

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: Caterina Audino, Carmela Musico

Anniversaries: Bruno Palle

Saturday 6pm: Herb, Kelleen, Gordon Pat, Doug, Colleen & Kevin Curran, Mona Richardson, Kevin Robinson

Sunday 9am: Ron Campbell (one year anniversary), Giuseppe Martino

Sunday 5pm:

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Heather McWilliams, Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone, Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone, Adrianna Tassone

MERBEIN

Recent Death: Carmel Musico

Anniversaries: July 15th Joseph Klarich, Immacolata Dichiera, Joan Parker, John Olden; 17th Kathleen McAllester; 18th Tom McCarthy; 19th Lynette Searle, David O'Callaghan, Jim McSwain.

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 13th & 14th July 2019

The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 14 billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is the Source and the Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. He addresses Jesus as "teacher" and Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed a teacher when he puts the question back to his interrogator and invites him to answer his own question. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and love of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" The lawyer would know very well that the neighbour for a Jew was another Jewish male. Jesus responds with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the bandits?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan in the story is said to be "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, on the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove and on the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.



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

Veronica Lawson rsm

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish community **Elijah Fishwick, Olivia Fraser, Kevin Norton, Charlotte Kampff, Joshua Mobilio and Matthew Mobilio** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Vincent Fotia & Carmel Romeo** who were married 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.



NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROSTERS

Are now available. If you did not receive your copy via email please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



Community Life & Outreach

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.

IRYMPLE OASIS AGED CARE

Service to be held on Wednesday 17th July at 10.30am. All welcome.



SHARED TABLE STALL this Sunday after 9am Mass

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.

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 Sacred Heart Hall.

All most welcome to attend.



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: Tess Kerr, 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

MANY REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

The recent visit of the Focolare Gen youth was a real success, beyond their best hopes. They are extremely grateful to the parish for the hospitality you showed, and saw your generosity and greetings as "signs of God's love and providence". Thank you to Sr Patricia and the Sisters of Mercy for helping with some accommodation. Thank you to St Joseph's College for the use of their Hall for the youth event. Thanks as well to all the families who brought their kids along, it was a lot of fun. Thanks to Rosemarie Zalec for organising a great presenter for the group. Thank you to all those who donated food for them. They were certainly overwhelmed with the great response and wanted to let you know that Mildura fruit and veg are so much better than in Melbourne! And finally thank you for your prayers... they did end up making it to Lake Mungo like they hoped! There are many reasons to be grateful, and hopefully they will come again. *Fr James*

And lucky last! A word of thanks from Group Leader Stephen. The food we shared, and your greetings were all signs of God's love and providence for us. We are forever grateful. PS Mildura fruit and vegetables is so much better than Melbourne ones. Thanks!!



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

From the Archives: Marjorie Liddy's Vision of the Spirit of this Land

Around the time of Sydney World Youth Day in 2008, Marjorie Liddy became very well known when her art work was placed front and centre at the Papal Mass. She painted her image of the Holy Spirit based on a vision she had seen one night, as described in the article below. I never had the chance to meet Marjorie, but I know a number of people who have, and all of them were struck by just how clearly God's life shone through hers. She was a true woman of the Spirit. Source: <http://northlandcatholic.blogspot.com/2008/07/legend-of-marjories-bird.html> Originally Published July 19th 2008



WITH bare feet and a Blessed Virgin T-shirt, Tiwi Islander Marjorie Liddy is preparing to touch the hand of the Pope. She may live on an island along one of the most isolated stretches of Australia's coastline, but the Vatican knows all about Liddy. Brought up by Catholic nuns on Melville Island, she is the woman behind Marjorie's Bird, a painting Australian bishops believe shows the indigenous image of God visited upon a Tiwi mother of 12 who had never painted before. It is not quite Our Lady of Fatima, and Liddy is a long way from beatification, but the legend of Marjorie's Bird has swept the Catholic Church in Australia, which has adopted the symbol as the main image of World Youth Day.

Cardinals and bishops from around the world will wear Marjorie's Bird on the back of their earthy-red chasubles, the outer garment of their vestments, and the Pope will stand under the image on the sanctuary surrounding the altar at Randwick before hundreds of thousands of pilgrims. Liddy, who lives at Condor Point on Melville Island, three hours' drive through eucalypt and cyprus forest from the closest airstrip, is awestruck that the image of the bird with the golden aura that she saw above her island under a dry-season sky four years ago has attracted the attention of the Vatican. Liddy will be one of a number of indigenous women who will form a guard of honour for the Pope in Sydney on Thursday. "When I first heard that on the island, I just grabbed a handful of dirt, threw it all over myself," she said. "I felt unworthy."

