

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.

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	
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: Adam Jeffs (Melbourne-Tim Belej's brother-in-law), Srs. Dominic Foley & Paula Fleming.
 Anniversaries: Stan Turner

Sunday 9am: Karen Belej, Nicola & Carmela Cirillo
 Saturday 9.30am: Helen Grivec

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Roger Brennan
 Anniversaries: Rosa & Grace Lamattina, Dominico Mammone

MERBEIN

Recent Deaths:
 Anniversaries: 5th May Henry Jay, Jack McDonald

Only immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.

5th Sunday of Easter / Year B 28th & 29th April 2018

Again and again, life's experiences teach us that, as members of the Earth community, we cannot make it on our own. We need one another, other living beings, the sun, the soil, the water and everything else that formed from exploding stars in the distant past. The gospel reading reminds us that as baptised Christians we are not just intimately interlinked but that the source of our unity is the Risen Christ. As limbs and leaves and sap of the same vine, we simply cannot survive in isolation.

The vine image picks up one of the most potent biblical images for God's relationship to the people of Israel. It is an image of life and growth, of colour and vibrancy. It holds the promise of a life-sustaining grape harvest that is ultimately transformed into wine, the biblical symbol for joy. God brought Israel "the vine" out of Egypt (Psalm 80:9). For the prophet Isaiah, Israel is also a vineyard planted and nurtured by God (5:1-7; 27:3). For Jeremiah, Israel is the choice vine "of fully tested stock" planted by God (2:21).

The Johannine Jesus makes the claim: "I am the true vine/vineyard" and God is the "vinegrower". He goes further: "I am the vine/vineyard and you are the branches". The potency of this image resides in the fact that a vine without branches is inconceivable. It draws us into the mystery of the mutual interchange of life between us and the risen Christ, into the mystery of God. It also invites us to acknowledge our interconnection with the whole of the Earth community, to nurture the wonderful biodiversity of our planet, and to accept the inevitability of "pruning" if we are to "bear fruit" and "become disciples".

"Pruning" can take various forms. A chance encounter, a sudden inspiration, a word from a friend, an unexpected illness, a confronting story: any such experience can bring us to our senses and serve as a "pruning" device. The first reading for today recounts the story of Saul of Tarsus who is "pruned" quite dramatically through his encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He is transformed from persecutor to defender of Christ and Christ's followers. Saul becomes a disciple and "bears much fruit". The Greek-speaking Christian Jews are suspicious, even murderous, when he tries to preach the gospel among them. Peace ensues, however, and the movement takes hold in the regions where Jesus had first preached the gospel. It is worth reflecting on the cultural diversity that characterised earliest Christianity and the tensions that had to be resolved between different language groups or groups of different ethnic origin for the gospel to flourish and bear fruit. John's gospel is written against the backdrop of such "pruning" within the early communities. Sometimes the requisite "pruning" is hearing respectfully a point of view that differs from one's own.

Veronica Lawson rsm

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

I am the vine,
 you are the branches.
 John 15:5

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.

Janette Piscioneri, Paul & Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Leon Piscioneri and Domenica Cua who were married this weekend.



RCIA
Marriage & Family
Thursday session, 3rd May, Hillman Room.

TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel this Sunday 29th April at 9am.

All are invited & most welcomed to stay for food, drinks and nibbles after the 9am Mass.



ADVANCE NOTICE FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 13th 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).

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

SACRED HEART PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

The next Sacred Heart Passionist Family Group dinner will be held Sunday 29th April at 6.30pm at "Andy's Kitchen cafe", 73 Lime Ave Mildura. Everyone welcome, please contact Raylee 03 5023 8778 if you are able to come along.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 1st May 9am, Parish Office.

ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 3rd May, 9.15am. All welcome.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of parishioners who are unable to get themselves to Mass each weekend. If you know of any Parishioners in this circumstance, or if you are willing to assist please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 so that arrangements / rosters can be made.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

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

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

THANK YOU TO FR PETER WOOD MSC

We farewell Fr Peter this weekend and thank him for his help in our parish over these last few weeks. He has been very generous in what he has been ready to do around the parish; in particular I know many would appreciate his running the retreat day at Fort Courage. I've greatly appreciated his support. We wish him all the best for his upcoming stint in Ballarat and hope he won't miss our fine autumn weather too much. *Fr James*

THE UPCOMING PLENARY COUNCIL AND VISIT OF THE REDEMPТОRISTS

Fr Glenn de Cruz and two other Redemptorists Missionaries will be visiting our Parish next week. Their visit is intended to help our Parish begin the process of prayerful listening in the lead up to the Australian Plenary Council planned for 2020. It is hoped that this Council will be a Spirit-led dialogue about the Mission of the Church in Australia, both presently and going into the future. This dialogue in turn must be the fruit of careful discernment; a patient time of listening to the many voices within the Church so that we may hear through these the single Voice of Christ leading us.

