

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	9.15AM
FRIDAY	5:40PM	9:30AM	
SATURDAY	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 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Giuseppe Martino

Sunday 5pm: Antonio Callipari (3 Oct)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Keith Nelson, Jim Rinaldi, Dorothea Shaw

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 6th & 7th October 2018

Gospel Reflection

The question of gender inclusivity in decision-making has been much in the news of late. The maleness of political and church institutions has been highlighted in my country as a serious contributor to the disorder that finds expression in both bullying and abuse. Since the creation of patriarchy in the Bronze Age, some 3000 years ago, lack of gender inclusivity has posed a challenge, particularly for those who find themselves excluded.

The "test" question about divorce that the Pharisees put to Jesus is very strange in a first century Jewish context, as is the reference to women divorcing their husbands. While there is no evidence that anyone in Jewish circles questioned the legality of divorce, there is plenty of evidence for lively debate concerning the grounds on which a Jewish man could divorce his wife: adultery; inferior cooking; even diminished beauty! There were various schools of thought. Jewish law, unlike Roman law, however, did not permit women to initiate divorce proceedings on any grounds at all. From the perspective of the Markan Jesus, Moses only *permitted* divorce as a concession to "hardness of heart": it was not so from the beginning. The ideal, he insists, is expressed in the Garden Story of Genesis, the story of "one flesh", of partnership, of equality and mutuality, of enduring commitment in marriage. The Hebrew word *'ezer* which is translated as "helper" in the first reading from Genesis is used in the Psalms of God's relationship to Israel. It does not denote inferiority of women to men as is sometimes suggested. A better translation might be "companion".

Human limitation is just as much a reality now as it was in the ancient world. We strive for the ideal but fall far short of it in so many ways. When this happens in marriage, the consequences can be more far-reaching than in other aspects of our lives. The parties involved become the "little ones" whose lives are shattered and disoriented. The embrace of the community is needed in a particular way for everyone affected by divorce, especially the children. When parents part company, the best interests and needs of the children are sometimes forgotten. Too often, those who have experienced the trauma of divorce feel alienated from the worshipping community, and this at a time when they need the courage to face a different future from the one they had envisaged.

The story about marital commitment leads immediately into a story about Jesus taking the children in his arms and blessing them, despite the disciples' attempts to send them away. Children are important persons who are never to be excluded from the inner circles of love and compassion. We might hear today's gospel as a call to be inclusive in all our relationships and to remember the children no matter what happens

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

The Parent Information Evening will be held at Sacred Heart Church this **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. **Confirmation Dates for 2018:**
Sat 3rd Nov 6pm; Sat 10th Nov 6pm; Sun 11th Nov 9am

Pope Francis on the Sacrament of Confirmation

“The most important thing that can happen to a person, is to encounter Jesus: the encounter with Jesus who loves us, who has saved us, who gave his life for us -- to encounter Jesus.... in prayer, when we go to Mass, and when we do good works, when we visit the sick, when we help a poor person, when we think of others, when we aren't egoistic, when we are kind.”

“You... with the seal of the Holy Spirit, will have more strength for this journey, to encounter Jesus. Be courageous, don't be afraid! Life is this journey, and the most beautiful gift is to encounter Jesus. Forward, courage!”

~ Pope Francis addressing Confirmation youth December 2, 2013.



BAPTISM

We welcome *Maddison, Lilliana & Addalyn* who were Baptised into our Faith Community this week. Please pray that God will bless them and their family with the desire to continue to grow in their faith journey.



Community Life & Outreach

SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA next Sunday after the 9am Mass

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, preserves, home baked and home crafted items.



All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.

All are most welcomed to share a cuppa, conversation and community.

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 12.00pm each Thursday. *The Bulletin will be prepared in advance next week end so any requests made after the nominated time will be deferred.* Email: parish@sacredheartmildura.org.au or call 5021 2872 during office hours.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Melbourne weekend dates: 9-11 November 2018

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Contact: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A new roster will be available mid November.

If you would like to make any changes or if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 **NO LATER** than Friday 19th October. **Training will be provided.**

READERS

A new roster is due by the end of October.

If you would like to make any changes to the current roster, or would like to become a Reader, please contact the Parish office no later than **Thursday 18th October** to advise of your preferred Mass time.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Mildura branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross monthly meeting will be held in the KSC club rooms, **Monday October 8th 2018 at 7.30pm**

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 1,593.60
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 2,611.20
Loose Plate	\$ 519.25
Monaghan Centre	\$ 270.00
BCSF	\$

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

NO MASS at 9.30AM Friday
due to the funeral for Dorothea (Dos) Shaw

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Oct 11: Parish Finance Committee meeting 7pm and Parish Pastoral Council 7.20pm, School Hall.
Sunday Oct 21: Prep & Grade 1 Mass.
Sunday Oct 28: Youth Mass & Parish BBQ
Sunday Nov 4: Remembrance Day Mass—Cuppa

Thank you

Many thanks to the Festa Committee and to all who helped them celebrate today's Festa of Our Lady of the Rosary (Pompeii)

MISSION SUNDAY: Today fortnight, October 21, is Mission Sunday. Envelopes for you to make (tax-deductible) donations to Catholic Mission will be available next Sunday. My donation this year will be \$75.00. Grades Prep-One will help with the celebration of our Mass for Mission Sunday.

