

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:

Anniversaries: All deceased members of the Tran family, Maria Cricelli

Saturday 6pm: John, Margaret & Dennis Donnellan, Ray Collins

Sunday 9am: Shane Doherty, Francesco Modica

Sunday 5pm: For all Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 6pm: Robert Brown

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Francesco Cua (10 year anniversary)

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Aug.4th Peter Willcock; 5th Janice Pezzinite, Leo McCarthy; 7th Rosario Pediglieri; 9th Steve Dolenc, 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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 3rd & 4th August 2019

Our tradition tells us that "the earth and all that is in it belongs to God" (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. The Iraq war should have been a lesson to the world. There were no weapons of mass destruction. There was much coveted oil and that seems to have been the covert justification for an unconscionable invasion that cost countless lives. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be "rich toward God" or "rich in God" find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life's end, with a question: "To whom will this hoard belong?" The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: "the earth and all that is in it belongs to God".

Jesus is addressed as "teacher", and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is "teacher" rather than "divider". He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner inwards rather than out towards others and so "toward God". First person singular pronouns predominate: "What am I to do? I have no place.../ will do this.../ will / will / will" The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, "You fool...", and by the divine judgment on the landowner's self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today's reading from the letter to the community at Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god (Col 3:5).

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God's people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God". This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to "be on your guard, be ever vigilant" in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

Veronica
Lawson rsm

the Parable of
the Rich Fool



THE STORIES JESUS TOLD

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

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 6th August 9am, Parish Office.

REGIS TENTH AGED CARE SERVICE

Tuesday 6th August 2pm. All welcome

ANOINTING MASS

Will be held on Thursday 8th August at 9.15am. All welcome.



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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Our Communion to the Sick list continues to grow. If you have a family member who is house bound, in hospital or aged care and they would like to receive communion. You would need to attend a short training session. Further details in next week's bulletin. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2019

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 18th August.



Holy Mass at 9am. Free food and soft drinks will be provided after the mass. All welcome.

Organised by the Kerala Community



SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA next 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. Excess Fruit, vegetables, preserves etc.

All welcome.

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: Lorna Kearney, Tess Kerr, Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

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

Red Cliffs: Gwen O'Connor, Maureen Lee, 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

THE SHARED TABLE

We are now into the fourteenth year of The Shared Table project and I am happy to report that we have been able to forward just in excess of \$18,145 to Peru over the past twelve months. Another wonderful effort.

In a recent email from Sr Mary, she writes... "Thanks for forwarding this cheque of \$4,245. This month we will be using some of the money to buy a small stainless steel table for our Production Workshop which will be much more hygienic. The workshop is in the main church in the parish and a group of 3 women teach other women to bake bread, cakes, biscuits etc., which they can then bake in their homes to produce an income. It is especially good for the younger women, many of whom are single mothers." So you can be assured that your financial support makes a real difference to the families and members of Fr Mick's former parish on the outskirts of Lima.

Once again, a big thank you for your continued generosity. God bless, Helen McBrearty, Fundraising Co-ordinator The Shared Table

PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT - Sacred Heart Church Fr. Rojan George VC of the Vincentian Retreat Centre

Mon 28th October: 6.30pm—9.00 pm,

Tues 29th October: 6.30 pm—9.00 pm

Wed 30th October : 6.30pm—9.00 pm

Jer 17:14 Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise

All welcome to one or all sessions.



Would you
Rather Be Rich
or Wealthy?

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Did you know? An extra one degree Celsius difference between outside and inside temperatures when heating or cooling a room can add around 10 per cent to heating and cooling costs. We can save money and energy by setting the thermostat to 18-20 degrees in winter and 25-27 degrees in summer.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #4

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. Find out more at:

www.plenarycouncil.org.au

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

AUGUST 6: TRANSFIGURATION; HIROSHIMA

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus on August 6 celebrates a story of possibility. The glory of Jesus as the Son of God was revealed to his disciples on the mountain. The glory of the humanity that he had taken on was also revealed, and with it the unique value and the destiny of each human being.

