

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newssheet: Week 35

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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: Cathy Fotia, Marietta DeMaria

Anniversaries:

Sunday 9am: Maria Circosta, Patricia Farmer, Carmelo Lando,
 Joseph Grivec, Joseph & Tony Habjan

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Maria Circosta

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

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

PLEASE NOTE
SACRED HEART CHURCH TUESDAY 3RD
SEPTEMBER 6PM MASS IS CANCELLED.

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

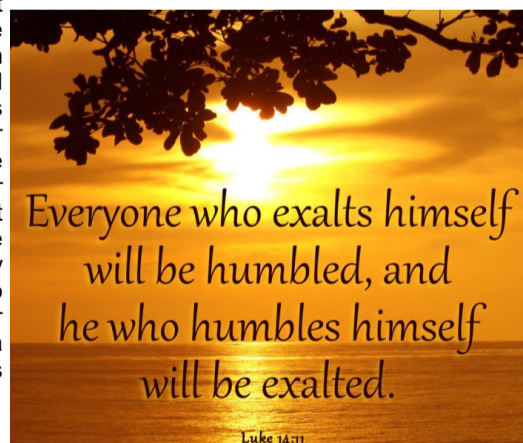
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 31st August & 1st September 2019

For the past four years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, "care of our common home". As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to "grateful contemplation of God's world". As a corporal work, it calls us to "simple daily gestures" that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

Today's gospel calls us to redress imbalances in the human community, imbalances that have ultimately affected the earth itself. Jesus is under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke's gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus' ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God's kin-dom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first.

Jesus' advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kin-dom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Everyone who exalts himself
 will be humbled, and
 he who humbles himself
 will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

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.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019

The Parent Information Evening will be held at Sacred Heart Church on **Wednesday 9th of October** at 7pm.

Parents must attend this evening

All families should have received the Registration Form and relevant information pertaining to Confirmation. Should you require further information please contact the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm on 5021 2872.

Confirmation Dates for 2019:

**Sat 9th Nov 6pm; Sun 10th Nov 9am;
Sat 16th Nov 6pm; Sun 17th Nov 9am**

Community Life & Outreach

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 3rd September 9.15am, Parish Office.

ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 5th September 9.15am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will lunch at the Mildura Golf Resort twelfth St on Sunday the 8th September at 12.30pm. Please let Helen or John know your intentions on 0427441466 or 0419563055. All welcome to join us.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member who is house bound, in hospital or aged care and they would like to receive communion, please consider this opportunity for you to help with our Communion to the Sick. This list continues to grow in all parishes. We will organise a short training session for new ministers after a weekend Mass. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 or see Fr James.



SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA Next Sunday after 9am Mass

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

Cuppa in the Monaghan Centre as well.

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: 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

SACRED HEART PARISH SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEER CHEFS AND WAITERS REQUIRED

The Soup Kitchen is seeking volunteer chefs and waiters. Waiters would need to work on either Monday and/or Wednesday nights from 5.00pm to 6.45pm at the Monaghan Centre. Their duties would be preparing and serving food, washing dishes and cleaning up after the meal. A number of our Wednesday volunteers are no longer available so we are especially after waiters for Wednesday nights. Chefs would be required to make a healthy meal for about 20 – 25 people. Meals can be premade and frozen to be heated up on the night or can be delivered hot at about 5.30pm on the day of their duty. Local businesses donate goods that can be used to assist in the preparation of the meal.

If you are able to help please email Miss Paula Cox on pcox@sjcnda.vic.edu.au or contact her at St Joseph's College on 5018 8000.

WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our next Werrimull Mass bus trip followed by lunch at the Pub will be held on Sunday 29th September. For bookings please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fifteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.9 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

New envelopes are now available to be collected from all Parishes from this weekend 31st August/1st September. This will be the final year of the three year cycle. Please note that the Statements are from 2/8/2018 until 25/8/2019. If you notice any discrepancies please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



A huge thank you to the wonderful band of volunteers who helped with the Working Bee last Thursday.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Don't forget to collect a copy of Australian Catholics Spring edition 2019.



Season of Creation

As a Eucharistic people we receive with thanks the great inheritance our Creator has gifted to us. God has entrusted us to be stewards or guardians of his creation. As a reminder of this common commission, Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to join in the ecumenical celebration of the Season of Creation, running from today through to the feast of St Francis of Assisi on Oct 4. The theme this year is "the web of life". For more info see season-ofcreation.org

"Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it." (Pope Francis Laudato Si 139)

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS: Did you know?

Almost 10 percent of rubbish in landfill is packaging. Instead of the hard plastics used in packaging going to landfill, it should be recycled. Please be aware that prepacked items often use a lot of plastic. Recycling plastic will reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill. Better still is to avoid purchasing prepacked items and take your own non plastic bags or containers for single items eg (fruit and vegies) and so reduce even the recyclable waste!

