

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 31

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Sacred Heart  
Mildura

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier  
Trymple

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—Peter Issanchon, Merbein—Kevin Aston, Red Cliffs—Bernadette Gardner*

## MILDURA

Recent Death: Bill Love, Kathleen Nemarich  
Anniversaries: Robert Hogarth, William & Agatha Lakey  
Wednesday 9.30am: Mass Holy Souls  
Saturday 9.30am: Robert Brown

## RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Alan Seddon, Margaret Doyle  
Anniversaries:

## MERBEIN

Recent Death  
Anniversaries: Peter Willcock, Janice Pezzinite, Leo McCarthy,  
Rosario Pediglieri,

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A  
1st & 2nd August 2020

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Feeding of the Hungry Crowd

Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: 'Send the people away so that *they can buy*.' The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. 'There is no need for them to go; *give* them something to eat yourselves.' The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves 'and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd.' Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'.

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, *commands* us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, 'Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world.'

We could pause for a moment at Mass to ask: Who are those hungry people crowding in on us, and then pray that we may respond to them as our Lord commanded, so that the hungers of the crowd, and our hunger to really follow our Lord, *will be satisfied*.

## 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:** Janelle Carney, Bill Antonie, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Teresita Eliquen-Dy (Manila), Melita Suppa, Celia-Dy Dela Tena, Perla Tuionisio, Lily Chumg, Lorna Kearney, Sandra McCarthy, Brian Ramsey, Hailey Crossan, Geraldine Brunner, Albis Dy

**Merbein:** Mary Avery, John Dorman

**Red Cliffs:** Bill Antonie, Martin Cameron, Maureen Lee, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Reynaldo Chan, Albis Dy, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Maurice O'Connor

## 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

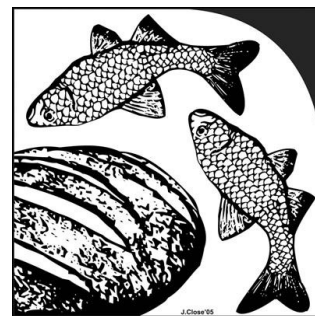
Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

### WEDDINGS this weekend

We congratulate **Nicholas Knight & Alicia Woolcock** who were married at Our Lady's Merbein and **Jeffrey Francis & Erissayana Dipu** who were married at Sacred Heart, Mildura this weekend.



*The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.*



Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16



### BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith Communities **Will Buchanan, Phoenix & Aston McGowan and Nayte, Jett & Aria Yates** whose Baptism occurs this weekend at Our Lady's Merbein.

### SACRED HEART PARISH MILDURA Updated First Eucharist Program 2020

#### First Reconciliation

Children from Sacred Heart Primary School and St Paul's School will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at their school at times to be determined by the school communities.

#### First Eucharist

Parents/caregivers will need to contact the Parish Office to select day for celebration of the Sacrament.

- Friday 23rd Oct at 6pm
- Saturday 24 Oct at 9.30am
- Saturday 24 Oct at 6pm
- Sunday 25 Oct at 9am
- Sunday 25 Oct at 5.00pm

The four week program will be completed at home in preparation for First Eucharist in October. There are no group sessions for this year.

**Please note: due to COVID restrictions times of the ceremonies may change.**

### SUMMARY OF RESTRICTIONS

#### Currently:

- Places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to 20 people, plus the minimum number of people reasonably required to perform the service or ceremony. The one person per four-square metres rule needs to be followed.
- **Up to 20 people, in addition to the celebrant and couple being married, can attend a wedding. The one person per four-square metres rule needs to be followed.**
- **If a wedding is in a home, it will be limited to the members of the household plus a maximum of five visitors, plus the celebrant. If a wedding ceremony is in a restaurant or café, the group maximum is 20, plus the celebrant and the couple.**
- Up to 50 people can attend a funeral, plus the person leading the funeral and other funeral staff. The one person per four-square metres rule needs to be followed.
- If a funeral is in a home, it will be limited to the members of the household plus five visitors, plus the funeral staff. If a funeral is held in a restaurant or community facility the group maximum is 50, plus the funeral staff, however a wake or other gathering following a funeral would be limited to a maximum of 10 people.

### MANY THANKS

My thanks to all who went out of their way to congratulate me on my Diamond Jubilee as a Catholic priest. Thanks to all who took the hint I gave and presented me with JB-HI gift vouchers. As a result of them, I have bought myself a Smart TV. My present will go into my bedroom. I hope that doesn't mean that I'll be spending days in bed. *Flags the priest.*



### ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES this weekend and next weekend

#### This weekend 1st/2nd August 2020

#### MILDURA

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Christine Carmichael  
Sunday 9am: Jim O'Brien  
Sunday 5pm: Vince Muscatello

#### MERBEIN

Reader:

#### RED CLIFFS

Counting Team: B Gardner & S Williams  
Church Cleaning: Volunteers

#### Next weekend—8th & 9th August 2020

#### MILDURA

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Gary Huxtable  
Sunday 9am: Rebecca Tam  
Sunday 5pm: Bill Dolence

#### MERBEIN

Reader:

