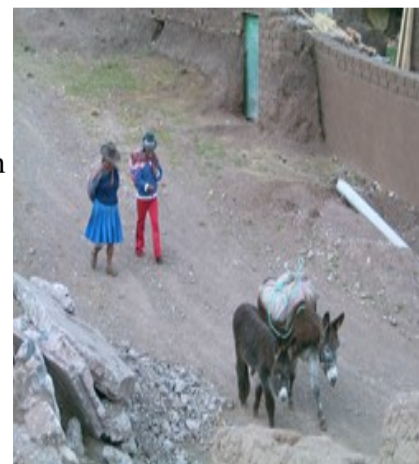
PERU MISSION IMMERSION

Fr. Michael, Ryan O'Callaghan, Chris Carmichael, Ronica Vergara and Marion Guthrie, invite you to come along and hear about our recent experiences visiting the people and projects we



have supported in Peru.

The evening will be held in the Monaghan Centre on Friday, 12th July at 6.30pm. Presentation Time - Approximately: 90 minutes. We invite you to stay and share a pizza after the presentation.



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$2303.10	\$288.30	\$244.50
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2347.90	\$199.00	\$312.60
Loose Plate	\$1043.90	\$ 104.00	\$ 66.25
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 10.00		\$

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

PARISH NEWS

On Monday July 1st Vi Barling will celebrate a significant birthday **HAPPY BIRTHDAY VI!** It gives us all an opportunity to thank Vi for all she does in representing our Church at Merbein within the wider community as well as doing the regular tasks along with many others that keeps our faith community functioning. You are invited to stay for a mini celebration and some soup and sandwiches and the usual cuppa after our Lay-Led this morning.

St. Vincent de Paul annual winter appeal for non-perishable food items is happening this month so if you are able to bring along any goods within the next few weeks they would be very much appreciated.

SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 finished on Friday June 28th and Term 3 begins on Monday July 15th, 2019

Congratulations to the students from OLSH who celebrated their Confirmation and First Eucharist on Sunday. It was a lovely service and the students did themselves proud as they received their Sacraments. It was also very nice to see so many families and parishioners joining the children to celebrate. We keep these children in our prayers as they move forward in their faith journeys.

Narelle Gallagher will be taking Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of next term, but the school will be in good hands, with Mr. Casey Stoetzer filling the role of acting Principal. I hope everyone enjoys the holiday break and comes back to school refreshed and ready for a busy Term Three!

Student Leaders Fundraiser – Blanket Drive

It's getting cold outside!! Do you have some blankets you can donate? This year OLSH Primary School is holding a blanket drive. These blankets will be donated to our local St Vincent de Paul organisation. This is a good time to go through those linen cupboards, so dig deep!! Please make sure blankets are in reasonable condition.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS:

July 2019 has been declared **NO PLASTIC MONTH** everyone is invited to refrain from using plastic especially plastic bags and purchasing goods that are packaged in plastic. Keep plastic bags from polluting our oceans and harming marine wildlife. Maybe you could make yourself a reusable washable bag!!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30am, Tues, Thur: 5.30pm, Sat: 9am

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Proceeds from the Trading Table last Sunday came to \$160.00. Our school children, as usual, brought loads of groceries to our Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Envelopes for Vinnies Winter Appeal will remain on the seats for two more Sundays. Every year there are people in need during Winter in Sunraysia.



CALENDAR

Monday 8th July: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Church service commencing 10.30am. All welcome

Sunday 28th July: Parish AGM. All welcome. Any agenda items please see Carmel Russo.

Sunday 28th July: Cuppa and trading table. Don't forget items for the Trading Table. Proceeds this month will go to Catholic Missions.

ALTAR SERVERS

The chair cupboard in the front foyer nearest the kitchen area has recently been redesigned to store the Altar Servers Albs as well as chairs.

Altar Servers will now robe from this area.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 6th & 7th July 2019

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 66:10-14
Responsorial: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20
Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 1:00am	Sacred Heart Saturday 6pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 9am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader / Reader	Gary Huxtable	Rose Op't Hoog	Jancy Thomas	M Smith	T Hawkes D Eagle / T Gardiner	Elvira Iamarino	
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	Italian Choir M Sullivan	Lam Duy J Ljubic		Guitar		
Offertory		Louise Belej			M Bell	Besgrove Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 4		
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Rini Op't Hoog	Josie Zema	W Smith	M Dominelli	Janine Dannatt	
	Christine Carmichael	Cora Howell	Bernadette Avery		D Eagle	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Narie Lewis	Trish Cirillo	OASIS AGED CARE	T Gardiner		
	Jacinda Deacon	Renata Byra	Jeena Jose	M Jensen	CUPPA'S		
	Katy Quinlan	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Clem Carlucci			CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Sonia Opie	Volunteer Please	LAY LITURGY LEADERS		Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
	Philip Opie				FLOWERS Volunteers		
Counting Team	TEAM 3	PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531				P Hunt / B Pitt	
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	VOLUNTEERS	As per arrangement	