

# 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	MASSES RESUME IN AUGUST
FRIDAY	5:40PM	9:30AM	
SATURAY	9:30AM	9:30AM	

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 21st & 22nd July 2018

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and re-creation. With so much pain and suffering in our world, the demands of living a gospel way of life can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us.

The apostles have been busy—preaching, healing and driving out the “demons” as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. “Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while” is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. The reference to desert evokes the wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert, on the one hand, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests on the other.

The “rest” that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is “moved with compassion”. The Greek verb for being moved with compassion suggests a “gut” reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are “like sheep without a shepherd”, and he is ready to do something about it. As the story continues, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. “You give them something to eat” is his instruction to those who would turn the people away.

Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or “shepherds” who will “practice justice and righteousness in the land”, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness entail.

As the gospel story unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are well-meaning, though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the “shepherd”, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement of peoples and of other-than-human species.

## 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: Italia Caristo

Anniversaries: Matteo Zema

Saturday 6pm: Maria Dichiera (1 year anniversary), Maria Scarfo (30 day mass), Mary Gadanec (1 year anniversary), Giuseppe Zappia (10 year anniversary), Joseph Sestak

Sunday 9am:

Friday 5.40pm:

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

### MERBEIN

Recent Death: Rocco Cirillo

Anniversaries: July 25<sup>th</sup> Gwen Jessup, Bert Adolph; 27<sup>th</sup> John Lamshed; 28<sup>th</sup> Margaret Kelly

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

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, 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



### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Bodhi Marr, Harriet McNabb, Eva De Angelo & Maci Petrolo whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

### 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.



### Irymple Lay Led Assembly July 29th

## Community Life & Outreach

### BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 24th July at 10.30am

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 25th July 7.30pm, Monaghan Centre.

### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL- GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS

Will be held on Thursday 26th July 9.15am. All welcome.

### THANK YOU

To Chaffey Aged Care Merbein for donating a wheelchair for our use. It will be stored in the counting room and is available for Parishioners feeling unwell and not able to get outside to fresh air and also for those with mobility issues, to transport them into and out of Church from their car.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are after some new volunteers for the soup kitchen to assist with chef and waitressing duties. If you are interested please contact Paula Cox at [pcox@sjcmda.vic.edu.au](mailto:pcox@sjcmda.vic.edu.au) or at St Joseph's College Mildura on 50188000.

### WERRIMULL BUS TRIP—29th July

The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 29th July. Mass from 11am followed by lunch at the Pub. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office asap 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

### YOUTH GATHERING

#### ROBINVALE—AUGUST 5TH

Ballarat Diocese is hosting a Day For Youth in Robinvale on Sunday 5 August. Featuring Genevieve Bryant & band and many guests. Free registration. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to participate.



### REGIONAL GATHERING

The quarterly meeting with representative of the Parishes of Mildura, Red Cliffs, Merbein & Ouyen will be held at St Joseph's Red Cliffs on Sunday 29th July after the 10am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

### 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. For booking enquiries please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

### COMMUNITY TRIVIA NIGHT ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August at The Sacred Heart Hall from 6.30 – 10.30pm to raise funds for the Tiwi College Partnership Program. BYO Drinks and Nibbles. Get your friends together and dress up for the special themed table prize. Tables can be booked and paid for at the College Reception for \$150 (Adult Table - \$15 pp), \$100 (Student Table - \$10pp) and children under 12 free. Many entertaining activities and games to get involved in. On the night bring some spare change for competitions and to purchase raffle tickets. For further information please see flyers on notice boards.

### ADVANCE NOTICE—FREE INFORMATION SESSION

Allie Collyer—Community Legal Education Worker from Mallee Family Care will be providing an Information Session on  
 . Powers of Attorney  
 . Advance Care Directive  
 To be held on Thursday 16th August in the Monaghan Centre Two sessions—10am and 6.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 if you would like to attend one of the sessions.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs 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. All most welcome to attend. For catering purposes please rsvp to Chen Cavallaro 0437 214 626

### CATHOLIC IDENTITY

An invitation is extended to all who desire to educate their children within a Catholic-Christian context.

Gina Bernasconi is an Education Officer—Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI).

To be held on Thursday 30th August at 6pm in the Monaghan Centre. A light meal will be provided. Please rsvp to Parish Office on 5021 2872 by 27th August.



### MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1284.30
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2651.45
Loose Plate	\$ 536.25



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



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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**Tim Lewis, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Jana Njegovan, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Diane Lanigan, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mamnone, 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 THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES:

**Monday:** Scriptures at 9.30 am; **Tue:** 5.30 pm; **Wed, Fri:** 9.30 am, **Saturday:** 9.00 am.

**Thursday** is the Feast of Ss Joachim & Anne, the parents of Mary & the grandparents of Jesus. Grandparents' Mass in the Church at 10.00 am.

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Thursday, 26th July, at 10:00 am, the students and staff will be welcoming Grandparents and special visitors to St Joseph's Church to celebrate Grandparents' Day and the 85th Anniversary of St Joseph's School. Following the mass, there will be morning tea and the cutting of the Anniversary cake. All welcome.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mary MacKillop - We will be celebrating the feast of St Mary MacKillop on Sunday, August 5. Grades 2-3 will have leading roles in our Mass that day.

### CUPPA & TRADING TABLE

After Mass today. Proceeds from Trading Table this month go to Catholic Mission.



### PRAYERS REQUESTED.

Tomorrow, July 23, Dr Grover will be operating on my left eye to remove its cataract. I have known 2 people for whom this operation failed, resulting in blindness in that eye. So, naturally, I'm a bit nervous. SO, prayers please. Flags the priest.

**Our next Youth-led Mass will be on Sunday, August 12.**

### ADVANCE NOTICE—PARISH AGM

Will be held on Sunday, August 26th after Mass. All most welcome.

**Plenary Council.** The general question we need to answer is: "What is God asking of the Catholic Church in Australia now?" I suggest we start with 2 matters. What is God asking of us as a consequence of the shortage of priests? And how do we go about overcoming Clericalism? The Royal Commission saw Clericalism as a main contributor to the sexual abuse of children by Catholic Clergy.

Lenten Ladies, please arrive at our next meeting with definitive answers.

He felt pity for them for they were like sheep without a shepherd. Mark 6:30-34



### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$247.80</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$591.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 52.40</b>

### 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 take place at Our Lady's Merbein on 13<sup>th</sup> September for those children who are in Year 4 or above. Preparation dates for children and parents will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September from 7-8pm in the school Library and each Sunday during our 10.30 Mass. Please contact the school on 50252258 if your child would like to take part. Janine Dannatt, the sacramental co-ordinator, will be working with families during these preparation sessions.



### 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATION.

Many will remember Fr. Gerry Prunty who spent some time here in Merbein. St Thomas' Terang and St Colman's Mortlake Parishes will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr Gerry Prunty's Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, August 12, 2018 with Mass commencing at 10.30am in Terang. Light luncheon will follow in the Sisters of Mercy Room at St Thomas' Primary School. All are welcome to attend. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Parish Office, ph. 5592 1195.

BE STILL, MY SOUL

### SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Below is a paragraph taken from the Keynote Address given at the Ecumenical Ecological Symposium on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Athens. – Food for thought!

**'Dear friends, all of us are called to challenge but also to change the way that we consume in order to learn how to conserve for the sake of our planet and for the benefit of its people. When we conserve, we recognise that we must serve one another. "Con-serving" implies sharing our concern for the earth and its inhabitants. It signifies the ability to see in our neighbour, in every other person, the face of every human being and ultimately the face of God. This is surely the deeper justification of all that we do – each of us from our own profession, vocation and belief. Otherwise, we cannot say that we demonstrate compassion for the planet and our neighbour, or that we really care about the world's resources and communities.'**

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$ 95.05</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$179.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 23.25</b>

**THE GLOBAL PUSH AGAINST REFUGEES Eureka Street**

Cometh the time, cometh the exploitable prejudice. With millions of globally displaced persons, states are retreating from the business of treating the condition as one of dysfunction inflicted by war, famine and poverty. It has morphed from a matter of humanitarianism to one of social ill and unease.

The issue of fault has been shifted, to the individuals themselves, and their colluding agents, the people smugglers. What is salient now to the issue of state security is who has the best drawbridge, the most suitably booby trapped moats, and the least interested agent who might assess any worthy claims. If there is processing to be done, someone else is to take the tab.

In Hungary, Victor Orbán has made it clear that he is holding some sort of blazing torch for European civilisation. The fact that the Avars were themselves fairly indifferent to dispossessing, plundering and marauding is simply too ironic for patriotic junkies like the Hungarian prime minister. In the visage of purity and values, he is leading the charge against refugees, drawing strength from his colleagues within the Visegrád group of states.

