

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	
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: Vincent Rodi, Bernard Keegan, Syd Girke

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Antonio Cirillo, Lorna Byrnes (Sr Annette—Good Shepherd nun—Studley Stn)
 Sunday 5pm: Maria Casao Garbin

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Pasquale & Grazia Timpano, Rocco Lamattina

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Nov. 9th Bill Fisher; 10th Sr. Jane Shiramins.

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 3rd & 4th November 2018

In today's gospel reading we encounter a good scribe, while in next week's we find some not so good scribes. This seems to fit the pattern of the Markan gospel. There are faithful disciples and not so faithful disciples. There are honest Jewish leaders like Joseph of Arimathea and not so honest leaders like those who try to entrap Jesus. There are principled Romans like the centurion who witnesses the death of Jesus, and not so principled Romans like Pilate who condemns him to death.

Goodness and fitness for the 'kin-dom' or 'empire of God' are never guaranteed, according to the Markan schema, by status or position or call or ethnicity or gender or by any other contingency of existence. Everyone has choices, as Andrea is constantly reminded by her boyfriend Nate in "The Devil Wears Prada." For a Jew, the first and best choice is to love the God of Israel with one's whole being and then to love one's neighbour as oneself. Jesus and his questioner are agreed on that. Jesus is presented in today's gospel as a Jew who knows and observes the Law of Moses. He wins the respect of the scribe, a specialist in the Law, who has overheard him debating with the Sadducees.

Jesus recognises the sincerity of the scribe and takes seriously the question that this teacher of the Law puts to him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" He responds in the words of the "Shema Israel" from Deuteronomy 6, today's first reading. Love of God comes first. It is a love that derives from gratitude for God's liberating action in the lives of God's people. Israel has known the unconditional love of God. Those who know anything about human behaviour would probably agree that the experience of unconditional love engenders an increased capacity for love. For the Jews, including those who throw in their lot with Jesus the Jewish Galilean, to love one's neighbour is to keep the second commandment of Leviticus 19:18, "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself".

In first-century Judaism, love of God was expressed in worship and in the prayers and rituals of daily life. Love of others likewise found expression in action, not only in care of family and close friends, but also in support of "the poor and the needy and the stranger." To seek peace was also a feature of neighbourly love. To accept and follow such a program is to be, with the scribe, "not far from" God's kin-dom or empire. Contemporary sensibilities might lead us to include the other-than-human among the neighbours or "kin" we are called to love. If we learn to love the earth and all that inhabits it, the birds and the beasts, the plants and the soil, the sky and the sea, then we are more likely to tread lightly upon it.

Veronica Lawson rsm



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME
 TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER FROM 6PM TO 9.15AM**

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.

Noreen Armsden, Sandra McCarthy, Jean Lanigan, Mick Joslyn, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Samuel Bozzi and Caterina Mammone who were married this weekend.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Along with all of our loved ones who have died, we especially remember this Sunday all those who have belonged to our Parish Community, as well as family members who may have died in other places. All are invited to share a cuppa and refreshments after the 9:00am Mass. Special thanks to the Parish Bereavement Team.



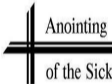
Congratulations to all the children confirmed this weekend. May the Spirit continue to work in your lives so that you grow into mature Christians and messengers of the Good News.

RCIA 2018 -2019

How is the Catholic Church Structured?
Thursday 8th November 7pm, Hillman Room.



Community Life & Outreach



ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 8th November 9.15am. All welcome.

THE SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Is lunching at the Mildura Golf Club on Sunday the 11th November at Noon. All welcome. Please let Helen or John know your intentions on 0427441466 / 0419563055

MONEY COUNTERS

We are in need of least 3 volunteers who can help with money counting. Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 for further information.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC LADIES GROUP

Will not be meeting early this month but a luncheon has been arranged at Woodies Rock Shop on Tuesday 27th November at 12.30pm. Please contact Aileen on 5021 5939.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2019

are now available from the kiosk at the back of the Sacred Heart Church, cost \$9 each. Religious Christmas Cards are also now 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

SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER DUE TO THE MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: important notice.

At times envelopes are collected without a **PG** number. Unidentified envelopes cannot be allocated to parishioners' records. **Please ensure your envelop contains a PG number.** If you believe this has happened to you please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 50212872, so we can allocate the funds.