The Redemptorists will be active in the Sunraysia Parishes from this coming Thursday until Sunday 6th May. They will be leading us in the various Celebrations of the Eucharist across these days. They will also offer some brief presentations about the Council after the Thursday morning Masses in Mildura and Merbein, and after Friday afternoon Mass in Ouyen. I am also hoping that they might be able to reach out to the various ethnic communities within our parish. Please make them feel welcome.

"Every renewal of the Church essentially consists in an increase of fidelity to her own calling... Christ summons the Church as she goes her pilgrim way." *Pope Paul VI, Unitatis Redintegratio 6*



Fr. Glenn de Cruz CSSR
(Coordinator of Mission)

My name is Glenn de Cruz. I was born in Singapore to Catholic parents. I have a brother and two sisters. All are married and my younger sister and family is living in Perth. I had a younger brother who passed away when very young. I have three nephews and four nieces.

Later after my schooling I joined the local Zoo and began an education in animal husbandry and later after graduating became a Zoo-Keeper and animal trainer. I travelled to a number of zoos and oceanariums around the world, learning how to train Dolphins and Sealions.

One day I asked a question, "Is there a God and does this God love me?" During that time I was reading quite a bit about evolution and brushing up on my Catholic faith. I then realised that there had to be a Creator of this delicate web of life. And I realised even at that time, forty years ago that the earth was also abandoned, which later I found out it was the charism of the Redemptorists, "To preach the Good News to the most abandoned", which of course is usually referred to human beings. But Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" confirmed for me that salvation today is inclusive, it includes creation as well.

One thing led to another and after finding out about the Redemptorist charism and community, I felt called to their way of life. And I was finally professed in 1988 and ordained priest in the same year, at the age of thirty-eight.

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1687.70
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2930.80
Loose Plate	\$ 729.60

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.

Larry Cricelli, Jana Njegovan, Marie Adams, Jessie Pedler, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Paul & Diane Lanigan, Heather McWilliams, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone, Joe Cufari, Brother Dan Geary MSC.



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Kit Coogan, Peter Willcock, Betty Green, Joan Appleby, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Alison Olden, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES TO WEEK DAY MASS TIMES FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Scriptures: 9.30am each morning

PROJECT COMPASSION

Our Project Compassion 2018 stands now at \$5500.20. A wonderful effort.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Today Sunday, 29th April the Parish will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker. All invited to stay for a cuppa and cake after Mass.



Upcoming Events

Sunday 13 May: Is both the Feast of the Ascension & Mothers' Day.

Sunday May 20: Is Pentecost Sunday. Youth will lead our mass that day. During the Mass baby Nikita Alexander Pedulla from WA will be baptised, and Tomas Hawkes will be confirmed. As well, Gabriel Spataro will be thanked for her years as a very faithful Altar Server. Gabriel was in England when, at the Vigil of Easter, we thanked the other servers who were retiring.

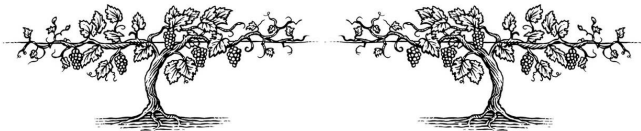
Sunday May 27: Is Trinity Sunday. Grades 4-5 will lead our Mass that day.

Sunday June 3: Is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Tomas Hawkes will receive Communion for the first time, and will help give Communion to the community.

STEPPING OUT – An exhibition by local basket weavers at GALLERY F, 31-33 Deakin Ave Mildura. From March 29th – April 28th. Opening hours: Thursday & Friday 10am-4pm; Saturday: 10am-2pm

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

Australian author Richard Flanagan, winner of the Man Booker Prize for the Narrow Road to the Deep North in 2004, addressed the National Press Club as part of the Canberra Writers Festival. It was telecast on Wednesday April 18th. It was an excellent address and well worth a listen or can be downloaded as a pdf. He said it all re Australia in the global community. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/programs/national-press-club/2018-04-18/national-press-club-richard-flanagan/9672524>



RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$253.60
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$328.00
Loose Plate	\$ 45.30
Project Compassion to date:	\$5500.20

Vision & Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Catholic Community committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily life. We do this by:

- Coming together regularly to worship God;
- Witnessing to Gospel values in our daily lives;
- Nurturing the growth & development of our faith;
- Caring for all in our Community;
- Taking responsibility for our Parish.

Anointing Mass. Next Thursday morning at 9.15am one of the Redemptorist visiting priest will celebrate Mass which will include the anointing of the sick and elderly. A class of school children from Our Lady's Merbein will also be attending. All welcome.

