

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 38

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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: May Gornall (Fr James grandmother)

Anniversaries:

Sunday 9am: Giovanni Gallace

Tuesday 6pm: Cathy Fotia (30 day Mass)

Friday 5.40pm: Marietta Demaria (30 day Mass)

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Sept.24th Ida Pearson, Gordon Matheson; 25th Mary Tierney, Margaret Cook, Margaret McCarthy, Teresa Panuccio; 26th Antonio Manno.

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

PLEASE NOTE

SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

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

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

The fourth week in the Season of Creation confronts us with the issue of the strategies we may need to employ if we are to create more sustainable ways of inhabiting the planet. A measure of cunning may be helpful. In *Dancing with Strangers*, Melbourne-based historian Inga Clenninden offered a new perspective on the famous incident of the spearing of Governor Arthur Phillip at Manly Cove on September 7, 1790. The "accident" at Manly was no accident, she argued, but a carefully staged and brilliantly executed response to the indignities inflicted by the British, albeit unwittingly, on the local inhabitants. The hero at Manly Cove is Baneelon (later known as Bennelong) who secures, for a time at least, the honour and survival of his people. He does so with all the cunning, if not the subterfuge, of the steward in Luke's parable, and wins an uneasy approval. An ever present motif in the story of these early British-Australian encounters is the understanding of possessions and land peculiar to each.

From eighteenth century Manly Cove back to first-century Palestine is quite a leap. At stake in both arenas are survival and honour. Luke's unlikely hero is a property manager or steward accountable to a land owner (the master) for the collection of rent from land poor tenants who work the land and pay their rent in produce. The steward is reported for mismanagement. He is called in, asked to produce the books and told he is about to be sacked. He thinks quickly, approaches the debtors, reduces their sizeable debts by the stroke of a pen, and thus gains their undying loyalty. He then hands over the books. While he has engaged in a series of smart moves, he is far from honest! The master is caught in a cleft stick: his steward has outwitted him and secured his own survival; the master has no honourable redress. He shakes his head and acknowledges the cunning or practical wisdom of the steward.


It must be noted that there is no critique in this parable of the injustices inherent in a system that maintains privilege and subordination. That may be a matter of consideration for disciples in our times. The parable reminds us, rather, that disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward, though to different ends. The parable gives way to a number of sayings about money and its use or misuse. While "money" as a means of exchange has long been an integral part of life in the Earth community, it can become an obstacle or even a substitute for right relationship with God. The implication in the final saying is that disciples are called to "enslave" themselves to God. Contemporary attitudes to slavery might suggest that we find more appropriate expressions for our relationship with God. Not everything in the gospel parables is to be emulated.


Veronica Lawson rsm


**ONE WHO IS
FAITHFUL
IN A VERY LITTLE IS ALSO FAITHFUL IN MUCH,
AND ONE WHO IS
DISHONEST
IN A VERY LITTLE IS ALSO DISHONEST IN MUCH.**
LUKE 16:10

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS


Sacramental Life & Liturgy

BAPTISM
 We welcome into our Parish community **Isabella Cursaro** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

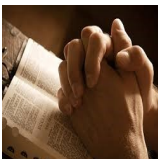
WEDDINGS
 We congratulate **Vincent Demasi & Belinda Panetta** who were married this weekend.


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

BUPA AGED CARE MASS
 Will be held on Tuesday 24th September at 10.30am.


BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING
 Will be held on Wednesday 25th September 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.


SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP
 Meet weekly every Thursday at 10am in the Hillman room, Sacred Heart Presbytery. All welcome.

A PRAYER-CATH FRY 29/6/44-19/9/13
 A beautiful gentle kind modest lady who devoted her life to her family faith friends flowers animals and birds. Lord let us live our lives as Cath lived hers. Cath loved without condition; she talked without intention; Cath listened without judgement and gave without reason. Cath cared without expectations and remembered without regret. Lord help us to live that way.


SUNRAYSIA PATCHWORK FRIENDS
 Quilt Exhibition—Sacred Heart Hall
 Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September
 from 10am—4pm
 Entry \$5.00
 Great Raffle prizes
 Morning and afternoon tea available



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)
 Could the following parishioners who have the actual envelope numbers: **35, 36, 47, 56, 65, and 141** and parishioners who have an envelope box with their name on it with the following numbers: **41, 45, 51, 52, 68, 102, 145** please call into the Sacred Heart Parish Office as soon as possible as there has been a mix up of envelopes and funds need to be allocated appropriately. 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 \$2002.70 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?
 Every tonne of paper recycled saves about 17 trees, 2.5 barrels of oil, 4100 kWh of electricity, four cubic metres of landfill and 31,780 litres of water.

SAVE PAPER SAVE TREES

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

THE TWO FRANCISES MODEL CLIMATE JUSTICE

The Catholic Week for the Environment draws together movements that are not always seen as natural mates: the environmental movement and the Catholic Church. This week both are preaching the same message.

They share, too, the same challenge: to persuade people to take their message sufficiently seriously that they will demand and secure change. Both have a strong message about the crisis facing the world through global warming. The message, however, is not accepted urgently and broadly enough to lead to decisive action.

Churches have from their beginning struggled to communicate their message about salvation effectively to hearers weary of it. Their experience may also be pertinent to the challenges of addressing the environmental crisis. The approach of Pope Francis is of particular interest. He has insisted that the urgent need to care for the natural world of which we are part is not a disputed question but a Christian duty. He has appealed to the legacy of St Francis of Assisi, whose name he took when he became Pope. That link with a saint of the 13th century is worth pondering.