This feast of possibility is now indelibly linked to another event of negation. On August 6, 1945 the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, an event of hitherto inconceivable darkness. It marked the worthlessness and expendability of each human being in modern warfare.

The conjunction of the two commemorations is rightly challenging. It marks a choice between humanity and barbarism, between a vision of human beings as disposable cogs in someone else's machine and as persons to be respected because of their inalienable value. The respectful choice has been embodied in the fragile cooperation between states to protect people seeking asylum, to build their relationships on trust and negotiation, to negotiate mutual disarmament and to make care for the world and for people who are disadvantaged a shared commitment. The brutal choice has been embodied in the insistence on self-interest as determinative of relationships between nations, the exclusion and punishment of people who seek protection and contempt for the environment and people who are disadvantaged.

In societies the choice between humanity and brutality is cyclical. The commemoration of Hiroshima, however, indicates the heavy risk attached to cycles. The devastation there covered a radius of fourteen kilometers. The strongest thermonuclear weapon tested since destroyed the earth for 100 kilometers around the explosion, an area greater than that of any Australian city. If in international relationships there is no space for the restraint that respect for persons and the claim of harmony place on the actions of individual states, the long-term proliferation of nuclear weapons will be irresistible. The likelihood of them being used by inadequate and unprincipled national leaders against putative enemies will grow correspondingly.



The terrible light of Hiroshima is a warning. The joyful light of the Mount of the Transfiguration is an invitation. On the mountain Jesus gathered with representatives of Israel's history and with his disciples who saw his glory. They were then invited to go down the mountain in hostile times to follow him in recognizing the reflected glory of each human being and inviting them into Jesus' company. This was a way of community, courage and love.

Andrew Hamilton SJ

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1393.50	\$ 66.95	\$279.45
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$1409.50	\$239.00	\$220.00
Loose Plate	\$ 561.25	\$ 32.70	\$ 40.50
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 30.00		

FR ROBERT MCCULLOCH & THE COLUMBAN MISSION SOCIETY

We welcome Fr Robert to Mildura this weekend. Our Diocese has a long and close link with the Columbans. A number of vocations have come from the Diocese of Ballarat, including Fr Robert and Fr Phil Crosby, originally from Ouyen.



Our Diocese has also had a long link with the Columbans through our shared missionary commitment to South America since the late 1960s. I, Paddy Mugavin and Gerry Baldock, among others, have all had the good fortune to be able to share in this mission. Sacred Heart Mildura, through the efforts especially of Marion Guthrie and also The Shared Table, has continued to make a significant contribution to projects supported by the Columbans in Peru.

Fr Robert invites us to continue this support through a subscription the Columban magazine *The Far East*, or the yearly purchase of the *Columban Calendar*. Acknowledging our support for the Columban Missions, I also urge people to consider this invitation as a practical means of both supporting this mission and helping to promote the Columban effort.

Fr Michael

PLENARY COUNCIL – the next step

The six themes for the Plenary Council invite us, the People of God, to consider how we are called to be a Christ centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform

We are invited to organise *Listening & Discernment Groups* coordinated by Parish Leaders with the aim of prayerfully reflecting on each of these themes. These Parish Leaders will receive information and direction through **Formation Sessions** to be held in Mildura on the **19th and 20th of August**.

In the coming weeks, some of you will be approached to lead these groups, and to attend one of the above mentioned formation sessions. My suggestion is that we form at least 6 groups (12 would be even better) who will take one of the themes each as their particular focus. The groups might choose to meet only once, or they may decide that more than one meeting is necessary – that will be the decision of each group. ***I invite you to generously consider your commitment if you are approached to lead a group.***



Plenary Council 2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' Mt 12

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

PARISH NEWS

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place during the month of August commencing on Thursday August 8th from 7-8 pm and continue at the same time each Thursday until 29th August when the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated. These meetings will take place in the Church. Families are also asked to attend Mass at 10.30am on Sundays August 11th, 18th, 25th so that the children can continue with their preparation. Families with a child in Grade 4 or higher who would like their child to participate are asked to contact the School or Parish House to request an enrolment form. These children will then be able to take part in the Sacramental Programs next year when they will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

REGIONAL GATHERING

On Sunday, August 11th immediately after the 10.30am Mass, the Regional Council Meeting will take place at Merbein. This date coincides with our Parish Council Meeting so we will have a combined Parish Council/Regional Meeting. As representatives from Mildura, Red Cliffs, Irymple and Ouyen will be joining our Parish Council members. This meeting will take place in the Multi-purpose room at the school. All are asked to bring along some lunch to share.

SCHOOL NEWS:

This term class Masses with the Parish on Thursday mornings at 9.15am will take place on the following days:- August 8th Yrs. 3& 4; August 15th Yrs. 1& 2; August 29th Yrs. 5, 6F & 6L. Classes will be holding a shared morning tea after each mass in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend.
Congratulations to Elsie Jenkins who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist today. Also, congratulations to Chloe McCarthy who has received the Joey Scout Promise Challenge milestone award for her efforts at Scouts at the end of last term. Well done to you both.
Thank you to the school choir who entertained the residence of Chaffey Aged Care last Friday. A time of enjoyment for both students and residence.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Scriptures Monday to Saturday at 9.30am in the church.

CALENDAR

Sunday 4th August: Our junior grades will lead us in celebrating St Mary MacKillop 10am.

Monday 5th August: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Church service commencing 10.30am. All welcome.

Sunday 11th August: Our next Youth Led Mass.

Thursday 15th August: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sunday 18th August: Lay Led Liturgy

COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Between the Trading Table and direct donations it came to \$380.00. A magnificent effort!

ROSTER YOUTH MASS—SUNDAY AUGUST 11TH

(Extra tasks along with the Roster below)

Penitential Prayers: Rachel Tassone

Responsorial Psalm: Gabrielle Strangio

Prayers of the Faithful: Rachel Tassone

Data Projector: Pear Mapapalangi

Taking Up Collections: Maleko Mapapalangi

THANK YOU COIN RAFFLE FOR OUR ALTAR SERVERS

The latest raffle was won by Georgina Corey, one of our new servers. Runners up were Lara Cochrane (new server) and Abby Collihole. The coins I raffle are ones I collected years ago. I didn't buy them. In 2001, for the centenary of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Royal Australian Mint issued a total of 19 commemorative coins. There was also a 20 cent coin issued to mark 50 years of the United Nations, a 50 cent coin featuring the tall ships to mark the bi-centenary of white settlement and a 50 cent coin featuring the ram's head (as on the old shilling coins) to mark 25 years of decimal currency.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 10th & 11th August 2019

First Reading: Book of Wisdom 18:6-9

Responsorial: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



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	Christine Carmichael	Jill Joslyn	Tony Finn	G Schmidt	R Tassone G Spataro / T Dowling	Vernon Knight	
Music	Feast Mary MacKillop KSC	M Guthrie All welcome	Youth Group Mary Issanchon		Guitar		
Offertory	KSC	Baptism			G Mapapalangi/L Russo	Knight Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 3 A Ban	Volunteer Please	
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Rose Op't Hoog	Clem Carlucci	M Hill	T Mapapalangi	Vi Barling	
	Taiana Fatai	Rini Op't Hoog	Vittorio Carlucci		D Mapapalangi	Margo Farnsworth	
	Margaret McDonald	Cora Howell	Jacinta Macri	OASIS AGED CARE	N Suppa		
	Paul Kerr	Narie Lewis	Paula Cox	M Duck	CUPPA'S		
	Anita Naray	Renata Byra	Jennifer Boord			CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Volunteer Please	LAY LITURGY LEADERS		Sr Carmel Setford	
	Catherine McErvale				FLOWERS D Eagle		
Counting Team	TEAM 8	TREVOR AUST 5023 6597			C Russo/T Gardiner		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	