

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 37

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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: Rosina Pezzano (Melbourne - sister of Lina Brizzi & Teresa Camarotto. 30 day Mass Sunday 23rd September at 5pm)
 Sr Cesarina Paolini (Melbourne)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: Angelo & Luigi Resta, Luigi DeAngelis & Stefano Batistta, Maria Francesca Zappia

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:
 Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:
 Anniversaries: Sept.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.

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

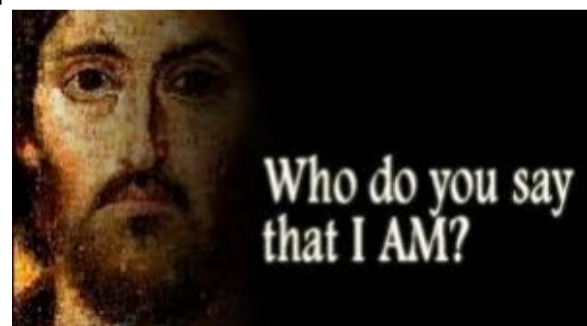
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 15th & 16th September 2018

Today's gospel reading leads us into a section of Mark's gospel that explores challenges confronting all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples of Jesus. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, then we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow him. Two questions ("Who do *people* say that I am?" and "Who do *you* say that I am?") are addressed to our forbears in faith communities of the latter part of the first century and to Christians across the millennia. We are invited to hear these questions anew. Do we simply share what "the people" say about Jesus? Are we like Peter who has the right language but only partial insight? Or do we have the wisdom to seek a deeper understanding of the identity of Jesus?

In response to Jesus' second question ("Who do you say that I am?"), Peter gets the words right: Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, God's anointed messenger. It becomes clear, however, that Peter has a very different notion of Jesus of what it means to be the Messiah or the Christ. This is understandable since there were diverse messianic expectations within first-century Judaism. Many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the Roman occupiers and restore Israel's status as an independent nation. Jesus, as God's Messiah, refuses the way of violent action. His way is to be true to his mission of bringing God's empire, even if it brings the most intense personal suffering. Peter refuses to accept a suffering Messiah. He is severely reprimanded for his refusal and instructed to get out of the way, to get back to where a disciple should be, namely behind Jesus, following him, and not in front obstructing the path to wisdom and life.

Our bitter experience of global conflicts in recent decades should make us wary of accepting militaristic messiahs. In our times, to know and follow Jesus as the Christos or Messiah is to seek and support more moderate and lasting responses to perceived injustice. It is to listen to the wisdom of those with insight and experience, to calculate with the utmost care the consequences of violent reactions to the problems in our world, in contemporary society, and in our homes. That may well involve hard work, personal misunderstanding, physical and emotional trauma or, in other words, it may mean "losing one's life" for the sake of the gospel. It certainly calls for profound trust in the saving power of God. Over the next few weeks, the Sunday gospels will call us into the ways of respect, of commitment, and of peaceful negotiation, to ever deeper insight into the ways of Jesus the Christ, the anointed agent of God's empire.



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS



Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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.

Mick Joslyn, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018

Parents of children in Grade 5 who celebrated First Eucharist last year are reminded that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on the weekends of the **Saturday 3rd November 6pm and Saturday 10th November 6pm and Sunday 11th November 9am.**

The **Parent Information Evening** will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 10th of October 7:00pm – 8:00pm.**

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.

LAY LED LITURGY—IRYMPLE 16TH SEPTEMBER

PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO 6PM MASS ON TUESDAY DUE TO THE RETREAT ON EUCHARIST MASS AT 7PM.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL MASS THIS COMING WEEK

SJC will be celebrating their Mercy Mass on Tuesday 18th September at 9.15am. All welcome.

Community Life & Outreach



OASIS AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 19th September 10.30am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Next outing is lunch at the Irymple hotel on Sunday 16th September. Please let Joe Kearney know your intentions 50212530. All welcome.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Available in 1 months time—3 bedroom brick house. Affordable rent. Phone 5021 2980



ADVANCE NOTICE

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER DUE TO THE AFL GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

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



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our 3 parishes contributed \$3232 to this collection, which raised nearly \$48,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1322 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

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

Sacred Heart Church

Sat. 15th September— Wed. 19th September from 7pm
With Fr Gilbert Carlo, Divine Word Missionaries

TREES = LIFE FORUM

Tuesday 18th September 2018 with keynote speakers Sophie Thomson and Ben Kenyon.