Powers of Attorney & Advance Care Directive FREE INFORMATION EVENING SESSION

Allie Colliyer—Community Legal Education Worker from Mallee Family Care has kindly agreed to another information session.

When: Thursday 15th November 6pm

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 if you would like to attend the session.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS PHILIPPINES IMMERSION 2018

Four St Joseph's College Year 12 Students will be involved in a Service Learning Project from 6th to 18th December 2018 in the Philippines. The students are raising funds to build new kitchens for their host communities in the Philippines. With their current kitchen set ups, it is difficult for local village mums to cook during the rainy season. At the moment 12 families are in need of new kitchens.

Each kitchen unit including the concreting of the ground costs 10,000PHP (around \$260 AUD). These units are good for two families and will make a big difference in their lives.

Please help Nicholas, Nic, Maddy and Bailey by buying some raffle tickets or donating some funds or goods.

Raffle: Cinema Voucher & Confectionery

Cost: 50 cents each or 3 or \$1.00

Drawn: End of November 2018

Further information see flyers on notice boards.



SACRED HEART SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA

after the 9am Mass next Sunday

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

MOMENTS WITH GOD

A book from the Vincentian Retreat Centre, Melbourne is now available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for \$10.00 each.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Summer 2018/2019 edition out now.

'Do you hear what I hear?' ways we can pray. Great reading.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MILDURA ARTS CENTRE

- **WW1 Servicemen Families Blocks**—The Picket Sentinels by Katy Mutton—exhibition from 2 November to 16 December
- **'One Night with You'** - An intimate evening with Elvis & Tom, 10 November.
- **Twilight Concert**—Free outdoor event. 16 November from 5pm

For further information please contact the Mildura Arts Centre or see flyers on Notice Boards.

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1358.15
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1307.00
Loose Plate	\$ 632.70
Monaghan Centre	\$ 170.00

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.

Jean Lanigan, 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

SCRIPTURES EACH MORNING AT 9.30AM

Sunday Nov 4: Remembrance Day Mass & CUPPA.
Sunday Nov 25: Feast of Christ the King.
Sunday Dec 2: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday Dec 3: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Service 2pm. All welcome.
Sunday Dec 9: St Joseph's Primary School—End of Year Mass

THANK YOU

Many thanks to our youth and elders who stayed behind after Mass last Sunday to contribute to the Agenda for the Plenary Council in 2020. Thanks likewise to those who brought eats for us.

more REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

BOOK FOR REFLECTIONS & PRAYERS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TIME

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Wednesday 7th November so that the order can be placed.

"THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY" - ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a new website for "The Catholic Weekly". The new site offers a better user experience and much faster loading times of stories, images, videos and podcasts and it is also mobile-friendly www.catholicweekly.com.au/

PALMS ARE LOOKING FOR FRESH VOLUNTEERS TO SEND OUT IN 2019!

Spring has sprung and at Palms, we are looking for some fresh volunteers to send out in 2019. If you are looking for a change of routine, or know someone who is, check out our current opportunities at www.palms.org.au

Plenary Council 2020 - Listening and Dialogue Encounters

All are invited to participate in the *Listening and Dialogue* process to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyer available on the Ballarat diocese website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. All of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Questions for individuals or groups:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at www.plenarycouncil.org.au

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$174.45
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$279.20
Loose Plate	\$ 47.70



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.

Anne-Maree Whitechurch, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

PARISH COUNCIL

Our monthly meeting will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month which is next Sunday at 11.30am or immediately after the Remembrance Service for those wishing to attend this service.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS WILL COMMENCE AT 10.15AM NEXT SUNDAY, 11TH NOV. TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

PLENARY COUNCIL

An open invitation is extended to all to come and join in DISCUSSION and BBQ. We need input from as many people as possible, regardless of religious affiliation, to share ideas that could help us as a Christian Community to move forward together for the benefit of all the local and wider community. So come along and share your ideas and our food and make it a productive and a pre - Christmas celebration.

DATE: Saturday 1st December. **TIME:** 5.00pm onwards.
PLACE: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School, 18 Box Street Merbein

THERESIANS – REMEMBRANCE MONTH

Theresians Sunraysia invite you to come and join in a short prayer and Remembrance Service, to be held at the Merbein Cemetery on Monday 5th November at 7.00pm. BYO chair & candle (if possible)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mission Mass: will be held on Friday November 16th at 9:15 am. All families are welcome to attend. Following the Mass, we will be having our inaugural Colour Run followed by our annual Missions Activities. All money raised will go towards the Myanmar Project.

