

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 31

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 Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00am—4:00pm

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	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: Pasquale Baratta
 Anniversaries:
 Saturday 6pm: Ana Fangangatu Vatuvei (1st year anniversary),
 Bob Brown
 Sunday 9am: Ray Collins, Joseph Schembri
 Sunday 5pm: All Souls in Purgatory, Robert Brian Hogarth (1st
 year anniversary), Agatha Lakey, John, Margaret & Dennis Don-
 nellon

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: John Cirillo (Adelaide)
 Anniversaries: Antonio Brizzi, Rose Lauder, Sam Vartuli

MERBEIN

Recent Death:
 Anniversaries: Aug.5th Janice Pezziniti, Leo McCarthy; Aug.7th
 Rosario Pediglieri; Aug 9th Steve Dolenec, Maria Burton.

*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

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

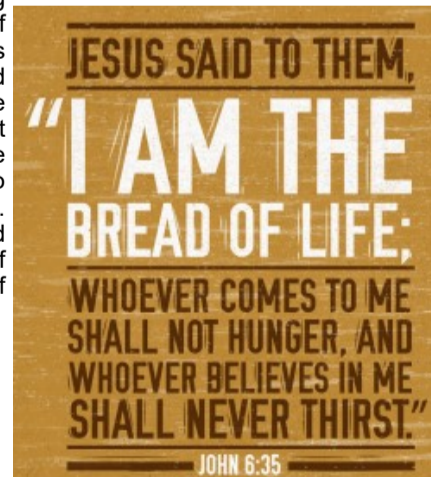
We have become so familiar with the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements in the text or the constructed environment and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for God's incarnate Word. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life.

We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities.

Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it has become since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text.

The question, "Rabbi, *when* did you come *here*?", has to do with time and place. Jesus is addressed as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. It is his response to this question that introduces the discussion about bread. This in turn opens up a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking. Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us again and again to value and respect the material world. The more we do so, the more attuned we will be to the implications of accepting that Jesus is the bread of life.

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

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2018

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Next 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



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 Sacred Parish Office.

Community Life & Outreach

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 7th August 9.15am, Parish Office.

REGIS TENTH ST—PRAYERS AND ANOINTING

Wednesday 8th August 2pm. All welcome.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will lunch at the Gol Gol Hotel on Sunday 19th August at Noon. All welcome to join us. Please let Kit or Jim O'Brien know your intentions on 50214901.

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 Michael's Church Buronga.

All most welcome.



SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA

On Sunday 12th August after the 9am Mass

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, preserves, home baked and home crafted items.

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

CUPPA after Mass

All are invited to stay on after the 9am Mass for: Community, Conversation & Cuppa



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

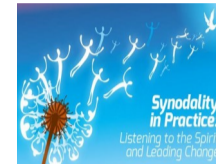
Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room

BBI -TAITE—ACBC 14TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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.

Powers of Attorney & Advance Care Directive FREE INFORMATION SESSION

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

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.

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@sjcmda.vic.edu.au or at

St Joseph's College Mildura on 50188000.



FOUND

Gold Plated bracelet on church grounds back in May. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The latest edition of Diocesan E-News is now on line. Some interesting reading of activities that small parishes, similar to our own, are taking part. The website is enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au Thank you to our Lay Leaders who very capably led the community in prayer last Sunday. If you were not able to be present please collect 'Our Diocesan Community' magazine this Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Michael and Fr Patrick who recently celebrated 37 years and 58 years respectively in the Priesthood this past two weeks.

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 week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1429.20
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2154.20
Loose Plate	\$ 603.80
Monaghan Centre	\$ 27.00

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



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

CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES Wednesday's Mass 9am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 5: We will be celebrating the feast of St Mary MacKillop. Grades 2-3 will have leading roles in our Mass today.
Sunday, August 12: Youth Led Mass
Wednesday, August 15: Feast of the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 10.00 am.
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.

ROSTER FOR YOUTH-LED MASS - Sunday, August 12.

