

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 | OLSH SCHOOL MASS |
| FRIDAY | 5:40PM | 9:30AM | |
| SATURAY | 9:30AM | 9:30AM | |

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

| | IRYMPLE | MILDURA | RED CLIFFS | MERBEIN |
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| 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: Bill Callaghan, Lawrence Jaekel, Joan Appleby, Edna Callick, Stephen Lowry (brother of Des Lowry), Peter McKay (brother of Fr Jim)

Anniversaries: Agata Zema

Saturday 6pm: Deceased members of the Healy family

Sunday 9am: Donato & Assunta Di Toro

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Dichiera, Domenico Mammonne

MERBEIN

Recent Death: Neil Green, Marj Clarke

Anniversaries: July 31st Frank Baric; Aug. 2nd Ted Pitt.

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

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

The gospel readings for the next five weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called "first world" know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth's precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours.

In John's account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the "signs" he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd's response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading.

Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The "mountain" place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.

Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the "more-than-enough", so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing.

Although the people partially understand Jesus' identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people.

Veronica Lawson rsm



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

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, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine, Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

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. Monaghan Centre All most welcome to attend.



A relic of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be on display at the back of the church from 5pm—5.45pm for veneration.



MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2018

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 12th August. Holy Mass at 9am. Free food and soft drinks will be provided after the mass.

All welcome.
Organised by the Kerala Community



Community Life & Outreach

ANOINTING MASS—10.30AM

Thursday 2nd August. All welcome. (Note: no 9.15am Mass)

FEAST ST ROCCO—19TH AUGUST 2018

Mission commencing Monday 13th August from 7pm—Buronga Church. (English), Tuesday 14th (English), Wednesday 15th (Italian), Thursday 16th (Italian), Friday 17th (Italian). Celebrated by Scalabrinian Father. Procession to Midway Centre will commence 10am from St Michaels church Buronga. All most welcome.

THANK YOU

Moya Campbell and her family would like to sincerely thank all those who were so supportive recently during Ron's illness and his funeral. Special thanks to Fr Mick, Fr James, Sr Rosemary, Kevin & Raylee Schultz & Christine Slattery. May Gold Bless you all.

SOUP KITCHEN—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@sjcnda.vic.edu.au or at St Joseph's College Mildura on 50188000.

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.

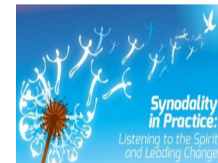


REGIONAL GATHERING

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 10th 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.

FREE INFORMATION SESSION

Provided by Allie Collyer—Community Legal Education Worker from Mallee Family Care:

Powers of Attorney & Advance Care Directive

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 lunch-eon/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

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| 1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) | \$1439.50 |
| 2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT) | \$1221.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 540.95 |
| Monaghan Centre | \$ 177.00 |

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.

Tim Lewis, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Diane Lanigan, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone, Brother Dan Geary MSC



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

NO CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 30: Jacaranda Village Aged Care service from 2pm. All welcome.
Sunday, August 5: We will be celebrating the feast of St Mary MacKillop. Grades 2-3 will have leading roles in our Mass that day.
Sunday, August 12: Youth Led Mass
Sunday, August 19: 50th Anniversary Celebrations
Sunday, August 26: Parish AGM, after the 10am Mass.



All parishioners are kindly invited to our 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church on Sunday 19th August at 10am.

For catering purposes can you fill in the form in the gathering area of the church.

ADVANCE NOTICE—PARISH AGM

Our Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 26th August after the 10am Mass.
 Please bring a plate to share.
 If anyone would like Items for discussion, please contact Carmel Russo on 5021 2872 so they can be placed on the Agenda.

JOKE

A little nine year old girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mommy" she said "Can we leave now?" "No" her mother replied. "Well, I think I have to throw up!" "Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush." In about two minutes the little girl returned to her seat. "Did you throw up?" her mother asked. "Yes" the little girl replied. "Well, how could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and return so quickly?" "I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy" the little girl replied, "They have a box next to the front door that says 'for the sick'."



RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

| Last weeks collections | |
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| 1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) | \$188.80 |
| 2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT) | \$645.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 44.35 |
| Trading Table—Catholic Missions | \$240.00 |

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 13th September for those children who are in Year 4 or above. Preparation dates for children and parents will be on Thursday 23rd, 30th August and 6th 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.



40th 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 40th 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

On the following dates the children will prepare and participate actively in the Parish Thursday celebration of Eucharist at 9.15am. This will commence next Thursday August 2nd with Grades 2&6; August 16th Grades 1&4; August 30th Grades 3&5F and September 13th Grades Prep & 5B. Parents and parishioners are invited to join and acknowledge the effort the children and their teachers are making in their faith development.

MORNING TEA AT OLSH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parishioners are invited to come along and have a chat and cuppa in the Multi-purpose room at OLSH Primary School every Tuesday School from 9am—10am.



SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

As mentioned last week "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." To continue to learn and conserve watch 'WAR ON WASTE' series each Tuesday at 8.20 on ABC.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

| Last weeks collections | |
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| 1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) | \$ 75.30 |
| 2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT) | \$214.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 26.95 |

OUR GOVERNMENT IS NOT FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of *Eureka Street*

In election campaigns of an earlier time politicians competed to be the most family-friendly. Family values were seen as central in Western Civilisation. They were handsomely praised and scantily honoured in election promises. Australians generally saw population growth as central to economic prosperity and to national security, and child bearing as the natural and privileged engine of growth. They also regarded the nuclear family as the natural and privileged place in which to bear and raise children. To be family-friendly combined generally accepted social and economic values.

