

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 38

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 Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00am—4:00pm

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: Francesco Rullo (Frabizia, Italy),
 Salvatori (Sam) Ralli, Cosimo Panetta

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Leo Timpano, Vince Mammone
 Sunday 9am: Cath Fry, Rosina Gallace (3 yrs),
 Elide Savogin
 Sunday 5pm: Rosina Pezzano (30 day Mass)
 Tuesday 6.00pm: Teresa Panuccio (1 year)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: John Molony
 Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

MERBEIN

Recent Death:
 Anniversaries: Ida Pearson, Gordon Matheson

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 22nd & 23rd September 2018

Most of us have to admit to being like the disciples whom Jesus was trying to bring from blindness and ignorance to insight and understanding. Like them, we are often afraid to ask for explanations when we fear that we may not be able to deal with the responses we receive. We so often choose to live in denial. No matter how strongly Jesus insists that the way of the gospel will lead to his violent death, his closest followers persist in their refusal to accept the inevitability of suffering in the life of one who so openly challenges abuses of power.

More focussed on personal recognition and status, the “twelve” engage in a childish argument about who is the greatest among them. They are inside “the house” in Capernaum, the home of Jesus. They are understandably silent when Jesus questions them about the discussion they had “on the way”. They have much to learn and he needs their attention if they are to understand who he is and what it means to be his disciple. They need to learn that being first has nothing to do with seeking the limelight, with hierarchy or status, with power or adulation. It has everything to do with engaging in ministry without distinction or discrimination, with being “servant of all”. Like us, they may also have much to learn from “the way” itself, the path they tread through the land.

An engaging scene follows this discussion. They are “inside the house”, an open house where all are welcome. Jesus places a child in their midst. The child is unnamed. We might give this child a name so that she or he is a real person for us. Jesus seemingly gathers the twelve in a circle around him. Taking the child in his arms, he tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege, but in the welcome offered to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs are frequently ignored. Jesus, the suffering Messiah, actually identifies with a defenceless child, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me”. His identification with the defenceless is as intimate as his identification with God, “the one who sent me”. As a church, we might well hear today’s gospel story as a call to respond with compassion and justice to those who have suffered the indignity and injustice of abuse in their childhood. We might hear it as an invitation to listen to the cry of our sisters and brothers who continue to seek the dignity and justice that belong to all of God’s people. We might learn from the five high profile Australians, the “filthy rich and homeless”, who lived for a time with the nation’s most vulnerable and called us all to commit to ways of being that might enable all to live in dignity and hope.

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



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

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Lauren Creece, Olivia Chapple, Florence Kailahi, Amalia Hadlow, Alessio Portaro and Jango Stockman whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Daniel Cavallo and Adriana Strangio who were married this weekend.

PLEASE NOTE:

No 9.15 am Mass on Wednesday 26th September due to the funeral Mass for Cossimo Panetta at 10.00am

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.



Community Life & Outreach

Sacred Heart Family Group will be lunching at the Regal Chinese restaurant in Deakin Ave on Sunday 14th October. Contact Elaine & Frank Maloney on 0422069117. All welcome to join us.

Bupa Aged Care Mass will be held at 10.30 am on 25th September at 10.30 am. All welcome.



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 \$1,562 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

PLEASE NOTE:

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



Office hours will resume as usual from Tuesday 2nd October

PLANNED GIVING:

At times envelopes are collected without a PG number. Unidentified envelopes cannot be allocated to parishioner's records. *Please ensure your envelope contains a PG number*
 Contact the Parish Office with any queries.

Palms Info Night Melbourne 16 October: Palms' Director, Roger O'Halloran, is conducting this session which will provide parishioners a sense of how their professional skills can contribute to a mission of peaceful, just development. Their varied experience can truly improve opportunity for communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Kiribati, Samoa, and Myanmar. Further information can be found at www.palms.org.au

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

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

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP

Places are still available for the next Werrimull Bus Trip on Sunday 29th September. To make a booking please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1,303.00
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 2,956.70
Loose Plate	\$ 442.20
Monaghan Centre	\$ 62.00
BCSF	\$ 250.00

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

Sunday Oct 7: Our Lady of the Rosary, 10am.
Sunday Oct 21: Prep & Grade 1 Mass.
Sunday Oct 28: Youth Mass & Parish BBQ

NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME Sunday 7th October:
 Feast of the Holy Rosary will be celebrated on Sunday 7th October at 10am. (See following notice)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA, RED CLIFFS, SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Fr Adriano Pittarello, (Scalabrinian priest) will be celebrating the nightly missions from Mon 1st October until Sat 6th October at 7pm. Then **SUNDAY'S FEAST DAY ON 7TH OCTOBER WILL START WITH MASS (ABOVE)**, followed by a procession, plenty of food and local entertainment. There will also be games and raffle prizes.
 If anyone would like to take a raffle book to sell, please contact either Marianna on 0419860247 or Chris on 0488377844.