The latest innovation from Budapest is legislation that targets organisations and individuals who help refugees through the provision of assistance. 'The primary aim of this legislation is to intimidate, by means of criminal law, those who fully legitimately assist asylum seekers or foreigners,' noted the Hungarian Helsinki Committee, a local human rights group.

The sinister sting here is the punitive angle taken against the entire process of seeking asylum or refuge. In this, an air of inspiration is being drawn, notably, from the attempts of the Australian parliament to do the same. Refugees are to be repelled rather than processed, expelled rather than integrated. This notwithstanding that niggling ethical and legal point on whether a person facilitating the furtherance of a right might be punished for doing so.

In Austria, refugees are becoming imperishable gold in political exploitation, with dark allusions to processing camps being made. Sebastian Kurz and Heinz-Christian Strache have been making the most of it, though they have also enlivened a protest group against them.

Germany is also finding itself in the refugee tangle. Chancellor Angela Merkel is being gradually strangled in public fashion by the likes of her interior minister Horst Seehofer, who is making time between sessions to take the carpet from under his boss and booby trap it for good measure. To that end, he has offered to hand in his resignation papers. Across a slew of countries, the fronts against unwanted arrivals are being barbed, the doors bolted, the paper processes being tightened.

On being pressed by Italy's new government to take the issue of refugees more seriously (disrupting it, rather than healing it), the EU met in an attempt to iron out a united front that seemed more disunited than ever. The resulting agreement on refugees and migrants does little to resolve the humanitarian crisis, using such terms as 'regional disembarkation platforms' and 'controlled centres'.

The focus, rather, is disrupting the movement of peoples from Libya itself. In the words of Amnesty International, 'European states have progressively turned their backs on a research and rescue strategy that was reducing mortality at sea in favour of one that has seen thousands drown.'

In the United States, the news is not good. Trump is taking a route mastered by Australia: a system of detention camps spread through a network that will deter arrivals. As with many things, Trump has not been clear on this score, but he has gone as far as claiming, 'The United States will not be a migrant camp, and will not be a refugee holding facility.'

What is being witnessed, on a global scale, is an attempt to abrogate, or at the very least negate, the letter of the Refugee Convention. It was arguably a measure that was pioneered in Australia, and then exported with invidious effect to other countries and continents.

The idea of the Convention was, originally, to protect those dislocated by war, given the unflattering title of displaced persons. The modern refugee, deemed pestilential, is to be contained like the plague. Mark the crosses on homes, bolt the doors and hope for the worst; the modern refugee is both curse for the populace he or she arrives to, and a tainted blessing for political opportunists.

**Dr Binoy Kampmark is a former Commonwealth Scholar who lectures at RMIT University, Melbourne.**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year  
28th & 29th July 2018**

**First Reading: Second book of Kings 4:42-44**  
**Responsorial: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18**  
**Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**  
**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6**  
**Gospel: John 6:1-15**



Werrimull Last Sunday of each 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
<b>Leader / Reader</b>	Mary Jackson	Lyn Welsh	Peter Hammond	G McCracken	T Hawkes A Higham/P Hunt	J Dannatt	<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
<b>Music</b>	N Armsden Filipino Community	M Guthrie All welcome	Youth Group M Sullivan/M Issanchon		Tongan Choir		
<b>Offertory</b>		Jim O'Donnell			M Suppa	Besgrove Family	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Thomas Dowling		<b>August 26th</b> Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Jacinda Deacon	Loretta Thompson	Jacinta Macri	R Barbary	Liam Dowling	Evaine Kremor	
	Trish McNamara	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Paula Cox		Amber Foster	Natalie Besgrove	
	Paul Kerr	Maria Scopacasa	Jennifer Boord		Sumah Foster		<b>September 30th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Anita Naray	Susan Lewis	Reni Cheriyan				
	Maria Cirillo	Minda Wright	Wendy Finn		T Gardiner	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>	
	Volunteer please	Rose Op't Hoog	Tony Finn		M Gibson	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	<b>October 28th</b> Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
	Rini Op't Hoog			A Higham			
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>TEAM 4</b>	<b>KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778</b>			<b>P Hunt &amp; B Pitt</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	<b>Cleaner</b>	As per arrangement	