

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:

Sunday 9am: Luigi Varacalli, Elide Savogin, Maria-Francesca Zappia

Sunday 5pm: Tom Marciano, Donny Carbone

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Sept.15th Joan Marshall; 17th Maureen Aston; 18th Edmund Betlinski; 19th Mervyn Farnsworth, Mona Hann, Claude Rayner; 20th Anne Burke.

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

PLEASE NOTE
TUESDAY 6PM MASS IS CANCELLED
SACRED HEART CHURCH

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 14th & 15th September 2019

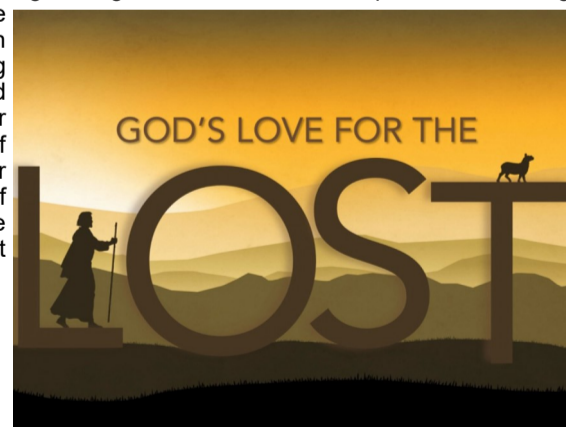
Diverse creatures of the earth as well as earth elements feature in the gospel for this third Sunday of the Season of Creation. These evoke, once more, the eighth work of mercy with its call to contemplate God's creation with gratitude and to engage in simple daily gestures that have the power to transform our world. There is joy in living this way. While all three parables in today's gospel reading invite us into the experience of loss, loss of a valued creature, of a woman's means of survival, of an adult child's respect and presence, they likewise invite us into an encounter with God who seeks and "saves" the lost, be they human or other-than-human, and who rejoices big time when the lost are found.

The parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting "the lost" of the human community, namely the toll collectors and those who were categorised as "sinners". The critics in the story are those who consider themselves "righteous". They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness and no capacity to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations.

"What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it?" asks Jesus of his critics, who would eschew any identification with "unclean" shepherds. The lost sheep is found and ultimately embraced by the community. The ensuing celebration is likened to the heavenly banquet where there is more joy over one who repents than over those who have no need of repentance. Repent/repentance may seem a strange choice of words since all the action is taken by the shepherd. The lost sheep simply responds to the initiative of the shepherd who goes after it and returns it to the fold.

"Or what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it?" is Jesus' second question to his critics. The pattern is repeated. The drachma, representing a day's wages, is lost, sought, found and the community rejoices. Occasionally in the biblical tradition, as here, God is imaged as a woman. God is not only the good male shepherd as in the first parable or the good male parent as in the third parable. God is also the diligent female householder who seeks and saves what is lost. No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God presented in these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world to God's action of seeking and saving the lost—here and now, not simply in the afterlife.


Veronica Lawson rsm




Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy


BAPTISM
 We welcome into our Parish community
Peter Cua whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS
 We congratulate **Gaspare Chirchiglia & Caitlin Finis** who were married this weekend.



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

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS Change of Date
 Will be held on Tuesday 17th September 1pm. All welcome.

ST JOSEPH COLLEGE
 Will be celebrating the school's Mercy Mass on Tuesday 17th September at 9.15am. All welcome.

OASIS IRYMPLE AGED CARE MASS
 Wednesday 18th September 10.30am. All welcome.

NEWS FROM Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting

1. TRANSPORT HELP REQUIRED

We are aware of the need to help a number of parishioners who are unable to get to Mass on a weekend due to lack of transport. If you are able to help out please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872

2. FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING—November 24 at 5pm

It was decided to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King in November with the coming together of our combined Parish nationalities. We are looking for our many cultural groups to carry a flag of their country of origin and maybe even wear their national dress. For further information please contact the parish office 5021 2872. More details in coming weeks.