Cuppa after Mass today.

23 September at Red Cliffs 10.00 am .
 ALL 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)	\$ 233.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 809.00
Loose Plate	\$ 53.45
BCSF	\$

SCHOOL NEWS

The term break of 2 weeks will commence on 22nd September. We wish all school staff a well - earned break and a relaxed and safe time for children and their families. Early next term tickets for our **major raffle** will be sent home. As I mentioned previously, 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. This will take part at the Monaghan centre at 6.00pm. 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. Next Sunday at our Lay-Led Assembly we will begin some discussion.

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. Pick up a copy of how to vote before you go home today.

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 Mountain Sunday. Mountains refers to all the mountains on our planet, those near our homes and far away, and those beneath the ocean. This includes all life-forms that live in mountainous regions that fascinate us, and celebrate life with us. *Welcome to all mountains, known and unknown, near and far; We stand in awe of their magnificent beauty, and we give thanks; We pray in the name of God, creator of mountains and all life; In the name of Jesus, who spent sacred time in the mountains and hillsides, and in the name of the Spirit, deep in the mountains. Amen*



Don't forget to continue to say the prayer for creation.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 64.20
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 219.00
Loose Plate	\$ 35.10
BCSF	\$

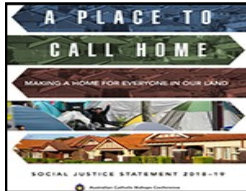
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Julian Burnside, Human Rights Lawyer, will hold a public address at the Mildura Arts Centre on Saturday 13th October at 7.30 pm. All welcome to attend from 6.30pm. *Gold coin donation.*

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday—30 September 2018

A place to call home ~ making a home for everyone in our land.

The statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further information: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



GALA DINNER

Saturday 29th September 2018
7pm start—Club Da Vinci
Italian Entertainment

AN EXHIBITION BY CREATIVES FROM THE ITALIAN DIASPORA

FREE ENTRY

28th September Opening 4pm
Gallery F—31-33 Deakin Avenue, Mildura
Open until 27 October

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

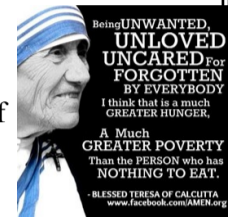
Representatives from Rome, Dante Alighieri Central Office would like to give a talk on—How to Obtain Scholarships to Study Italian in Italy for Students and Teachers!

*Sunset Hall Trinity Lutheran College, 920 15th St, Mildura
Friday 28th September, 2018 at 10.30am.*

Live-in Retreat for Couples—Divine Retreat Centre

28th, 29th & 30th September
At Pallotti College
80 McNamara's Road, Millgrove
\$250/per head
Enquiries: Ranesh 0433 549 167

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.



Reflection:

- > How do we “overcome individualism”?
- > Do we lack awareness of mutual belonging?
- > How can we change as Pope Francis urges us to?



CAMINO WALK

Many of you may know that Fr. Michael and a group of parishioners have taken up their hiking boots to embark on another journey trekking through to Camino de Santiago. Our Parish Secretary has joined the group and a temporary secretary is filling the gap. Fr. James will be handling the day to day affairs of the Parish, along with the good work of our trusted volunteers. Let's keep our ears open for any news on how the group is travelling! We welcome Fr. Ted McCormack as our visiting



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The Lord upholds my life.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 29th & 30th September 2018

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
Responsorial: Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14
Response: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
Second Reading: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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	Chris Carmichael	Rose Op't Hoog	Greg Johnston	M. Hoy	M. Marotek J. Lewis / C. Markham	K. Wagner	September 30th Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Music	M.Guthrie All welcome	S H Choir M. Fainga'anuku	Youth Group M. Sullivan M. Issanchon		Tongan Choir		
Offertory		Louise Belej			N. Orr	Lawrence Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please			Volunteer please	October 28th Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
Eucharist Ministers	Christine Carmichael	Gina Raiti	Melanie Ransome	W. Schmidt		Natalie Besgrove	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Anna Vartuli	Bill Dolence			Sr Carmel Setford	
	Jacinda Deacon	Sara Visona	Jacqui Willis				November 25th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Katy Quinlan	Juliet Cresp	Barbara Bunting		T. Gardiner		
	Katelin Anesbury	Louise Belej	Katrina Groves		M. Gibson	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
	Vince Pileggi	Nancy Leonardis	Judy Hall		A. Higham		December 30th Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
		Elina Garreffa			FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team	TEAM 3	Peter McDonald 5022 1531			T. Gardiner (TBC)		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement		As per arrangement	