

# 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	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:

Sunday 9am: Venera (Anna) Testa (30 day Mass), Giovanni & Riche Testa, Rosa Lazzaro (Melbourne)  
 Sunday 5pm: Rocco Cirillo, Phonse Taggart  
 Friday 5.40pm: Italia Caristo (30 day Mass)

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Grazzia De Maria, Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone

### MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Aug.15<sup>th</sup> Frank Aston, 16<sup>th</sup> Annunziata Monteleone; 17<sup>th</sup> Alice Wagner, Giuseppe Capogreco; 18<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Nicolaou

*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

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

WE sometimes forget that Jesus was a Jew, as was John, the author of the gospel. It may seem strange, therefore, that John has the "Jews" complaining about Jesus. It is indeed strange, and it has caused many a reader to wonder. John seems to use the designation "Jew" as a code word for the opponents of Jesus. These opponents are almost exclusively Jewish leaders rather than the ordinary people who followed Jesus. The designation does not include all the Jewish leaders of course: Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea stand out as leaders who came to believe in Jesus as the Christ and to take risks on account of their faith.

The complaint of the "Jews" relates to Jesus' claim, "I am the bread that came down from heaven". Jesus shares the world view or cosmology of his contemporaries: God is in the heavens above, so that anything or anyone coming from God in that view comes *down from heaven*. The problem for his adversaries is that Jesus is one of them: they know his father Joseph and his forebears, so how can he be making such a claim? They make the mistake of thinking that this is all there is to know about his origins. "Don't complain" is Jesus' response to them. He proceeds to tell them that there are dimensions of his being of which they know nothing. Yet they need to know, as do we. It is God who draws us to Jesus. Like the opponents of Jesus, we need to listen and to learn, to be taught by God. We need bread in order to live and we also need the bread of God's teaching.

Jesus makes a future promise: the bread he offers is different from the bread the Israelites ate in the desert, in that those who eat of it will live forever. Furthermore, the bread that he will give for the life of the world is his flesh. This leads to further misunderstanding and the opportunity for Jesus to teach at another level. The eucharistic overtones in today's reading are subtle but nonetheless present, as they were in the feeding story.

John is writing some seventy years after the death of Jesus for communities that gathered every week for the breaking of the bread-in remembrance of him and of all that he enacted. Like the early Christians, we reflect on the meaning of eucharist. We recognise and honour the materiality of the bread and of the flesh that Jesus shares with all living creatures. At the same time we are invited to reflect on the symbolic or metaphorical resonances of both bread and flesh in the context of the claims of the Johannine Jesus. The question for us then becomes: "How do we live into this extraordinary mystery as we face the demands of our endangered planet?"

Jesus said, I am the Living Bread



# 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, 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

This Sunday we celebrate the National Day of India. We pray in thanksgiving for all of the families from India who have enriched our Parish life. May God bless them all as they continue to bring such life and vitality to our faith community.



**SUNRAYSIA FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS TIMES**  
**Sacred Heart Mildura**—Tuesday 6pm and Wednesday 9.15am (with Sacred Heart Primary School)  
**St Joseph's Red Cliffs**—Wednesday 10am  
**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Merbein**— Wednesday 5pm

## Community Life & Outreach

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING**  
 Monday 13th August 7.30pm in the KSC Clubrooms

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 Tuesday 14th August 7.30pm, Parish Office

**SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP**  
 Tuesday 14th August 2pm, Hillman room.

**SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL**  
 This Tuesday evening 14<sup>th</sup> August following the 6:00pm Mass

**CHAFFEY AGED CARE PRAYER SERVICE**  
 Wednesday 15th August 10.30am. All welcome.

**REGIS ONTARIO—AGED CARE MASS**  
 Thursday 16th August 2pm. All welcome

**SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP**  
 Will lunch at the Gol Gol Hotel on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August at Noon. All welcome to join us. Please let Kit or Jim O'Brien know your intentions on 50214901.

**FOUND**  
 Gold charm bracelet on Church grounds. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.



### SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA

After 9am Mass this Sunday  
 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.

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



### THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MACKILLOP

A huge thank you from the whole Parish to the Knights of the Southern Cross for organising such a wonderful celebration last Saturday evening. We were most grateful for the contribution made by the schools also, and for the most entertaining evening in the hall after the Mass. Well done to all involved, I am sure that this special Parish Feast will only continue to grow. Thanks you once again  
 Fr. Michael



### RETREAT ON EUCHARIST, THE WORD OF GOD & THE PASSION OF OUR LORD FOR HEALING

Sacred Heart Church  
 Sat. 15th September— Wed. 19th September  
 With Fr Gilbert Carlo, Divine Word Missionaries  
 Sept 15/16—Homily at weekend masses  
 Sept 17—7pm—9pm  
 Sept 18—7pm—9pm  
 Sept 19—6pm-6.45pm Confession, 7pm— Concluding Mass with Reflection.  
 Please see flyers on notice boards for further information.

### SUNRAYSIA PLANNED GIVING

A working bee will be held next Thursday in readiness for new Planned Giving envelopes which will be available for collection next weekend. Most of you will have noticed only two weeks of envelopes left. The new Planned Giving year commences on the weekend 1st & 2nd September. If you would like to be part of the Planned Giving program please contact Carmel at the Parish Office 5021 2872.

### MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$ 1487.80</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$10975.25</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 642.40</b>
<b>Monaghan Centre</b>	<b>\$ 227.00</b>

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



## 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.*

**Tim Lewis, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone**



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**Anne-Maree Whitechurch, Kit Coogan, Betty Green, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR**

### CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

**Monday & Friday: 9.30 am; Tuesday & Thursday: 5.30 pm  
Saturday: 9.00am**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, Aug 12:** Youth Led Mass  
**Wednesday, Aug 15:** Feast of the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 10.00 am.  
**Wednesday, Aug 15:** Finance Meeting 7pm and Parish Council meeting 7.30pm.  
**Sunday, Aug 19:** 50th Anniversary Celebrations  
**Sunday, Aug 26:** Parish AGM, after 10am Mass.

**Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. Apart from Christmas Day, this is our only remaining Holy Day of Obligation. Red Cliffs Mass in St Joseph's Church at 10.00 am**

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

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

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. CUPPA and a plate to share after meeting. If anyone would like Items for discussion, please contact Carmel Russo on 5021 2872 so they can be placed on the Agenda.

### RED CLIFFS PARISH YOUTH AND THE PLENARY COUNCIL

I'm planning in my head that the next Mass in which our youth take leading roles will be on Sunday, October 21. After the Mass there will be, according to our Parish custom, a barbecue. And after that, I'm hoping that our youth will settle down in the School Hall to discuss where the Catholic Church in Australia needs to be heading. *PJF*

## NO TRADING TABLE THIS MONTH

### PLENARY COUNCIL

I have had a second exploration with the Lenten Ladies looking towards the Catholic Church in Australia's Plenary Council 2020 & 2021. That may seem a long way off; but the final day for our submitting ideas is Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019; and that is not a long way off. *PJF*

### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$208.10</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$367.80</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 40.80</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.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING— Straight after Mass today.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Next Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of the Assumption, one of two Holy Days of Obligation that does not coincide with a Sunday. There will be Mass at Merbein at 5pm. There will be no Mass the following morning. The next Thursday morning Mass will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

### SCHOOL NEWS

This term each class will take a turn in leading us in our Thursday morning parish Eucharist. We look forward to the next celebration led by Grades 1&4 on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.15am not August 16<sup>th</sup> as previously stated. August 30<sup>th</sup> Grades 3&5F and September 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### OUR PARISH MAGAZINE

The Mid-year edition of our Parish Magazine will be available next Sunday. Many thanks to Bernadette Wells for her patience and persistence in the gathering of news items. It is becoming quite difficult to obtain relevant news so it has been decided that from next year there will be only one issue each year.

### SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

This week we have a disturbing waste food fact. 36 million people worldwide die from lack of food while on the other hand we waste 1.3 billion tonnes of food every year. In Australia 4 million tonnes of food ends up as landfill, enough to fill 84000 Olympic swimming pools. With a little thought we can make use of all the food we buy and do our bit to keep our family and the environment healthy. Congratulations to our school children who last week had 83% of students in the whole school with rubbish free lunch boxes, which is 149 students.

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$ 94.25</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$249.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 61.35</b>

## LAYING WASTE TO WASTE

This week Coles announced it will give away its reusable plastic bags, after having received a barrage of abuse from a minority of shoppers who were disgruntled with having to bring their own or pay 15 cents to purchase a plastic one. While Coles has announced this is an interim measure (until 29 August) to allow customers 'more time to make the transition to reusable bags', others argue that in the meantime it effectively removes all incentive for customers to bring their own. Worse still, these new reusable bags take even longer than the old single-use ones to break down once they are discarded, and this is often after just one use.

The extreme resistance of a minority of shoppers is one issue, but what interests me is that while 80 per cent of us support a plastic bag ban most of us still accept and use them regularly while out shopping. The fact is that it is all too easy to make daily choices that negatively affect the environment, and there are many incentives for us to do so — cost, time, social norms. This is where policies like plastic bag bans come in — they change the incentives and not only help us to do the right thing but also to normalise it within our culture.

But we are drowning in plastic. On current predictions, our oceans will contain more plastic than fish by 2050, and our food and drinking water is being contaminated by plastic microparticles. It is probably past time that we started taking this issue seriously. But it's easier said than done.

I discovered this first-hand last month, when my seven-year-old son, Charlie, quietly asked me if we could please stop buying plastic. He had learned that it was polluting the ocean and hurting whales, and he wanted to do something about it.

'Sure,' I replied breezily, 'we'll just have to make sure that we do a bit more cooking for lunchboxes over the weekend.'

When I collected our veggie box that week, I asked if we could skip anything packaged. We are lucky in the Northern Rivers to have many excellent bulk food shops. So I felt relaxed about stocking up on grains, pulses, nuts, seeds, tea and spices. I started thinking this whole plastic-free thing was going to be straightforward.

But when Monday morning arrived, I hadn't made any crackers or crispbread for lunchboxes. So, I opened a plastic packet of rice crackers and found myself grabbing some plastic-wrapped tofu from the fridge. I could feel my motivation slipping away. This was going to be much harder than I thought.

Australians generate around 50 million tonnes of waste a year. While just over half of this is sent to recycling facilities, it is not always recycled, and recycling creates its own issues. While recyclers have historically stockpiled material like metal, glass or paper in response to reductions in their sale price, this stockpiling became the norm earlier this year, when China announced tough new restrictions on the kind of recycled waste it would purchase from overseas.

We exported 29 per cent of all kerbside collected paper and 36 per cent of all kerbside collected plastics to China in 2017. Now 99 per cent of this waste will not be taken by China as it does not meet the new 0.5 per cent acceptable contamination threshold.

One of the reasons for our failure to meet China's new standards is our long-term practice of comingled or single-stream recycling. This practice was adopted as a form of incentive to encourage household recycling and it worked — people are more willing to recycle when they don't have to sort their recycling. It is also cheaper for councils to collect a single recycling bin. But, eventually, someone does have to sort it all out. And that's expensive if you can no longer just ship it off to another country to deal with — especially since around ten per cent of the stuff we put in our recycling bins shouldn't be there at all.

Another problem with recycling is that it actually encourages us to create waste. Researchers have found that people use considerably more resources when they believe that these resources will be recycled afterwards. This moral licencing is bad enough when the resources are actually being recycled, but it becomes a serious issue when we are actually just stockpiling the stuff.

So here we are. Drowning in waste. Where do we go from here?

This is an issue that we as consumers cannot solve alone. We need governments to step up and take action to increase real rates of recycling through major upgrades to domestic recycling facilities; encourage businesses (through both incentives and penalties); reduce waste; and take genuine steps towards zero waste targets.

Of course, we also need to play our part. Not least in terms of not having tantrums when businesses do try to do the right thing. We can also take simple steps to dramatically reduce our contribution to the waste problem — use cloth bags, reusable cups, drink bottles, and storage containers. Try shopping at bulk food stores and farmers markets. Take your lunch to work and try making some of your own snacks — like muesli bars, bliss balls, and yes, even crackers.

And, perhaps most importantly, just buy less stuff.

Dr Cristy Clark is a lecturer at the Southern Cross University School of Law and Justice. Her research focuses on the intersection of human rights, neoliberalism, activism and the environment, and particularly on the human right to water.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year 18th & 19th August 2018

**First Reading:** Proverbs 9:1-6  
**Responsorial:** Ps 33:2-3, 10-15  
**Response:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:15-20  
**Gospel:** John 6:51-58



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>	Anita Naray	Maureen Speed	Tony Finn	M Smith	C Russo M Monteleone/J Vines	L Olden	<b>August 26th</b> Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
<b>Music</b>	M Sullivan Singing Group	Tongan Choir M Guthrie	NO MUSIC		Guitar		
<b>Offertory</b>		L & C Welsh			G Brizzi	Knight Family	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		E Briggs/K Hawkes	Charlee Besgrove	<b>September 30th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Anne-Maree Greville	Ross Tongue	Trish Cirillo	R Hill	Christian Marcuzzo	Vicki McCarthy	
	Taiana Fatai	Talia Faingaanuku	Jeena Jose		Rustyn McCarthy	Val McCarthy	
	Margaret McDonald	Michael Faingaanuku	Clem Carlucci		Jai Grayling		<b>October 28th</b> Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
	Trish McNamara	Maureen Speed	Vittorio Carlucci		N Morello		
	Paul Kerr	Peter O'Donnell	Christine Slattery		S Orr	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>	
	Anita Naray	Greg Johnston	Volunteer please		B Pitt	Pat Sylvia Annette Lemon	<b>November 25th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
		Gina Raiti			<b>FLOWERS</b> Di Eagle		
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>TEAM 7</b>	<b>HELEN KAY 0429 135 053</b>			C Russo/T Gardiner		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	<b>Volunteer</b>	As per arrangement	