Thought provoking discussions about trees for our community, gardening and our natural environment.

Tickets: \$40—full day 9am –3.15

\$20—half day 9am—1.10pm or 12.25pm—3.15pm

Purchase tickets online at: www.treeslifeforum.eventbrite.com.au

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Will be held on Friday 28th September at Sacred Heart Church from 11am. All welcome.

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP

The next bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th September. If you are interested in participating please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 asap.



PLenary COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION FOR SUNRAYSIA REGION

Please join us for a session with **Lana Turvey-Collins** on **Friday 12th October at 6pm** in the **Monaghan Centre**. The gathering will be an opportunity to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team. She will give insights into the process of Listening and Dialogue that is now open to hear the voices of all who wish to respond. Lana will also talk about the overall three year process of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer any questions. We are very lucky to have Lana visit the Sunraysia region. We will meet for around an hour and a half.

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1363.30
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2809.70
Loose Plate	\$ 640.25
Monaghan Centre	\$ 62.00
BCSF	\$ 230.00
The Shared Table	\$ 166.40

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



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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, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

WHILE FR PAT IS AWAY

Scriptures: Monday—Friday 9.30am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Sep 19: Parish Council meeting 7.30pm, School Hall.

Sunday Oct 7: Our Lady of the Rosary, 10am.

Sunday Oct 21: Prep & Grade 1 Mass.

Sunday Oct 28: Youth Mass & Parish BBQ

ROSTERS FOR LAY LED LITURGY—TODAY

Leader 1: Janine Cameron

Leader 2: Margret Bell

1st Reading: Jackie Vines

2nd Reading: Maryanne Matotek

Psalm: Carmel Markham **Gospel:** Sofie Higham

Reflection: Margret Bell

Prayers of the Faithful: Max Slater

Eucharistic Ministers: Loris Bugno, Mark Gibson

Money Collectors: Maree Adams, Anne Ziguras

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE After Mass next Sunday. Proceeds from Trading Table this month go to BCSF.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA

Sunday 7th October from 10am.

Please see notice on the back page of this bulletin.

All most welcome



PREP—GRADE 1 CLASS MASS

On Sunday October 21, St Joseph's Preps-Grade 1s will join us in celebrating Mission Sunday.

After Mass we will have the cuppa and trading table.

Proceeds from the trading table will go towards Catholic Mission.

RED CLIFFS PARISH YOUTH AND THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, October 28. After the Mass there will be a parish 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*

The Executive Officer of the Committee preparing for the Plenary Council, Ms Lana Turvey Collins will be in our Diocese in October, and will be visiting Mildura on Friday 12th October. Further details in coming weeks.



RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$283.55
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$419.00
Loose Plate	\$ 67.00

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We congratulate the children, Zane, Zach, Luca, Austin, Kaleb, Rider, Juliet and Elsie who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Thursday. We thank Janine Dannett for her continued help in organising the program and the parents who faithfully participated in the preparation.

SCHOOL NEWS

Grandparents Day: our annual Grandparents Day Mass will be held on Friday September 21st at 9:15 am in the Church.

Very soon the tickets for our **major raffle** will be sent home. As I mentioned last week, we have had some fantastic support from a group of parents who have been sourcing prizes. There will be major raffle prizes as well as our usual hamper prizes, so there's plenty to be won! Tickets will go home early next term to give families a good chance of selling as many as they can. Tickets will also be available at the church and on the evening of the concert, when the raffle will be drawn. We thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On Friday 12th October Lana Turvey-Collins, who is the Plenary Council Facilitator, will be visiting Sunraysia to inform, encourage and inspire us to take part. All Parish Councillors and other interested parishioners, are urged to attend her session in order to be well equipped to pass on correct information to others. Fr. Mick will have more details in general news closer to the date. It was also suggested that we use our Lay-led Assemblies as a time to discuss our ideas.

YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED

The Historical Society have been successful in having our project, **MERBEIN COMMUNITY ART TRAIL** costed at almost \$200,000, approved and progress to the public voting stage. Ultimately, securing the funding depends on the amount of public support our project receives from you all. Voting is online or by phone 1800 797 818 for those with no email address. Voting closes 5.00PM tomorrow.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation extends from September 1st to October 4th the feast of St Francis patron saint of ecology. Christians around the world unite to pray and care for creation. Each week we will follow a different theme. This week is Sky Sunday. Sky refers to all the dominions of creation above and around Earth. Sky especially refers to the domains close to earth –the wind, the clouds, the air – the atmosphere. We celebrate with the clouds, the winds, the dusk and the dawn. We listen to the sounds of the sky proclaiming Divine presence. We stand in awe before the vast reaches of space above us and give thanks for the fragile piece of stardust we call earth. Don't forget to continue to say the Prayer for Creation.



MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 91.25
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$199.00
Loose Plate	\$ 41.25
BCSF	\$ 10.00

more REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY OF MILDURA Presents the following:

AN EXHIBITION BY CREATIVES FROM THE ITALIAN DI-ASPORA

28th September Opening 4pm
Gallery F—31-33 Deakin Avenue, Mildura
Open until 27 October
Free entry
For more information email: dantemildura@gmail.com

HAND MADE LINEN

This is a call out for hand made linen by early Italian migrant women eg. blankets, sheets, towels, embroidered table cloths, crocheted objects etc. to be displayed at Dante Alighieri Gala Dinner.
If you, your Mamma, Nonna, Bisnonna, Zia, have any handmade textiles made out of line (lino or broom plant (ginestra), please contact Lena Leonardis on 0418570840 or 50233306 for pickup OR you can drop them off at Sam Iamarino's Solicitor Office, 158 Seventh Street, Mildura or at 567 Deakin Avenue Mildura

We hope to have as many as we can to display at the Gala Dinner, Saturday 29th September. So take them out of the cupboard, boxes and mothballs so that everyone can enjoy this artisan skill that our early migrant women possessed. Items to be dropped off by 20th September. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

GALA DINNER

Saturday 29th September 2018
7pm start—Club Da Vinci
Italian Entertainment
3 course meal, drinks at bar prices
Tickets: \$55 for members, \$65 for non members
Bookings close 19th September 2018, available at the Mildura Art Centre phone 5018 8330
For further information email: dantemildura@gmail.com

The Dante Alighieri Society of Mildura is hosting the National Conference “Dante Nel Deserto”

Representatives from Rome, Dante Alighieri Central Office would like to give a talk on—How to Obtain Scholarships to Study Italian in Italy for Students and Teachers!

Where: Sunset Hall Trinity Lutheran College, 920 15th St, Mildura

When: Friday 28th September, 2018 at 10.30am.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA, RED CLIFFS, SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER It's that time of year again!

Fr Adriano Pittarello, (Scalabrinian priest) will be celebrating the week commencing with nightly missions from Monday 1st October through to Saturday 6th October at 7pm.

SUNDAY'S FEAST DAY ON 7TH 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: Polar 490L Black Dble Hinged Glass Door Fridge

2nd prize: \$500 Fuel Voucher

3rd prize: Statue of Our Lady

4th prize: GHD Curve

5th prize: 2 x 3FT LillyPilly & 2 x 4FT LillyPilly

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



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 22nd & 23rd September 2018

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Responsorial: Ps 53:3-6, 8
Response: The Lord upholds my life.
Second Reading: James 3:16—4:4
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



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
Leader / Reader	Anita Naray	Phil Opie	Christine Slattery	D. Knight	T. Lewis Volunteer / M. Lee	B. Wells	September 30th
Music	M. Guthrie All welcome	M. Sullivan J. O'Bryan B. Lewis B. Prescott	No music		Guitar		Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Offertory	Baptism	Baptism			Lewis Family	Besgrove Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please			Volunteer please	October 28th
Eucharist Ministers	Margaret McDonald	Bobby Castillo	Jacinta Macri	M. Jensen		Vi Barling	Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
	Trish McNamara	Ross Tongue	Paula Cox			M. Farnsworth	
	Paul Kerr	Talia Faingaanuku	Jennifer Boord				November 25th
	Anita Naray	Michael Faingaanuka	Reni Cheriyan		M. Divola		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Maria Cirillo	Maureen Speed	Wendy Finn		M. Dominelli	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
		Peter O'Donnell	Tony Finn		D. Eagle	Kay Wagner	December 30th
	Greg Johnston			FLOWERS Volunteer		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston	
Counting Team	TEAM 2	JOE DeJONG 5023 7802			G. Brizzi/A. Ziguras		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	