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1457.20	\$102.40	\$269.85
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2385.50	\$239.00	\$342.75
Loose Plate	\$ 521.90	\$ 32.90	\$122.05
BCSF	\$	\$	\$240.00
Monaghan Centre	\$ 100.00		

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PRESENTS

VCE MUSIC PERFORMANCE EXAM PREPARATION CONCERT

DATE / **TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019**

TIME / 7.30PM

DATE / MERCY THEATRE, ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MILDURA

PERFORMERS / JACK MORRISH (CONTEMPORARY GUITAR) AND SOANE FATAI (CONTEMPORARY VOCAL)

ENTRY VIA GOLD COIN DONATION
SPECIAL MEDIA PRESENTATIONS FOR EACH STUDENT

A MUST SEE CONCERT!

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ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MILDURA



THE STORY Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counselled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

UNPLANNED

WALLIS CINEMAS MILDURA
WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 6:30 PM
93 Deakin Ave, Mildura VIC 3500

\$20.00 AUD Admission + \$2.00 booking fee = \$22.00
Hosted by FanForce. **It is now confirmed that it will be screening and you can still purchase tickets online at: <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-wallis-cinemas-mildura/>**

CANCELLED

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

This retreat advertised recently for the end of October has now been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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

PARISH NEWS

CREATION SEASON

For the past four years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, "care for our common home". As a spiritual work it calls us to "grateful contemplation of God's world" and as a corporal work, it calls us to "simple daily gestures" that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Congratulation to Chelsea Carusella, Tate Robertson, Will Beard, Kruz Besgrove, Amber Otto, Jack Petty, Dion Stanbrough and Milan Torquati, who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Thursday night. Thank you also to the parents who have accompanied and supported these children over the past four weeks and a special thanks to Fr. James, Jannine Dannatt, and the school staff for their support and participation in the program.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parish Council Meeting will take place next Sunday September 8th immediately after Mass. It will be important that all members attend as we need to discuss ways in which we can progress to the next stage of the Plenary Council in order to obtain maximum school and parish participation

SCHOOL NEWS

OLSH Community Fundraiser: Personalised Stainless Steel Water Bottle

The OLSH Community are very happy to announce that they will be running a fundraiser over the next month for anyone who would like to purchase a personalised Stainless Steel Water Bottle. There are some samples in the school office for anyone to examine. All orders must be in by Tuesday 17th September. This is a great Christmas present idea for relatives and friends! It is also a great way to save our environment from plastic water bottle pollution!!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Scriptures Monday to Saturday at 9.30am in the church.

CALENDAR

Sunday 1st September: Father's Day
Sunday 1st September: Lay Led Liturgy
Monday 2nd September: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Church Service from 10.30am. All welcome.
Sunday 13th October: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
Sunday 3rd November: Remembrance Day Mass

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA, RED CLIFFS, SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER It's that time of year again!

Fr Adriano Pittarello, (Scalabrinian priest) will be celebrating the week commencing with nightly missions from Monday 7th October through to Saturday 12th October at 7pm.

SUNDAY'S FEAST DAY ON 13TH OCTOBER WILL START WITH MASS AT 10AM. followed by a procession, plenty of food and local entertainment. There will also be pignates, tug-of-war, games and a jumping castle for the kids, finishing the festivities with the drawing of the raffle at 4.30pm.

Raffle tickets are available for \$2each.

1st prize: 2 Door Underbench Bar Fridge & 4 Burner BBQ

2nd prize: \$500 Fuel Voucher

3rd prize: Statue of Our Lady

4th prize: 4 x 3ft Lillypilly & 2 x 4ft Lillypilly

5th prize: 3800 Professional Hairdryer

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If anyone would like to take a raffle book to sell, please contact either Marianna on 0419860247 or Chris on 0488377844.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th & 8th September 2019

First Reading: the book of Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: St Paul to Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



	Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 11am	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
Leader / Reader		Rosemary Barnes	Maria Munro	Christine Slattery	Mary Hoy	T Hawkes M Lee/J Lewis	Bernadette Wells
Music		Filipino Group M Issanchon	M Guthrie / B Lewis J O'Bryan/B Prescott	Lam Duy J Ljubic		Guitar	
Offertory		Baptism	Baptism			Russo Family	O'Connor Family
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 1 S Mapapalangi	Volunteer Please
Eucharist Ministers		Anne-Maree Greville	Elina Garreffa	Clem Carlucci	M Jensen	M Gibson	Pay Sylvia
		Taiana Fatai	Maryanne Modica	Vittorio Carlucci		A Higham	James Canavan
		Margaret McDonald	Lyn Welsh	Jacinta Macri	OASIS AGED CARE	P Hill	LAY-LED LEADERS
		Paull Kerr	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Paula Cox	K Knight	CUPPA'S	
		Anita Naray	Maria Scopacasa	Jennifer Boord			CHAFFEY AGED CARE Sr Carmel Setford
		Ryan O'Callaghan	Susan Lewis	Volunteer please	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	FLOWERS Volunteer	
Counting Team		TEAM 2	JOE DEJONG 5023 7802			B Gardner/S Williams	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning		As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement