

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	
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:

Saturday 9.30 Libero Bachetti

Saturday 6pm: Gabriele, Teresa & Liliana Vanni;
 Pasquale Giuseppina & Camillo DiGiammechele

Sunday 9am: Delorenzo & Chiavone Families

Sunday 5pm: Tom Marciano, Don Carbone, Carmelo Taverna
 Leon Odal

Thursday 9.15 Sr Cesarina Paolini (Melb 30 day)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Pasqualina Bombadieri (30 day)

IRYMPLE

Anniversaries: Nick Cappola (27th Sept)

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 29th & 30th September 2018

Sometimes we act and speak as though we have the monopoly on access to the power of God although we have no such monopoly. In today's gospel Jesus seems to be telling his disciples that God works through people of good will, irrespective of whether they are on the edge ("not one of us") or at the centre of the kingdom of God movement. Much the same message is found in the first reading from the Book of Numbers which has Joshua, assistant to Moses, trying to exclude two men from prophesying on somewhat tenuous grounds.

Moses does not take Joshua's advice. On the contrary, he prays that the Spirit of God might "rest on" and, by implication, work through all of God's people. Both the gospel passage and the reading from Numbers seem to be warning against attempts to control or domesticate the Spirit of God. The second part of the gospel reading (9:42-48) brings a dramatic change of mood as it takes up the issue of scandalising the "little ones". The reference to "little ones" marks a return to the scene in the latter part of last week's gospel reading where Jesus takes a little child in his arms and instructs his disciples.

The horror of harming the little ones is dramatised in a series of sayings that challenge the most vivid imagination. These sayings are hardly intended to be taken literally. Cutting off offending limbs only deals with the symptoms. It may, however, offer some solace to those little ones who have suffered "scandal" or worse to know that there is no stronger condemnation in the gospels than that reserved for those who bring harm to children and to vulnerable others. We are impelled to do everything in our power to heal the hurts of the past and to create conditions that ensure the protection and safety of our children.

The provision of secure and affordable housing for vulnerable families is one response to this gospel challenge. Today is Social Justice Sunday in Australian Catholic communities. In their choice of title for the 2018-2019 Social Justice Statement, the Australian bishops remind us that everyone needs a place to call home. The escalating cost of housing and of rental properties has accelerated the problem of homelessness. Homelessness, they insist, "is a challenge for all levels of society: for government, for Church and community, and for us as individuals. Each one of us can make a difference and, when we join with others, we can be a real force for change..." To take up the challenge of addressing homelessness is to accept the invitation of Pope Francis to live the eighth work of mercy. It involves imagination and industry. It means visualising new possibilities and engaging in simple daily gestures that have the potential to bring life to the "little ones" of this world.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS



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.



Special mention for *Elisapeta Feuiaki* who will be receiving the First Eucharist this weekend.

I am the bread of life.. Whoever eats this bread will live forever - John 6:35-58

Community Life & Outreach

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Church (first Friday of every month)
Next Friday 5th October from 12.00 pm—5.00 pm
All welcome

BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 2nd October 9.30 am

Aged Care Regis Tenth Street

Prayers & Anointing
Tuesday 2nd October at 2.00 pm
All welcome



Apologies to the Gallace Family for the mistake in last week's Bulletin. We acknowledge the 3rd year anniversary of Giovanni Gallace that was intended for Mass on 23rd September 2018

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

Bulletin notices

Please make any requests for the Bulletin to the Parish Office by **12.00 pm each Thursday.**

Preparing the Bulletin each week is a time consuming task for our Parish team and early advice would be appreciated. Unfortunately, any requests received after the Bulletin has been finalised may have to go in the following week. Enquiries by email to parish@sacredheartmildura.org.au or contact the Parish Secretary during office hours.

PLANNED GIVING: *important notice*

At times envelopes are collected without a PG number. Unidentified envelopes cannot be allocated to parishioners' records. *Please ensure your envelope contains a PG number*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
STARTS NEXT SUNDAY
7TH OCTOBER—
PLEASE WIND YOUR
CLOCKS FORWARD ONE
HOUR BEFORE GOING
TO BED ON SATURDAY!!



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

Mon 15th October: 6.30pm—9.00 pm,
Tues 16th October: 6.30 pm—9.00 pm
Wed 17th October : 6.30pm—9.00 pm
Jer 17:14 Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise

All welcome to one or all sessions.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Saturday 13th October at 11.00 am
Join us for a nation wide Rosary chain at the Eighth St end of Langtree Mall

Thank you to the Knights of Southern Cross and to Meg Sullivan for arranging the purchase of a piano for our Church. This has been achieved through the good work and generosity of KSC and Meg. A musical pleasure to be enjoyed by all.



"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 1,324.35
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 3,310.70
Loose Plate	\$ 425.70
Support for Retired Priests & Monaghan Centr	\$ 100.00

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



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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

Mass times as usual

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 due to the Feast of the Holy Rosary at 10.00 am

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.



Anniversaries: Oct. 1st, Rosa Pezzanita, Roberta Schottler, Bert Halls; 4th Domenico Pediglieri; 5th Brian Chapman; 6th Alf Sylvia
 An anniversary Mass will be celebrated today for Pasqualina Bombardieri, Mother of Anna & Cosimo Piscioneri.

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 Animal Sunday. Animals refer to all the living beings in the community of life, from microbes in soil, to worms, insects, fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, domesticated or wild. Acknowledging that humans are part of the profoundly related animal community, we honour and pray for the other-than-human community. We celebrate this Sunday with all the living beings we love. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with our kin. We sing with gratitude for all in the community of life, upon which our lives depend. Our lives are made richer when we pay attention to the voice of each one.
 Don't forget to continue to say the prayer for creation

Reading from Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 96 – 100, 243

Christ, who took unto himself this material world, is intimately present to each creature, surrounding it with his affection, illuminating it and directing it towards fullness in God. The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence... Eternal life will be a shared experience of awe in which each creature, resplendently transfigured, will take its rightful place... all creation will share with us in unending plenitude.

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.



Prayer for the day:

Living mystery,
You draw us toward deeper communion with all beings,
to love all creatures as kin,
all animals as partners with humans on Earth,
all birds as messengers of the sacred,
all minute beings as expressions of your mysterious design and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

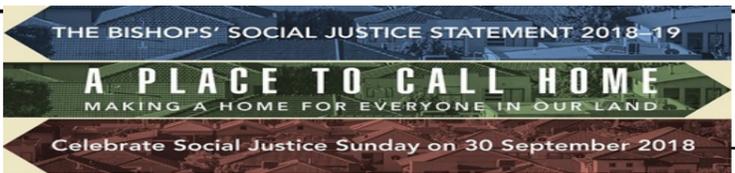
On Friday 12th October Lana Turvey-Collins, who is the Plenary Council Facilitator, will be visiting Sunraysia to inform, encourage and inspire us to take part. This will take part at the Monaghan centre at 6.00pm. All Parish Councillors and other interested parishioners, are urged to attend her session in order to be well equipped to pass on correct information to others. Please spend some time thinking about the questions which are on the leaflet which was distributed last Sunday

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 155.25
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 556.00
Loose Plate	\$ 23.60
BCSF	\$ 247.00

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 84.65
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 1254.00
Loose Plate	\$ 33.25



Overview:

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2018–19 is titled 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The latest Census figures show that more than 116,000 Australians are homeless – something unacceptable for a rich and well-resourced nation like ours. Yet these people are only the tip of the iceberg: welfare agencies report growing numbers of families and individuals struggling to meet the cost of mortgages or rents and turning to specialist housing services, which are often unable to meet demand. House prices and even rents are spiralling out of reach of too many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they are employed. For those living on pensions or allowances, finding secure housing can be a far greater challenge – one that often takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and mental health. The Statement draws on the example of people who have gone out of their way to assist sisters and brothers in great need, of agencies and charities of the Church that have provided shelter, safety and care, and of Pope Francis, who himself has reached out to men and women on the streets of Rome and reminded us forcefully of the rights of people experiencing homelessness around the world. The Bishops consider the extent of our housing crisis and Australia's falling rates of home ownership. They focus especially on those in our society who are most vulnerable to housing insecurity and homelessness. brother and sister in need of a place to call home that urges us on to confront the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia.

We are reminded that safe and secure housing is a human right, asserted both by the Church's social teaching and by the Declaration of Human Rights. It is the inherent dignity of each brother and sister in need of a place to call home that urges us on to confront the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia.

(Copies available at Church door)

If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis *Gaudete et Exsultate*

*Lord our God,
You who so mysteriously call upon us to share in the sufferings of Christ,
fill our hearts with compassion for those who lack the warmth of a home*

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 6th & 7th October 2018

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
 Responsorial: Ps 127
 Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.
 Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



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	Gary Huxtable	Ross Tongue	Inez Sullivan	G. Schmidt	Volunteer please/ J. Vines	Annette Lemon	October 28th
Music	M. Guthrie All welcome	SH Choir M. Fainganuka	Volunteer organist J. Ljubic & J. Macri		Italian Choir		Sr Camel Annette Lemon
Offertory	Volunteer please	Jim O'Donnell	Volunteer please		Volunteer please	Lemon Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please			Volunteer please	November 25th
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Maryanne Modica	Myrna Rodi	J. Kearney		Evaine Kremor	Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Taiana Fatai	Lyn Welsh	Maree Irvin			Natalie Besgrove	
	Margaret McDonald	Loretta Thompson	Sue Hermans				December 30th
	Trish McNamara	Giuseppt Scopacasa	Naomi Kennedy		P. Hill		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Paul Kerr	Maria Scopacasa	Mario Zema		P. Hunt	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
	Anita Naray	Susan Lewis	Josie Zema				
	Minda Wright				FLOWERS T. Pilggi		
Counting Team	TEAM 4	Kevin Schultz 5023 8778			G. Brizzi / A. Ziguras		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement		As per arrangement	