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: Peter Speed, Theresita Vy (Manilla), Lorna Kearney, Tess Kerr, Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Merbein: Martin Rogers, 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 Dy, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O'Connor, Joe Mammone

STEWARDSHIP—(Sacred Heart only please check boxed envelope number)



For parishioners who collected their new **boxed** envelopes during the weekend 31st August & 1st September can you please check that the envelope numbers match that to the number on the box and the receipt enclosed. As there has been a mix up and **funds need to be allocated to the correct number**. If this affects you please call into the Sacred Heart Parish Office and your actual envelopes will be returned to you. Apologies for this error.

WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP
 Sunday 29th September will be the final Werrimull Bus trip for 2019. If you would like to attend Mass followed by lunch at the pub please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



Last year our Sacred Heart Parish contributed \$2,385.50, St Joseph's Red Cliffs contributed \$317.00 and Our Lady's Merbein contributed \$45.50 to this collection, which raised nearly \$47,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in the three Parishes this year has raised \$1922.70 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

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

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS: Did you know? A computer left on all day, every day uses nearly 1000 kilowatts of electricity over a year, producing more than a tonne of carbon emissions and costing \$125 a year. A computer that is switched off at the end of the day uses less than 250 kilowatts, at the cost of \$30 a year. Remember to flick the switch to off to save money and carbon emissions.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: I will rise and go to my father.

A DIFFERENT APPROACH NEEDED FOR YOUTH JUSTICE

The Victorian Ombudsman Deborah Glass has published a damning report of the use of isolation for children in Victorian justice centres. It draws attention to the loose regulation and opaque practices of isolation as a response to disturbance, to the vulnerability of the young persons against whom it is used, the high proportion of Indigenous children among its victims, and to its proven harmful impact on children. Those acquainted with the administration of juvenile justice in Australia will find nothing new in the report. Therein lies its scandal.



The use of isolation, however, is only one expression of a more fundamental and enduring attitude governing the response of the public and of governments to misbehaviour by children and young men. It is the emphasis on control and punishment, whose preferred form is imprisonment. This has harmful effects not only on children but on young men between 18 to 25. The forthcoming [National Justice Symposium](#) will examine more effective ways of responding to this group.

At present, the proportion of young men from 18 to 25 imprisoned is higher than that of the general population. Indigenous young men between those ages far more likely to be imprisoned than non-Indigenous. Over half the young men held in prison in Victoria reoffend within two years. This proportion is higher than the national average. These numbers suggest that the focus on imprisonment is a tried and failed solution. It is always difficult, however, to think beyond what has always been done. In boys schools when corporal punishment for misbehaviour was routine, teachers and parents who had known only that system feared that the boys would be uncontrollable if that sanction was removed. Control and punishment shaped the way people imagined the relationship between teachers and pupils. When the relationships within schools changed and misbehaviour was treated through engaging with boys in other ways, however the schools became a better environment for learning and boys could be held accountable for their actions in ways that helped their growth into adults. Cooperative and therapeutic relationships are more effective than punitive relationships. Many factors urge removing young men from the adult justice system and providing special procedures for dealing with them. In the first place, studies of brain development have shown consistently that our brains do not develop fully until the age of 25.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1300.15	\$ 86.40	\$195.60
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$3699.60	\$142.60	\$372.60
Loose Plate	\$ 479.85	\$ 20.15	\$ 60.20
BCSF	\$ 793.00	\$150.00	\$
The Shared Table	\$ 87.70		

Before that young men have less understanding of the consequences of their actions and are more influenced by their peer group and less independent in making decisions. Today, too, young men are older when they make stable commitments through long term partnership or marriage. It is more common for them to live at home with their parents into their mid twenties. They have deeper connections to the community and have proved to respond better to programs of rehabilitation than older men.