THERESIANS SUNRAYSIA invite you to an evening to listen to Martine John from "Days for Girls" re_making up sanitary/feminine hygiene packages for women overseas. May 7th at 7.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Merbein.

MERBEIN MOSAICS PROJECT

The first Mosaic work dates have been set for Wednesday May 02, and Tuesday May 08, 10am- 4.00pm at LMW old FMIT Workshop on Etiwanda Ave just over 14th Street –up from the Salvation Army Complex. The focus is the Merbein Centenary and it is hoped that many Merbein and Merbein connected people will be involved in this continuing successful project. Even an hour or two would be great and you don't need prior 'mosaic' experience or artistic ability. It is great fun and very social. If you plan to stay all day you will need to take your own lunch.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Global Catholic Climate Movement have announced that a coalition of 35 Catholic institutions around the world have answered the call by divesting from fossil fuels. Stepping away from the fuels that drive climate change is Catholic witness in the world. Caritas Internationalis is an international humanitarian aid group and an official part of the Vatican. Its president, Cardinal Tagle, said "The poor are suffering greatly from the climate crisis and fossil fuels are among the main drivers of this injustice. That is why Caritas Internationalis has decided not to invest in fossil fuels anymore.

When it comes to protecting our common home, we have not a moment to lose. Pope Francis tells us that "technology based on the highly polluting fossil fuels.....needs to be progressively replaced without delay". (Laudato Si' 165)

SCHOOL NEWS

Last Tuesday we celebrated the planting of our **Gallipoli Oak** in the front yard of the school. It was a very respectful ceremony run by the Student Leaders and we were joined by some parents and members of the RSL. As we remembered the ANZACS and those who have fought for our country, both in the past and currently, the students showed absolute respect for the occasion. Commemorations such as these are extremely important to observe and even though the battles of the First World War seem very removed from us now, the connections made by our younger generation are still evident on occasions such as these. Hopefully our Gallipoli Oak will grow to be a strong, beautiful tree which will serve as a reminder to the OLSH students for many years to come.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$550.10
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$137.40
Loose Plate	\$241.40

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

5th Sunday of Easter / Year B 28th & 29th April 2018

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32
Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
Second Reading: John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8



Werrimull Last Sunday of 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	Rosemary Barnes	Feast St Peter Chanel	Peter Hammond	M Hoy	T Lewis/ L Jansen / M Lee	J Dannatt	April 29th
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	Feast St Peter Chanel Tongan Community	Youth Group Sullivan/Issanchon				Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory		Feast St Peter Chanel			N Orr	Knight Family	
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer		G Strangio		May 27th
Eucharist Ministers	Margaret McDonald	Laure Fry	Trish Cirillo	M Jensen	S Morello	E Kremor	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Trish McNamara	Judy Webster	Jeena Jose		I Manno	Natalie Besgrove	
	Paul Kerr	Jean Rocca	Clem Carlucci		J Bertoli		June 24th
	Anita Naray	Bobby Castillo	Vittorio Carlucci		T Bertoli		Sr Carmel Setford Annette Lemon
	Margaret Sheahan	Ross Tongue	Volunteer please		J Tassone	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	July 29th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Maria Cirillo	Talia Fainganuku	Volunteer please		J Vines	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
		Michael Fainganuku			Volunteer please		
Counting Team	TEAM 1	GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918			T & J Lewis		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Cleaner	As per arrangement	

6th Sunday of Easter / Year B 5th & 6th May 2018

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Responsorial: Ps 97:1-4
Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17



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Leader / Reader	Trish McNamara	Peter Maloney	Rosemarie Zalec	P Riordan	M Matotek J Lewis/C Markham	A Lemon	May 27th
Music	M Sullivan J Macri/J Ljubic	Italian Choir N Armsden	NO MUSIC		Guitar		Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Offertory		L & C Welsh			Russo Family	Besgrove Family	
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer		Thomas Dowling		June 24th
Eucharist Ministers	Christine Carmichael	Maureen Speed	Jacinta Macri	Malcolm Hoy	Liam Dowling	Vicki McCarthy	Sr Carmel Setford Annette Lemon
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Peter O'Donnell	Paula Cox		Amber Foster	Val McCarthy	
	Jacinda Deacon	Greg Johnston	Jennifer Boord		Sumah Foster		July 29th
	Katy Quinlan	Gina Raiti	Reni Cheriyan				Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Katelin Anesbury	Anna Vartuli	Wendy Finn		Grace Brizzi	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	August 26th Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	MaVince Pileggi	Sara Visona	Tony Finn		Loris Bugno	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
		Juliet Cresp			Janine Cameron		
Counting Team	TEAM 2	JOE DEJONG 5023 7802			K Castle / P Roy		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	