Tickets for the major school raffle are on sale after Mass today. As you will see there are some very good prizes to be won. Please support our school by buying a ticket.

SCHOOL NEWS

Remembrance Day is almost upon us and the 11th November falls on a Sunday this year. We are still hoping that any available students could make it to the ceremony, held at the gates to the rotunda. Students from OLSH have been asked to recite part of a poem on the day, so we would like to see as many students as possible. Attending students would need to wear their school uniform and gather at 10.45 for an 11.00am service. This is usually a 30-minute service at the most. If your children are able to attend, please return the slip on the newsletter by Monday 29th of October so that we can begin practising our poem. We will also be holding our own short service at school on Friday the 9th of November at 10.45am.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 44.70
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$189.00
Loose Plate	\$ 36.20



ALL ASYLUM-SEEKER CHILDREN TO LEAVE NAURU

Children of asylum-seekers on Nauru who featured in the Kids Off Nauru campaign (ASRC)

The Morrison Government plans to have all children of asylum-seekers still on Nauru relocated to Australia by the end of the year. Source: *The Australian*.

There are now only 40 children of asylum-seekers living on the island, and 46 infants have been born to asylum-seekers sent to Nauru since the former Labour government reopened the processing centre there in 2012.

Some 244 minors have been relocated from offshore processing centres to Australia over the past several years. Refugee advocates have argued that the asylum-seeker children are in the grip of a "health crisis". The department, however, reported that only 10 of the 244 minors now in Australia were in hospital.

Officials said the total number of children remaining on the island as of Monday was 40.

A transfer of children over the past few days included 13 who attended hospitals for medical treatment or assessment.

Those born on Nauru to "irregular maritime arrivals" make up about 15 per cent of the total population of children who have either been transferred to Australia or remain on the island.

The department said all 46 births were to asylum-seekers who had arrived after the memorandum of understanding with Nauru was signed in 2013 by the Gillard government.

An unofficial timeline has been set to have the remaining children transferred to Australia before the end of the year. Scott Morrison has said the government was "quietly" going about resolving the issue of children on Nauru and the number had halved in the past nine weeks.

"We've been getting about this quietly, we haven't been showboating about it ... we've just been getting on with it in the appropriate way," he said.

A poll in *The Sunday Telegraph* showed almost 80 per cent of Australians supported taking the children off Nauru.

The Refugee Council of Australia and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre published a report in September saying refugee children on Nauru were "broken" and "more traumatised" than those in war zones.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

ASSIST A STUDENT PROGRAM

The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our north, from India to Fiji, 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 a student for one year.

Pamphlets and sponsorship slips are available at the Church doors. Any queries to Sr. Patricia Fitzgibbon 5021 5486. Many thanks from all the Sacred Heart Conference, St. Vincent de Paul.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 10th & 11th November 2018

First Reading: Kings 17:10-16
Responsorial: Ps 145:7-10
Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



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	Confirmation	Confirmation	Sue Hermans	J Kearney	T Lewis Volunteer / M Lee	Vernon Knight	October 28th
Music	Confirmation School Community	Confirmation School Community	M Sullivan J Macri / J Ljubic		Guitar		Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
Offertory	Confirmation	Confirmation			L Bugno	Nemtsas Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Aidan Ban	Volunteer please	November 25th
Eucharist Ministers	Margaret McDonald	Elena Garreffa	Trish Cirillo	R Hill	Jamey Monteleone Nathan Monteleone	Pat Sylvia	Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Paul Kerr	Maryanne Modica	Jeena Jose		Kycen Romeo	Annette lemon	
	Anita Naray	Lyn Welsh	Clem Carlucci		Elleschiah Romeo		December 30th
	Maria Cirillo	Loretta Thompson	Vittorio Carlucci		G Brizzi		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Volunteer Please	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Christine Slattery		L Bugno	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Volunteer Please	Maria Scopacasa	Volunteer Please		J Cameron	Evaine Kremor	
	Susan Lewis			FLOWERS Silvia Cufari			
Counting Team	TEAM 9	GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993			G Brizzi / C Russo		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Group 2 C Cavallaro	As per arrangement	