

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	AS ADVISED
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: Ellen Frauenfelder

Anniversaries: Jay Ashworth

Saturday 6pm: Syd Girke (1st year anniversary)

Sunday 9am: Giuseppe Spagnolo (20th anniversary)

Sunday 5pm: Vincenzo Rodi, Dos Quinlan

RED CLIFFS

Recent Deaths: Antonio Pileggi (Calabria)

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Oct.27th Zelinda Manno, Maine Rosevear; 28th Irene O'Connor, Peg Stack; 29th Martin McCarthy, Mac Bradley; 30th Des McCoy; 31st Jean O'Day, Leroy Liddlcoat; Nov.1st Roy Klaric, Ilario Dichiera.

(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

Veronica Lawson rsm

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 26th & 27th October 2019

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated "virtuous") and justified (translated "at rights with God"). It is addressed to "certain people" who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people's lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus' harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That is what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays "to himself" or "by himself" or "about himself": any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God's mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who "have confidence in themselves that they are righteous", this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. For such people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector's prayer, "God be merciful (*hilasthēti*) to me a sinner", evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in a gospel way of life. We all need to admit our failings with humility, turn to God for forgiveness, and change our ways. Right now, this is what we are called to do as a human community that has failed to respect the integrity of the natural world and has exploited it for our own selfish ends. We can learn from the tax collector.

ADVANCE NOTICE SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed Tuesday 5th November, due to the Melbourne Cup, Public Holiday.

Sacred Heart Mildura Community Life & Outreach

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish community **Valentine Cordoma, Maree Ghidinelli, Anna Kourdis, Harvey Manno, Jacob Mazza, Samuel Mazza** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

RCIA 2019 –2020

The Journey of Faith with Fr Michael
Thursday 31st October 7pm, Hillman Room.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT - this

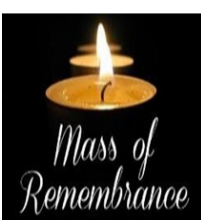
Monday at St Paul's Primary School
PARENT EVEINING - this Wednesday

7:00pm Sacred Heart Church.

Masses for All Souls
Nichols Point Friday 1st of November
6:00pm

Murray Pines Saturday 2nd of November
8:30am

NO 9:30AM MASS AT THE CHURCH



Our annual Mass for the families of those who have lost loved ones over the past twelve months will be celebrated at **9:00am Sunday 3rd of November**. A cuppa will be provided following this Mass. Special thanks to the Bereavement

Community Life & Outreach

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

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



SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

will be having lunch at Bun-Mi 852 Fifteenth St Mildura (what used to be the pet shop) on Sunday 27th October at 12 o'clock. Please let Elaine or Frank know your intentions for booking on 0422069117. All welcome to join us.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Sacred Heart Conference

Paul McCarthy, the St Vincent de Paul State Co-ordinator for the "Assist a Student Program" has asked us to thank all those who have assisted the program in the past and is seeking participants again. The AAS program helps students in very poor circumstances in countries to our north, from India to Fiji, to get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. It costs \$70.00 to assist one student for one year. Pamphlets and sponsorship slips are available at the Church doors. Any queries to Patricia Fitzgibbon 5021 5486. Many thanks from all the members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40am

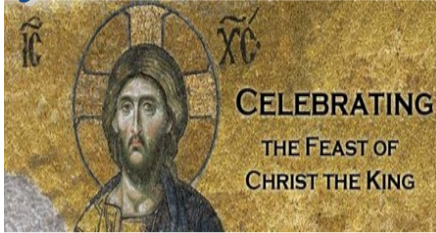
Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6:30pm

Devotions and Exposition: Friday 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room

Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King** in a special way on **Sunday 24th of November** at the **5:00pm Mass**.



During this Mass we will specially recognise the wonderful multi-cultural dimension of our Parish Community. We invite the various cultural groups to celebrate in formal dress, and to bring along food typical of your country to share with others.

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.

Mildura: Fr Denis Dennehy, Teresita Eliquen'dy (Manila), Melita Suppa, Lorna Kearney, Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Hailey Crossan, Geraldine Brunner,

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

Adult Formation Session

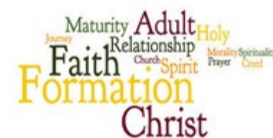
Wednesday October 30th

7:00pm

Sacred Heart Church

Sr Karon Donnellon rsm will

present a session focusing on the challenges of sharing faith with children and young people.



ADVENT BOOK PRAYER & REFLECTION THE WAY



If you would like to have a copy please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Tuesday 29th October so that an order can be placed.

