

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: Rosina Ferraro, Maria Nguyen (Vietnam)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Karen Belej (3rd anniversary), Helen Grivec
 Sunday 5pm: Generoso Zappia (30 day Mass) Caterina Balog
 Tuesday 6pm: Larry Manno (30 day Mass)

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: May 5th Henry Jay, Jack McDonald; 7th Cosimo Dichiera; 10th Ramon Deed; 11th John Lang.

(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

Third Sunday of Easter / Year C 4th & 5th May 2019

March 25 this year saw the publication of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. The Pope addresses his words to "young people and to the entire people of God". Quite early in the document, there is a call for the church to be a "living church", a church that is "attentive to the legitimate claims of those women who seek greater justice and equality" (par. 42). For Johannine scholar, Elizabeth Dowling RSM, this would entail a return to the spirit of the early chapters of John's gospel.

John's final chapter marks an unfortunate shift in the portrayal of gender roles, a shift that would seem to reflect struggles in the early church to accept women in leadership roles. The focus is clearly on Peter, on his role as leader and his relationship with Jesus. In John 20, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is she who receives the first resurrection appearance and she who is commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection to the other disciples.

In Chapter 21, Peter goes fishing and several of the other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see the figure of Jesus on the shore. His disciples, with the exception of the "beloved disciple", do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter, already foreshadowed in his decision to clothe his naked body. In the wake of his three-fold denial, Peter makes a three-fold profession of love of Jesus. This brings with it the responsibility of tending not only his "sheep" but also his "lambs". This command has particular resonance for a church that has failed so many of its children.

While the passage is filled with symbolism, we might pause to appreciate the materiality underlying the symbols. Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the universality of the mission. The 30% decline in large fish species in my country provides a sober reminder that the mission must include the natural world as never before. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb "to draw" has several layers of meaning in this fishing context: the disciples were not able "to draw in the net...so Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore". These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, "And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all to myself" (12:32). The "all" allows for the whole Earth community, human and more-than-human, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One, despite the failures of the past.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Jason Tassone & Renee Necsi who were married this weekend.



RCIA 2018 –2019

Local Community Outreach
Thursday 9th May 7pm, Hillman Room

FIRST EUCHARIST 2019 —Dates to remember

Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 15th May 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

First Eucharist Dates: Saturday June 22nd 6pm Mass and Sunday June 23rd, 9am Mass & 5pm Mass.
Please contact Parish Office on 50212872 for further information.



Community Life & Outreach

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 7th May, 9am, Sacred Heart Parish Office.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 9th May 7.40pm at the KSC Clubroom. Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets at our weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

THANK YOU to the Tongan Community for leading us in our celebration of St Peter Chanel last Sunday and for their generous donation of \$5000 towards the Monaghan Centre loan.



MARY'S LIFE: OUR LIFE—FOCOLARE MELBOURNE

The Focolare community from Melbourne will be visiting Mildura on the weekend 11th & 12th May.

They will run a program for children and families on Saturday 11th May at 10.30am in the Monaghan Centre and on Sunday 12th May after the 9am Mass.



The Focolare community have a great focus on the use of story to encourage living the Gospel in our daily lives.

Through games and reflections they explore how we can live like Mary and follow her example. Children and parents are welcome to participate together.

FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 12th at 9am.

All welcome. Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants). For further information please contact Anita Naray on 0418 537 959.



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: Clair Lang, Michele Vanni, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Merbein: Martin Rogers, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

Red Cliffs: Maureen Lee, Max Slatter, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM—Statements

Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs statements of receipts are now available for you to collect in your church. The receipt period is from 2/9/2018 until 31/3/2019. If you find any discrepancies please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 50212872.

MASS COUNTS SUNRAYSIA CHURCHES START THIS WEEKEND 4-5 MAY

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the 4 weekends of May commencing on the weekend of 4-5 May.

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

So far a very interesting and rewarding journey, catching up with old friends in my parish in Lima. Nothing really changes here with regard to the standard of living. But on other levels, the quality of life is good. Great people still committed to serving one another and communicating the heart of the gospel through their own lives.

A trip up into Ayacucho high in the Andes also proved enriching as we met communities working together to support each other. A meal of guinea pig was eventful for some, but nobody knocked it back.

Up in Cusco today for a trip to Machu Picchu tomorrow, then I am heading up higher into the Andes to visit Fr Joe Ruys, a

Melbourne priest who worked with the Columbans while I was here and who has returned for another 6 years.

Fr Mick

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY:

Please remember to take your copy of ODC for some interesting reading and interesting information about the good things that are happening though-out the Diocese.



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

PLANTING SEEDS WITH ROSARY BEADS

The transition from Lent to Eastertide can be jarring. In just a week, the church marks Jesus' acclaim on Palm Sunday, agony on Holy Thursday, death on Good Friday, and resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This ping-ponging between solemnity and celebration might feel especially familiar to those who adopt a Lenten practice. Forty days of famine are followed by a feast, where deprivation from chocolate, social media or whatever else can give way to devouring or — in the event that we determine to "do something" for Lent — the chains of obligation give way to freedom.

I am usually not particularly good at Lent. My resolutions either lack enough specificity for me to adequately measure success (e.g., "Be nicer") or simply fall away due to busyness or laziness.

Somehow, though, I managed to fulfill my goal of praying the rosary almost every day during Lent this year. Initially, I was driven by genuine pleasure in the routine. My grandfather, [who recently passed away](#), had long prayed the rosary on a daily basis, and since he died, my mother has taken up the habit as well. Doing it myself helped me feel close to my family and its traditions.

After a week or so, however, I was motivated more by a sense of obligation, seeing it as an inconvenience to be rushed through rather than a prayerful respite. By the end of Holy Week, I owed my consistency more to a determination not to fall short yet again than to any notion that praying the rosary was enriching my life. As a result, it was difficult not to think that despite my best efforts, I had failed to glean from Lent what I should have, a feeling compounded by the fact that I haven't prayed a rosary since Easter began.

But as I reflect, I'm reminded of instances when praying the rosary did make a marked difference. There was the time I rudely brushed past someone seeking donations for a nongovernmental organization, wondered what the point of all these prayers were if I wasn't going to be any kinder, and turned back to listen to their pitch. There were the instances of frustration on New York's crowded MTA trains that were paused by the beads reminding me to take a breath and calm down. And there were the spells of anxiety or fear that were cut short by the repetitive appeals for Mary's intercession and God's guidance.

So often we crave dramatic prayers with definitive answers, scolding ourselves when our minds wander or for our tendency to simply go through the motions. This might be uniquely true for something as methodical as the rosary.

Ultimately, though, we can never truly know the impact these prayers have on us. Thomas Merton wrote, "Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul. For just as the wind carries thousands of winged seeds so each moment brings with it germs of spiritual vitality that come to rest imperceptibly in the minds and wills of men."

We might get to the end of a rosary — or any other prayer —



realizing we spent the entire time thinking about something else. Yet even then, we were, if nothing else, offering something to God. We were giving time that could have been spent otherwise, and we were making space for a seed to be planted and, perhaps at some later time, spring forth to give us the peace, patience, love or faith that we need.

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BALLARAT DIOCESE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM – NOW OPEN FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, social justice, youth ministry, liturgy and many other subjects available – a subject is completed in 5 weeks. Next study cycle starts June 2. Registration is now open. Contact us by May 16. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or amana-da.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 5337 7125.

2019 AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019! The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. Interested parishioners can find more information on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Parish Office 5021 2872.

MISSION:

ONE HEART MANY VOICES 2019 CONFERENCE MAY 13-15, 2019

Mission: one heart many voices 2019 is for those who are inspired to strive creatively for justice, peace, reconciliation and God's mission of love. As we journey together towards Plenary Council 2020, the conference is a unique opportunity to listen, converse and experience the many and diverse voices that are an expression of the one heart of mission. The conference will explore the complexity and issues surrounding leadership, formation, theology and the practice of mission. All those who are passionate about mission and in leadership roles in parishes, communities, organisations and agencies are invited to come together and join a conversation that may enable us all to live the joy of the Gospel and lead mission. Conference website <https://www.mohmv.com.au/2019conference/home.html>

SUNRAYSLIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1310.80	\$115.60	\$196.95
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2962.33	\$214.20	\$284.50
Loose Plate	\$ 520.90	\$420.00	\$ 34.60
The Monaghan Centre	\$5008.00		
Project Compassion given to date	\$ 380.00	\$17.65	\$4641.55

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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
The children in Grade Five and Six who made their First Reconciliation last year are being invited to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The lessons will be held over May and June and both Sacraments will be celebrated on Sunday June 23rd 2019, at the 10.30 Mass. To enrol please contact Janine Dannatt on 0419371284 or the School on 50252258. First meeting will take place in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Merbein next Thursday May 9th at 7.00pm. If you have not enrolled your child, please do so as soon as possible.

SCHOOL NEWS:
Our **Mother's Day Liturgy and morning tea** is coming up on the 10th of May. This will be a lovely celebration of these very special people in our lives! The Liturgy will take place in the Church commencing at 9.15am followed by morning tea in the Multi-purpose Room
The **OLSH Movie Night** will also be on the 10th of May. The evening will begin from 5.30pm onwards, with BBQ, delicious pasta cooked by our parents, popcorn and coffee van available.
The movie will be **Ralph Wrecks the Internet** and it will be screening at 7pm sharp! The night could well be chilly, so bring along a comfy chair and everything you need to keep warm! We hope to see lots of families there, so don't forget to buy your tickets from the office or fill in the slip on the flyer and return it with your money and we will send your tickets home. Parishioners are welcome.
An Open Day will be held on Monday, May 13th so if you know of anyone who may be interested in sending their child to our school, please let them know and encourage them to contact the school for more information. Enrolments will be taken from May onwards.

OLSH are collecting Bread Tags which are sent to South Africa where they are sold to a plastics company. These proceeds are then used to provide wheelchairs to people who can't afford them. Over 600 wheelchairs have been supplied through this program in the past 12 years. Let us support the school in this project. A container is on the table at the back of the church for these tags.

MERBEIN FLOWER POTS MOSAIC PROJECT
You may be interested in getting involved in the above project which is being run by Merbein Arts Group. Workshop will commence on Sat.25th May & Sun 26th May between 10am to 2pm at McGowan Signs. For more information see flyer on Notice Board or chat with Kay Wagner.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9.30 am; Tues, Thurs: 5.30 pm

MOTHER'S DAY 12th MAY
Next Sunday is both Good Shepherd Sunday and Mothers' day. We will, as usual, honour mothers during our Mass next Sunday.

RED CLIFFS PROJECT COMPASSION 2019
This week: \$640.00 So far: \$4641.55 cents

TRADING TABLE
Proceeds from the Trading Table last Sunday was \$238.00 which will go towards Project Compassion.

GOOD FRIDAY—HOLY LAND APPEAL
Collections \$311.75

ADVANCE NOTICE
Confirmation Mass Sunday 9th June 10am.
Confirmation Lesson 2—Sunday 5th May.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C / 11th & 12th May 2019

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
Responsorial: Ps 99:1-3, 5
Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30



Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 1:00am	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	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader / Reader	Anita Naray	Flores de Mayo	Tony Finn	K Modoo	M Bell M Cavallaro/M Duck	Frances Sabo	May 26th
Music	Sacred Heart School	Filipino Community M Issachon	M Sullivan J Macri/J Ljubic		Guitar		Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Offertory	Baptism	Flores de Mayo			C Cavallaro	Wagner Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Group 5	Volunteer Please	June 30th
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Maureen Speed	Trish Cirillo	G Schmidt		Pat Sylvia	Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
	Christine Carmichael	Nacny Fatai	Jeena Jose			Annette Lemon	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Peter O'Donnell	Clem Carlucci				
	Jacinda Deacon	Greg Johnston	Vittorio Carlucci		M Dominelli		
	Katy Quinlan	Gina Raiti	Volunteer Please		D Eagle	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Sr Carmel Setford	
	Vince Pileggi	Anna Vartuli	Volunteer Please		T Gardiner		
		Sara Visona			FLOWERS R Chase		
Counting Team	TEAM 5	JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759			K Castle / P Roy		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Group 6	As per arrangement	