Francis of Assisi is popularly known best for his love of nature. It is embodied in early stories of his preaching to birds and winning over wild animals, and in the Canticle to the Sun in which delight in the beauty of the natural world is linked to his Christian faith.

His ecstatic wonder at the created world, however, was part of a broader and sharper-edged spiritual vision, expressed in his call to follow Jesus in a life of radical poverty. It led him to gather followers who shared his vision. They lived and travelled without possessions among ordinary people and so by their lifestyle commended the faith by which they lived. They spread their message primarily by a dedicated and radical communal life and only then through words.

Many Church authorities of the time saw Francis as no more than a romantic and potentially anarchic force. But Innocent III, the hard nut Pope of the time, saw in his movement possibilities of reaching the often disaffected rural poor whom the ordinary structures of the church failed to touch. The Gospel came alive when it was the Gospel for the poor and embodied in a way of living and acting.

Pope Francis has certainly embodied respect for the environment and respect for people who endure great poverty. He lives simply and reaches out to people who are poor and disadvantaged, including people who seek protection, are imprisoned, suffer from mental and physical illness, and are in great poverty. He insists that these are the first people to be affected by climate change. His advocacy is centrally though symbolic gestures that draw their power from his authenticity.

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This Franciscan style is certainly pertinent to the challenges facing the Catholic Church today and perhaps also to environmental movements. One of the questions for discussion in the Plenary Council asks how God is calling Catholics to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is missionary and evangelising. Or, in simpler terms, how to share the faith they own.

The danger both in the Catholic Church and in environmental movements is that, in considering the communication of their message, they will ask only 'how' questions, without



asking the deeper questions about what matters and who matters. They will then focus on the training of communicators, technologies of communication, distribution of resources and assessment of institutional priorities.

The people with whom they try to communicate will then be seen, not as faces of people with their own distinctive lives, gifts and longings, but as faceless audiences, categories and objects.

The alternative way, that of the two Francis, is to focus on the people who matter and to go out to them empty-handed as fellow human beings who matter and to trust that the unspoken power of one's message will communicate itself through the joy it gives us. In the Catholic Church that means reaching out to accompany people who are disrespected, disadvantaged and despised — people who seek protection, suffer from mental illness, are imprisoned and are unemployed, for example. These are the people to whom Jesus came and must be the Church's people too if preaching and teaching are to have any credibility.

This may have some pertinence for the environmental movement, too. When asking how to persuade people of the message they might first return to ask what matters and who matters. The answer is surely that the future of the world matters, and that all human beings matter, particularly the poorest who are the most at risk. The task will be to go out to accompany them so that their voice is heard.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of *Eureka Street*.



The Dishonest Steward

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.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1433.50	\$ 79.00	\$225.45
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2315.50	\$244.00	\$501.60
Loose Plate	\$ 509.45	\$ 46.25	\$ 49.55

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

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.

IMPORTANT PLANNING MEETING

In order to put some serious thought and planning into the best way we can make a response to the "Listen & Discern" phase of preparation for the Plenary Council, it was decided at our Parish Council Meeting last Sunday to have a planning meeting at 10.00am next Wednesday 25th September in the meeting room at the Parish House, to which EVERYONE is invited.

All ideas, on how we can involve as many parishioners as possible and how we can 'Listen' to each other and 'Discern' how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church here at Merbein, will be most welcome. It is most important that we find ways to hear from as many parishioners as possible so we can move forward together as a Faith Community.

SCHOOL NEWS:

In Term four we will be working on many different aspects about Catholic Missions. At school we are going to be immersed in some activities to experience what poverty is like. Mission Week will run from the 11th - 15th of November. Students will be given the opportunity to feel what it is like to have no footwear, wear clothing that is not their choice and doesn't fit correctly and even what it is like to live on rations in a refugee camp. As a school we have decided that we need to go beyond just raising money for Catholic Missions but also give the students some understanding of why. More information will come out in Term Three in regards to these immersion experiences.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Scriptures Monday to Friday at 9.30am in the church.
 Saturday: 9.30 am—we will celebrate the Feast of St Vincent de Paul Mass.

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 today.

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.

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

DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOUR COPY OF THE NEXT QUARTER ROSTER PURPLE SHEET

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th & 29th September 2019

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7
Responsorial: Ps 145:6-10
Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!
Second Reading: St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



	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		Gary Huxtable	Volunteer please	Inez Sullivan	D Knight	J Divola M Bell / J Cameron	F Sabo
Music		Singing Group M Sullivan	M Guthrie—B Lewis J O'Bryan/B Prescott	Youth Group		Guitar	
Offertory			Louise Belej			M Bell	
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 4 G Strangio	
Eucharist Ministers		Maria Cirillo	Jean Rocca	Mario Zema	J Kearney	B Pitt	E Kremor
		Christine Carmichael	Bobby Castillo	Josie Zema		C Russo	M Breevel
		Ellen Frauenfelder	Talia Faingaanuku	Bernadette Avery	OASIS AGED CARE	J Strangio	LAY-LED LEADERS
		Jacinda Deacon	Michael Faingaanuku	Trish Cirillo	M Jensen	CUPPA'S	
		Katy Quinlan	Nancy Fatai	Jeena Jose			CHAFFEY AGED CARE V Barling M Farnsworth
		Vince Pileggi	Peter O'Donnell	Christine Slattery	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	FLOWERS Volunteer	
Counting Team	TEAM 5	JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759				C Markham / D Eagle	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement					CDichiera	As per arrangement