Today's politicians still claim to be family-friendly, but the social and economic context has changed greatly. Once if you asked people to define the family, they would describe a husband, wife and their own children. Now they might refer to a range of relationships including single parents, children from previous couplings, same-sex parents and children born through artificial insemination.

Both the priority of the nuclear family and the social value of child bearing are also questioned. Many people see population growth as a problem rather than a benefit, and most would regard child bearing as a matter of individual choice, and not as a social responsibility.

The economic context has also changed. The major political parties share the assumption that economic growth is driven by competitive individuals, as far as possible unrestricted by government regulation. People's value is measured by their contribution to economic activity.

Because this conventional wisdom puts little value on social groups, altruism or unpaid work, it also devalues families. It sees workers as costs, and lowers costs by unsocial shift work, making full time jobs casual, and structuring conditions in ways that give little consideration to family and other social commitments.

Governments which subscribe to conventional economic wisdom collude in these arrangements by limiting the power of unions, privileging private profit over public benefit, and neutering regulatory bodies. In their family policies they befriend families with wealth and families in which both parents work in full time jobs and contribute to the economy.

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Families without wealth, with a single parent, with non-working parents, unemployed parents, parents seeking asylum, mentally ill parents or a parent in prison struggle to feed and to find accommodation for their children. Government policies divide families into winners and losers: those who have are given more, and from those who do not have, even what they have is taken away.

These changes make political claims to be family-friendly purely rhetorical. Family values do not shape government policies. In many cases, indeed, governments act not to nurture families and to protect the traditions of western civilisation but to devastate families and to trample on inherited traditions.

One example will suffice: that of Thileepan and Karthika Gnaneswaran. Thileepan was recently deported to Sri Lanka, and promptly imprisoned, after his appeal for protection from persecution was rejected by Australia. Karthika and her young daughter are left in Australia. As she was found to be a refugee because she faced persecution in Sri Lanka, she cannot return there. As a result the family will most likely be permanently separated.

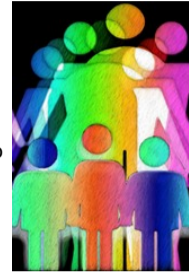
A United Nations representative described the action as violating 'the basic right of family unity, as well as the fundamental principle of the best interests of the child'. A more categorical statement of the standards of civilised tradition and a more measured condemnation of Australian practice can hardly be imagined.

Disregard for the interests of families has also been evident in the refusal to allow mothers and children on Nauru to come to Australia for medical care, out of fear courts may later refuse their removal. It has been evident, too, in penal policy where in adult and children's courts increasing numbers of parents and children are remanded in custody. In the case of adults the accused person can be separated from their family for more than a year before the case is heard.

As a result, already fragile family relationships are destroyed by separation, and partners and children lose the support of the breadwinner in the family. The welfare of the family is subordinated to anxiety about security. In the case of children, separation from family and friends has been shown to scar their future life.

Australia also has a strict policy of deporting non-citizens found guilty of crimes that could attract a prison sentence. New Zealand authorities have justifiably regarded this treatment of its citizens as abhorrent. Apart from the cruelty of sending people back to nations they left as children and whose language they no longer know, it can break stable family relationships and penalise innocent partners and children.

Some years ago an Australian prime minister apologised to the stolen generations for the policy of smashing families by taking away their children, and for its disastrous consequences for children and families. Why would we want to revisit this experiment, we might ask, and try it out on other people?



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year 4th & 5th August 2018

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Responsorial: Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54
Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35



| 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 |
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| Leader / Reader | St Mary MacKillop | Maria Munro | Rose-Marie Zalec | M Hill | Grade 2-3 | K Aston | August 26th |
| Music | M Guthrie All Welcome | Italian Choir N Armsden | M Sullivan J Macri | | Guitar | | Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston |
| Offertory | KSC | Cathy McErvale | | | Grade 2-3 | Piscioneri Family | |
| Altar Servers | Volunteer please | Volunteer please | Volunteer please | | Maddison Follett | Volunteer please | September 30th |
| Eucharist Ministers | Margaret McDonald | Cora Howell | Melanie Ransome | R Hill | Elektra Papanicolaou | Pat Sylvia | Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner |
| | Trish McNamara | Narie Lewis | Bill Dolence | | Abby Collihole | Annette Lemon | |
| | Paul Kerr | Renata Byra | Jacqui Willis | | Megan Collihole | | October 28th |
| | Anita Naray | Kapeli Mapapalangi | Barbara Bunting | | P Hill | | Sr Carmel Annette Lemon |
| | Maria Cirillo | Sonia Opie | Katrina Groves | | P Hunt | CHAFFEY AGED CARE | November 25th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino |
| | Volunteer Please | Philip Opie | Judy Hall | | C Russo | Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth | |
| | | Catherine McErvale | | | FLOWERS Di Eagle | | |
| Counting Team | TEAM 5 | JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759 | | | B Gardner/S Williams | | |
| Church Cleaning | As per arrangement | | | As per arrangement | Volunteer | As per arrangement | |