Our Trading table this month is for Catholic Mission. It will be held that Sunday. Usually Hilda & Sylvia organise our cuppa & trading table, but this year they will be in Adelaide with their Bowling Club. They will set up the tables etc. before they leave, but others will be needed to get the cuppa ready etc. If willing to help, please let me know.
PJJF



YOUTH MASS, BBQ & DISCUSSIONS TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, October 28. Our Youth will lead the Mass that day. Usually Grace Brizzi organises the BBQ, but she is unable to attend. So, once again, volunteers are needed. After the BBQ I hope that our Youth and their parents will join in discussing where the Catholic Church needs to go (*other than down the gurgler*) in the 21st Century. The suggestions made at the meeting will be forwarded to the Committee preparing for the Plenary



SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER:

During Mass that day we will light candles to remember our dead. This Sunday is the day closest to All Souls Day, 2nd November



Anniversaries:

Oct. 7th Mark McKee,
Oct 8th: Fred Edwards, Daniel Radcliffe
Oct 10th Vincenzo Taglierini, Margaret O'Connor
Oct 12th Bill Walsh.

SCHOOL NEWS

Early next term tickets for our **major raffle** will be available. There will be major raffle prizes as well as our usual hamper prizes, so there's plenty to be won! Tickets will 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. The new playground is beginning to take shape. Judging by the number of trucks and machinery that enter the grounds each day it is well on the way. Hopefully there will all be finished next week when the children return to school for the final term of 2018

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Plenary Council. Thank you for your participation in the discussion last Sunday- this is just a beginning! Next Friday 12th October, Lana Turvey-Collins, who is the Plenary Council Facilitator, will be visiting Sunraysia to inform, encourage and inspire us to become more involved. This will take place 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. The Plenary Council is a once in a life-time opportunity to become involved in shaping our Church of the future. A Church that will most likely be led, in our small communities, by lay pastoral ministers. We were fortunate last Sunday to be able to hear some of the things that are already happening in other remote parts of Australia. Please keep thinking and praying about the questions which are on the leaflet which was distributed last Sunday. There will be more opportunities for you to share your thoughts and inspirations in the near future. Even though the Council will not take place until 2020, our proposals need to be registered by Ash Wednesday next year to allow time for collation of all the material.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Most of us at some time or other have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or 'to act our age'. It implies that, as we grow older we have to act in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tell us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The Gospels are full of stories of people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more - like a little child.

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 217.10
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 417.00
Loose Plate	\$ 41.80

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 73.25
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 194.00
Loose Plate	\$ 44.65



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Please join with Lana Turvey-Collins for a session explaining how you can be involved in the process towards the 2020 Plenary Council.

Monaghan Centre (Sacred Heart Church) Friday October 12th 6pm

Lana was appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference as Facilitator of the 2020 Plenary Council Preparation Team. Her previous roles include directing Catholic Mission. We are very lucky to have her visit Mildura. All who are interested are very welcome. Please consider inviting others to join you. It would be especially good to see some representatives from our various cultural communities within our parishes.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 13th & 14th October 2018

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
 Responsorial: Ps 89:12-17
 Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30



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	Katy Quinlan	Volunteer please	Jancy Thomas	G. McCracken	J. Cameron J. Vines	Jeanette Ellis	October 28th
Music	Filipino Community	M. Sullivan B. Prescott, J. Macri	Volunteer please		Guitar		Sr Camel Annette Lemon
Offertory	Baptism	Baptism			M. Suppa	Besgrove Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	November 25th
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Rose Op't Hoog	Trish Cirillo	R. Barbary		Vicki McCarthy	Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Chris Carmichael	Rini Op't Hoog	Jenna Jose			Val McCarthy	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Cora Howell	Clem Carlucci				December 30th
	Jacinda Deacon	Narie Lewis	Vittoria Carlucci		M. Markham		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Katy Quinlan	Renata Byra	Christine Slattery		M. Matotek	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Evain Kremor	
		Kapeli Mapapalangi			M. Monteleone		
	Sonia Opie			FLOWERS T. Pileggi			
Counting Team	TEAM 5	Jim Farelly 0477 140 759			G. Brizzi, A. Zigouras		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	As arranged	As per arrangement	