PLENARY COUNCIL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT

Missionary & Evangelising
Humble, Healing and Merciful Church
Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
Prayerful and Eucharistic
Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform
Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community

Copies of each Theme are now available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for those who attended the meetings so that groups can choose which Theme they will be discerning for the process to begin.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

OCTOBER 31: WORLD CITIES DAY

Cities have always been controversial. Some people have seen them as the great centres of culture and human development. For others, cities have been evil places that lure people away from the real human world of the country. One stark Biblical image of



the city was the Tower of Babel, the symbol of rebellion against God. But another beautiful image of the city was that of the heavenly Jerusalem, the city that would come down to gather people at the end of time. Later in England London was for some people the only place to be. For others it was a boil on the face of the earth. St Augustine drew on both those images when he contrasted two human attitudes to God - the City of God in which people put God first, and the human city in which human desires and passions dominate people's lives. His images suggest that cities, like other human creations, are what we make of them. They express in their design and daily life the relationships that compose human life: relationships over space and time between people, between groups within society, and with the natural world. Where those relationships are right, they express themselves in a livable city conducive to human happiness. If relationships are toxic, so will be the life of the city.

This suggests that cities do not simply grow like topsy, uncontrollable by human beings. They are the result of human decisions that express the values of those who live in them. If they are surrounded by squalid settlements of poor people who could see no future for themselves in the country because agricultural produces were kept artificially low, these slums follow from deliberate decisions. If cities are filled with art galleries, open grassed spaces, modest, well designed and carefully made buildings, and musical venues, this shows that its representatives valued art and music and expansive human living so highly that they subsidised the costs of such gracious living.

Some cities are temples of mammon where the wealthy live in gated estates, many others on the streets and in overpriced, badly built apartments, where planning rules have built-in loopholes to accommodate the greedy, where air pollution is encouraged, and the poor go hungry, and the GDP rises like a balloon on the financial speculation of the wealthy. The air, the frustrations of transport and the simmering resentment of such cities flow from the human decisions that have gone into their making.

At Jesuit Social services we know the crucial importance for the vulnerable young people whom we serve of well-designed suburbs, towns and cities. They tend to have been raised in relatively few areas that are poorly resourced and disadvantaged in every respect. They cannot easily access services that might make a difference to their lives.

To build good cities requires sustained attention to all the relationships that compose them and shared determination to ensure that they contribute to the good of all their citizens. It requires that in the making of money people have in mind the good of the whole city and not simply their own gain. It requires that the commons - public spaces and services - be protected and not exploited for private gain. It requires government attention to civic design and effective public transport, to the location of businesses, schools, hospitals and to development that will allow community groups to flourish.

Ultimately cities are about human beings, and human beings are ultimately about relationships. These are expressed in the glory or grottness of cities. It is up to us who live in cities to ensure that although our feet and hands can never be busy in more than one place simultaneously, our minds and hearts can embrace the whole world. They can move beyond our street, suburb, city and nation to the universe and make the flourishing of all human beings part of our business in our homes and workplaces. Cities are places of the heart as well as of concrete.

Andrew Hamilton SJ

CHURCHES WANT MORE TALKS ON DISCRIMINATION BILL

The National Council of Churches has warned that Attorney-General Christian Porter's religious freedom reforms are "premature" and could trigger "unintended consequences".

Source: *The Australian*.

The council, which includes key ethnic religious groups such as the Coptic, Greek, Indian, Syrian and Romanian orthodox churches, Chinese Methodists, Churches of Christ, the Armenian Apostolic Church and Assyrian Church of the East, has told Mr Porter "more conversation is needed".

In its submission to the Attorney-General's Department, the council — whose members also included the Catholic Church, Anglican Church, the Salvation Army, the Uniting Church and the Quakers — said they wanted further roundtable discussions. *The Australian* understands Mr Porter will not engage in further roundtable meetings but was open to discussing concerns with stakeholders. He has met with more than 90 organisations during the consultation process, including a roundtable process that began within days of him releasing an exposure religious discrimination bill in August.

The council said "some of our leaders have come from places where their experience is of religious persecution".

"National church leaders do not want unintended consequences as a result of seeking legislative protection of religious freedoms," the NCCA wrote.

"They want to find the best way to integrate freedom from religious discrimination with legislation to protect against other forms of discrimination."

The diverse membership of the NCCA includes ethnic groups prominent in key electorates across the nation, including western Sydney, where Labour MPs have conceded they needed to better address concerns of multicultural communities on religious freedoms.

Other faiths, including Islamic and Christian groups, have also expressed concerns with elements of Mr Porter's draft bill.

Mr Porter conceded last week that his discrimination bill might not be resolved before the end of the year and that changes to the draft legislation were expected.

"Not everyone's going to be perfectly happy. That's the nature of this type of legislation," Mr Porter said last week.