The Tiwi woman says she was touched by God after a day out fishing in the Timor Sea with her son. Under a full moon, close to 9pm on August 30, 2004, Liddy caught her son staring at the sky. "My eyes nearly popped out of their sockets," she said. "There was a big painting of a bird in the sky, all done in dots. He had a yellow halo across his head. His wings touched from one end of the horizon to the other, just covered the whole sky." Filled with joy, Liddy began to dance and sing a Tiwi Catholic hymn. "My son was staring at me, looking at me like I was going nuts," she said. "I said: 'Son, can you see what I can see?' He told me: 'A bird, Mum.' "I said: 'That's the Holy Spirit.' And when I said that, that halo burst. Sparkles of gold like I had never seen in my life were just falling on the earth."

Darwin's recently retired bishop, Ted Collins, has no doubt the quiet, gentle woman he has known for almost 40 years saw an indigenous image of the Holy Spirit. "Marjorie is a

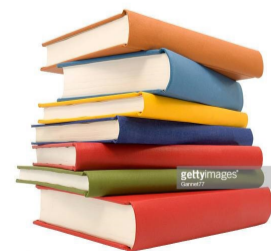
lady that has been very close to God, and I believed her," Collins said. Liddy is one of hundreds of Aborigines brought up in missions, which multiplied across the Northern Territory from the mid-1930s. Many former missions retain strong connections to the Catholic Church. The late pope John Paul II visited Aborigines in Alice Springs during his 1986 tour of Australia, saying the church would be incomplete without the involvement of indigenous people. Older people from communities such as Wadeye and Daly River, and the Tiwi Islands elders, have blended their traditional spirituality and dreamtime stories with their Catholic faith. "Most Aborigines feel the spirit in the bush," Liddy said. "The Holy Spirit, the spirit of the land, it is the same. It's in the land for everybody. It is not just for us."

LIVING IS GIVING—YOUTH PROGRAM



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.



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1253.60	\$ 57.75	\$262.40
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2767.00	\$244.00	\$316.50
Loose Plate	\$ 444.30	\$ 34.50	\$ 64.20
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 80.00		\$

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

PARISH NEWS

As we come to the end of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander week let us remind ourselves of the commitment we made when placing the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PLAQUE IN in our church.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Let us continue to pray the prayer of Reconciliation

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving

for the many blessings we have received.

Allow your spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one. Amen

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.



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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9.30am, Tues 5.30pm, Thur:6pm

30 DAY MASS FOR PHILIP PEZZANO

Will be on Thursday, July 18 at 6.00 pm.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community Giovanni Svrtta whose Baptism occurs today.



CALENDAR

Thursday 18th July: St Vincent de Paul meeting.

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 The Pope's Collection.

GRANDPARENTS' MASS

Friday, July 26 (Feast of Joachim & Anne, parents of Our Lady and consequently grandparents of Jesus.)

ST MARY MCKILLOP

Our junior grades will lead us in celebrating St Mary McKillop on Sunday August 4.

YOUTH-LED MASS

Our next youth-led Mass will be on Sunday, August 11



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 20th & 21st July 2019

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Responsorial: Ps 14:2-5

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



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	Mary Jackson	Sonia Opie	Peter Hammond	P Riordan	J Cameron M Lee / J Lewis	Elena Nemtsas	
Music	Singing Group M Sullivan	Tongan Choir M Guthrie			Guitar		
Offertory		Jim O'Donnell			L Bugno	Nemtsas Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 5 E Papanicolaou	Volunteer Please	
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Bobby Castillo	Wendy Finn	D Knight	P Hunt	Vi Barling	
	Christine Carmichael	Talia Faingaanuku	Tony Finn		C Markham	Margo Farnsworth	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Michael Faingaanuku	Melanie Ransome	OASIS AGED CARE	M Matotek		
	Jacinda Deacon	Maureen Speed	Bill Dolence	M Hoy	CUPPA'S		
	Katy Quinlan	Nancy Fatai	Jacqui Willis			CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Peter O'Donnell	Barbara Bunting	LAY LITURGY LEADERS		Pat Sylvia	
	Volunteer please			M & W Smith	FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team	TEAM 5	JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759			P Hunt / B Pitt		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	