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The emphasis on control by punishment has failed. It does not control offending or reoffending, but only increases the level of public anxiety about offending. It is a vicious circle. There are better options which are designed around rehabilitation. They respect the physical and psychological development of young men and build on their changing conditions in society. They recognise young men from 18 to 25 as a distinctive group of emerging adults, so distinguishing them from other adults. Because they are distinctive, and they need to be treated distinctively.

Experience and reflection has led many nations to treat emerging adults under juvenile law with their own distinctive judicial processes. The goal of such processes is rehabilitation, so building on the relationships with families, good role models and work places in the community, and complementing them by strengthening connections with society through education. Through these experiences emerging adults can be accountable for their actions to the people whom they have hurt and contribute to the community.

The current plethora of news reports about the catastrophic effects of the treatment of prisoners considered normal by those administering it are testimony to a wrongheaded penal philosophy. New directions are needed, not least in the treatment of emerging adults.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of *Eureka Street*.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY 24 September

In the Monaghan Centre after the 6pm Mass on Tuesday there will be a screening of:-

In God Alone

This 23-minute film highlights the actions of Catherine McAuley who gave all, both in day-to-day actions and financial support, in service of others. She challenged the existing structures of the Church and society at the time, and toward the end of her life found a way to continue her works of mercy through the establishment of the Sisters of Mercy in 1831.



Following the film we will share a comfortable cup of tea and supper.

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the inability of a number of Parish Council Members to be present last week we will attempt to hold the meeting straight after Mass today. Some important decisions will need to be made at this meeting so your presence will be most important.

PARISH NEWS—CREATION SEASON

Let us pray each day the following prayer
Prayer for Creation: Creator God, thank You for all the blessings of creation. Help us show our gratitude by showing reverence to every creature. Make us aware of our connectedness and of our responsibility to consider the effects of our choices. Move our hearts to beat with compassion for the most vulnerable populations on our Common Home, and for the earth itself. With St. Francis, may we see Your face in all of creation. Lead us to make unselfish decisions with resources. Make recycling, re-using, re-purposing and reducing consumption a part of our daily living. Help us shrink our wastefulness of Your gifts. We know you love us. Light our way. Amen.

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!!

OLSH WORKING BEE Saturday September 21st commencing at 9.00am with Bacon & Eggs Breakfast !!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Scriptures Monday to Saturday at 9.30am in the church.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 25 September: St Vincent de Paul meeting
Tuesday 8 October: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Prayer Service 10.30am, High Care—Manor. All welcome.
Sunday 13 October: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
Monday 14 October: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Prayer Service 11am Low Care—Cottages. All welcome.
Sunday 3 November: Remembrance Day Mass
Sunday 24th November: First Eucharist

CUPPA AND TRADING TABLE after Mass next Sunday.



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

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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st & 22nd September 2019

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial: Ps 112:1-2, 4-8

Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



	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		Christine Carmichael	Luke Guthrie	Greg Johnston	G McCracken	J Cameron J Vines/M Slater	Elena Nemtsas
Music		Filipino Group M Issanchon	Singing Group M Sullivan	M Guthrie J Macri/J Ljubic		Tongan Choir	
Offertory		Baptism	C & P McErvale			M Adams	Ellis Family
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 3 A Ban	Volunteer Please
Eucharist Ministers		Anne-Maree Greville	Sonia Opie	Katrina Groves	R Barbary	M Monteleone	Vi Barling
		Taiana Fatai	Phillip Opie	Judy Hall		N Morello	M Farnsworth
		Margaret McDonald	Elvira Mazza	Myrna Rodi	OASIS AGED CARE	S Orr	LAY-LED LEADERS
		Paul Kerr	Jill Joslyn	Maree Irvin	M Duck	CUPPA'S	
		Anita Naray	Lisa Cirillo	Sue Hermans		R Chase B Pitt	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Kay Wagner Val McCarthy
		Ryan O'Callaghan	Laurie Fry	Naomi Kennedy	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	FLOWERS Volunteer	
Counting Team		TEAM 4	KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			G Brizzi/A Ziguras	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning		As per arrangement				Volunteers	As per arrangement