#### RED CLIFFS

Counting Team: C Russo & T Gardiner  
Church Cleaning: C Russo, G Brizzi & m Matotek

### SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$369.55	\$100.00	\$148.00
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$832.00	\$205.00	\$ 75.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.50



**NEW PARISH MASS TIMES FROM  
1ST AUGUST  
(Fr Pat away during August)**



**Weekday**

**Monday— No Mass**

**Tuesday:** 9.30am Red Cliffs, 6pm Mildura

**Wednesday:** 9.30am Mildura

**Thursday:** 9.15am Merbein, 5.30pm Red Cliffs

**Friday:** 6pm Mildura

**Saturday:** 9.30am Mildura (Confessions 10am)

**Sunday Masses**

**Mildura:** Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 5pm

**Irymple:** Sunday 8am (Mass 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays)  
(Lay led 2nd and 4th Sundays)

**Red Cliffs:** Sunday 10.30am (Mass 2nd and 4th Sunday)  
(Lay Led 1st and 3rd Sundays)

**Merbein:** Sunday 10.30am (Mass 1st and 3rd Sundays)  
(Lay Led 2nd and 4th Sundays)

**Please note:**

1. On the 5th Sunday the 10.30am masses will be lay led as Mass will be at Werrimull at 11am.

2. For all Masses you need to contact the Parish Office to register as we still can only have 20 people at a service.

**3. NO MASK, NO ENTRY.**

You will be asked to leave the church if you have no mask.

4. Sign in sheets for outside of mass times need to be completed regardless of length of visit.

Thank you for your assistance with these changes

***CHURCH MEETINGS***

During August, at this stage all Church meetings, Parish Council, Finance, Bereavement Team etc will be cancelled, with the exception of the Baptism Preparation Evening which will be held on Wednesday 26th August, unless COVID-19 restrictions change.

We apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



**SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE**

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions changing, the Sacred Heart Parish Office will remain closed until further notice.

You can however, still contact the Parish Office either by email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5021 2872. You must be wearing a mask if you have made arrangements to come to the Parish Office—**no mask NO ENTRY.**

**Please note: Preferably, no handling of cash for any payments as the safety of staff, volunteers and parishioners is our utmost concern.**

Carmel is only too happy to help out over the phone for any payments via EFT and now with the new CDFpay online portals for all Parishes: Mildura, Red Cliffs and Merbein.

SUPPORT OUR PARISHES



Please follow the link:

Mildura: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMildura>

Merbein: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMerbein>

Red Cliffs: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayRedCliffs> or <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/>

**Lord .....**



May your love and light shine in and through me today

In a way that no mask can hide.

May my eyes dance with the laughter and joy

Replacing my hidden smile.

May my actions of care and concern

Speak louder than my muffled voice ever could.

And may the generosity of my heart

Radiate out through who I am

And how I respond to the world around me

So that others may not see my mask

But your image shining out

Moving in and through me today.

Amen

Br Michael Herry fms

## First Reading

Is 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Hasten and eat.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things  
to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

## Second Reading

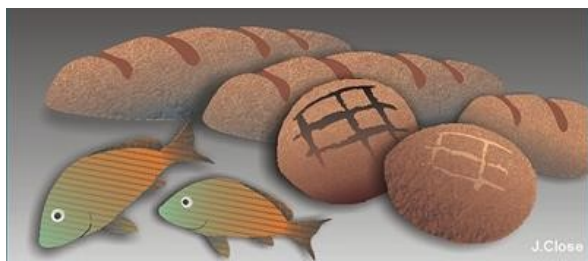
Rom 8:35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*No creature can separate us from the love of God,  
which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,  
even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecut-  
ed, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or  
even attacked. These are the trials through which we  
triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no an-  
gel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to  
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any cre-  
ated thing, can ever come between us and the love  
of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.



## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*They all ate and were satisfied.*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's  
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where  
they could be by themselves. But the people heard of  
this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So  
as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he  
took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and  
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped  
by; so send the people away, and they can go to the  
villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied,  
'There is no need for them to go: give them some-  
thing to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we  
have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them  
here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people  
were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five  
loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven  
and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he  
handed them to his disciples who gave them to the  
crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and  
they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets  
full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand  
men, to say nothing of women and children.

### ***Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Registrations now open***

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers  
in parish and other ministries; employed or volun-  
teers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy,  
Leadership and more. The next cycle begins August  
30. Study is 5 weeks. Registrations open now until  
August 19. More information at  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email  
[kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au)  
or ph. 0407 523 424.

### ***An invitation to pray, reflect, journal, listen and con- verse using St Ignatius' First Spiritual Exercise***

The First Spiritual Exercises Ministry warmly invites  
you to experience a reflective and quiet time receiving  
and sharing your experiences in praying the new FSE  
Field Hospital Exercises. During three Mondays Au-  
gust 3, 10 and 17 from 7.00pm – 8.30pm via Zoom  
meeting, we will guide you through this gentle retreat  
which offers participants the deeper graces of tender  
love, hope, faith and inner peace in the Service of  
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