Start of Mass: Kate Brizzi
1st Reading: Amber Foster
Psalm: Olivia Strangio
2nd Reading: Tom Dowling
Prayer of the Faithful: Gabrielle Spataro
Lay Ministers: Nino Suppa, Tomas Hawkes, Topui Mapapalangi
Data Projector: Madaleine Strangio

FESTA

Feast of the Holy Rosary will be celebrated on Sunday 7th October at 10am. **Please note change of Mass time.**



RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$282.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$509.20
Loose Plate	\$ 51.75
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

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence on Thursday 23rd August at 7pm in the school library. Children must be in Grade 4 or above. Parents are expected to attend with their children. Preparation will continue each Thursday and Sunday. Reconciliation will be held on Thursday 13th September. Please contact Janine Dannatt, Sacramental Coordinator Ph. 0419371284, prior to the first lesson. Janine will also need to have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Grades 2 & 6 pupils on their active participation in the Eucharistic Celebration last Thursday. Well done! Their inclusion on the Sunday Rosters is the next step! We look forward to the next celebration led by Grades 1&4 on August 23rd at 9.15am **not August 16th as previously stated.** 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

Plastic is bad for the environment. There are 500 times more pieces of plastic in the sea than there are stars in our galaxy and by 2050 it is estimated there will be more plastic in the sea than fish. This is a very sad fact. We need to protect the ocean and avoid landfill waste by

- * Refusing to use single use plastic bags
- * Avoiding pre-packaged fruit and veg
- * Refusing to use straws, takeaway cups, plastic utensils and balloons.

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 to conserve watch 'WAR ON WASTE' series each Tuesday at 8.30 pm on ABC.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 50.10
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$209.00
Loose Plate	\$ 14.05

AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT!

ATHEIST CHALLENGES ARMY'S RULES ON CHAPLAINS

The Guardian Published: 03 August 2018

An army chaplain in the field (YouTube/Defence Jobs Australia)

The requirement for military chaplains to belong to a recognised religious denomination is discriminatory, according to a humanist chaplain's complaint to the Australian Human Rights Commission. Source: *The Guardian*.

The commission has accepted a complaint from Justin Murray, a volunteer chaplain at Canberra hospital, meaning it will now investigate and conciliate the case which could open the way for atheists and agnostics to hold posts as military chaplains.

Australian army chaplains are required to be "from an endorsed denomination or faith group" represented in army personnel. The only categories currently recognised by the army are Anglicans, Catholics, Presbyterians, Baptists, Lutherans, the Uniting church, various other Christian groups and the Council of Australian Jewry.

Mr Murray – who is not religious – has lodged a complaint with the AHRC on the basis he is not eligible to apply and has therefore been discriminated against on the grounds of his religious belief.

On 17 July the AHRC wrote to Mr Murray confirming it has accepted his complaint and promising to deal with it "as soon as possible" using its powers to assess, investigate and conciliate disputes.

Mr Murray's complaint argued that 53 per cent of Australian Defence Force personnel are not religious, meaning there was "no provision" of pastoral services for "the majority of ADF personnel".

He told *The Guardian* he was pleased the AHRC has accepted the complaint because he hopes to work as a military chaplain and is "concerned about people in the armed services not getting access to something others who are religious get access to." The school chaplains program – which received a \$247m funding extension in the 2018 budget – has also been accused by secular groups of discriminating against the non-religious.

After the AHRC refused to initiate a review, the school chaplains program is now the subject of a complaint to the Victorian civil and administrative tribunal, which is set for a directions hearing on 11 September.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year 11th & 12th August 2018

First Reading: Kings 19:4-8
Responsorial: Ps 33:2-9
Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30, 5:2
Gospel: John 6:41-51



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
Leader / Reader	Trish McNamara	Alfred Joseph Anna Joseph	Sue Hermans	P Riordan	See Roster Notice Page 3	K Knight	August 26th Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Music	Filipino Community N Armsden	Indian Community M Guthrie	M Hammond J Marci/J Ljubic				
Offertory		Indian Community				L Olden & V Barling	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please			Volunteer please	September 30th Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Eucharist Ministers	Christine Carmichael	Elvira Mazza	Myrna Rodi	W Smith		Vi Barling	October 28th Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Jill Joslyn	Maree Irvin			Margo Farnsworth	
	Jacinda Deacon	Lisa Cirillo	Sue Hermans				November 25th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Katy Quinlan	Laurie Fry	Naomi Kennedy				
	Katelin Anesbury	Judy Webster	Mario Zema			CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Jean Rocca	Josie Zema			Evaine Kremor	
	Bobby Castillo				FLOWERS Di Eagle		
Counting Team	TEAM 6	JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939			C Russo/T Gardiner		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Group 4 M Dominelli	As per arrangement	