MOVE-IT PROGRAM FOR OVER 65s

COME AND TRY DAY

Monday November 11

10 am- 1PM

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| MODIFIED GOLF | EXERCISE |
| WALKING TOUR | CART TOUR |
| HISTORY TOUR IN CART | BBQ |
| FLORA AND FAUNA TOUR | CHAT |
| FUN | |

For further information contact:
David Gardiner 50234255 or
Pat Riordan 0429437663



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1317.90	\$125.05	\$282.70
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$3479.75	\$209.00	\$500.75
Loose Plate	\$ 689.70	\$ 84.65	\$131.95

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

PARISH NEWS:
 Thank you to those who volunteered their time to help prepare the church and surrounds for Leon Wagner's funeral last Thursday – a fitting tribute to a man who worked tirelessly for the Merbein Community.
 During October, which is traditionally known as Mission Month let us take to heart the words of Pope Francis *"In this extraordinary missionary month, let us pray that the Holy Spirit engender new missionary spring in the Church"*. You are invited pick up a Mission envelope at the church entrance and make a donation to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.
 The next stage of discernment for the Plenary Council will be presented to you today. You will be invited to choose one of the six areas that you are concerned or interested in exploring further. We all need to take part in this Plenary Council to discern what the Spirit is asking of us here in Merbein. A big 'thank you' to the OLSH School staff who gave up their staff meeting time to reflect, discuss and prepare a submission to the Plenary Council.

SCHOOL NEWS:
 In Term Four students will be working on many different aspects about Catholic Missions. At school they are going to be immersed in some activities to experience what it poverty is like. They will also be taking part in a 'Sock Ball' activity. Each student will make a Soccer ball out of recyclable items'. More information of items needed for students will be in their class news. Old scholars from St Joseph's College will talk about their time in the Philippines as part of the Mercy Action Group to the students of OLSH. Mission Week 11th - 15th of November. Mission Mass Thursday 14th November. Mission Day 15th November

Preps 2020 Transition Program
 The dates for the 2020 Prep students to spend some time at OLSH as part of their transition process are below:
 Thursday 24th Oct 9.00 – 11.30am (Play lunch will be req.)
 Thursday 7th Nov 9.00 – 1.30pm (Play lunch & lunch will be req.)
 Wednesday 4th Dec 9.00 – 3.25pm (Play lunch & lunch will be req.)

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Unit 9—Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9.30am, Tues, Thur:5.30pm

CALENDAR
Sunday 3 Nov: Remembrance Day Mass
Sunday 10 Nov: Youth Mass /Christmas craft stall/Raffle/BBQ
Sunday 24 Nov: Feast of Christ the King, and our First Communion Day.
Sunday 8 Dec: End of Year Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE
 After Mass today. Proceeds from the Trading Table this month go towards our parish's contribution to Catholic Mission.



REMEMBRANCE MASS
 We light candles to remember our dead during Mass today fortnight, November 3.

ALL SAINTS-ALL SOULS
 All Saints' Day, Friday November 1: Mass at 10.00 am in Church (Children will participate)
 Mass at 7.00 pm in the Church as a combined celebration of All Saints and All Souls.
 All Souls' Day, Saturday November 2: Mass at 9.30 am in Unit 9.

PARISH WORKING BEE
 For a general tidy up—will be held on Wednesday 30th October from 7pm for approx. 1 hour. Many hands make light work.

YOUTH MASS
 A Parish BBQ will be held on Sunday 10th November after the Youth Mass, stall and cuppa. Please fill in the attendance form in the gathering area of the church.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd & 3rd November 2019

First Reading: Book of Wisdom 11:22—12:2
Responsorial: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Thessalonians
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



	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		Christine Carmichael	Philip Opie	Sue Hermans	K Modoo	D Eagle J Vines / L Grivec	Lorraine Olden
Music		Filipino Group M Issanchon	Italian Choir	M Guthrie All welcome		Guitar	
Offertory		Baptism	Mary Gobbo			F Dominelli	Besgrove Family
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 3 A Ban	Volunteer please
Eucharist Ministers		Anne-Maree Greville	Jean Rocca	Clem Carlucci	Mal Hoy	M Gibson	Evaine Kremor
		Taiana Fatai	Bobby Castillo	Vittorio Carlucci		A Higham	Natalie Besgrove
		Margaret McDonald	Talia Faingaanuku	Jacinta Macri	OASIS AGED CARE	P Hill	LAY-LED LEADERS 24th November Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
		Paul Kerr	Michael Faingaanuku	Paula Cox	M Duck	CUPPA'S	
		Anita Naray	Nancy Fatai	Jennifer Boord			CHAFFEY AGED CARE Sr Carmel Setford
		Ryan O'Callaghan	Peter O'Donnell	Volunteer Please	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	FLOWERS S Cufari	
Counting Team		TEAM 10	BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099			C Markham/D Eagle	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning		As per arrangement				Volunteers	As per arrangement