

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: Rosa Lia

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 8.30am:
 Sunday 9am:

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Kath Clohesy
 Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: June 16th Stephen Piscioneri, 17th Katerina Canidi,
 Edward Stanbrook; 18th Jack Hamence, Paul McCarthy; 21st Fran-
 ciska Klarich; 22nd Alivina Lindsay; 23rd Edith Holmes

(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

The Most Holy Trinity / Year C 15th & 16th June 2019

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They *will* come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth". This has a particular resonance at a time when "truth-telling" is so often compromised in political circles.

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community and, inspired by the Spirit of Truth, to reclaim truth in public life.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

FIRST EUCHARIST 2019

Next weekend the children who have been preparing for their First Eucharist will be receiving the sacrament at all Masses.



Community Life & Outreach

REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Thursday, 20th June at 2pm. All welcome.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Next luncheon will be at Cafe 1909, Hugh King Drive, on Sunday June 16th. at 12.30pm. Please contact Chris Slattery to confirm your place. 5022 0565, mobile 0401076655

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Envelopes have been provided for the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal. In these hard economic times help support those of us volunteering in the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal. Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. Many thanks.



FEAST OF ST ANTHONY



The Italian Community will be celebrating their annual Feast of St Anthony Mass on Sunday 16th June at 5pm.

Tickets for the raffle are still available at \$2.00 each.

All are invited to stay for the procession followed by pasta and BBQ dinner. Traditional Italian fare

will be provided along with great entertainment and the drawing of the raffle.

SACRED HEART PRAYER & DISCUSSION GROUP

This newly formed group will be meeting weekly, Thursday mornings from 10am in the Sacred Heart Presbytery, Hillman Room. For further information please contact Wilma on 5021 4953.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER ROSTERS

A new roster for Eucharistic Ministers will be provided shortly. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or wish to change your day and time on the roster, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 50212872 by Friday, 28th June.

CHAIRS

The Sacred Heart Church now have chairs on the right hand side of the Sacristy for people who have difficulty sitting in the pews and coming forward at the time of Communion. You are invited to use these chairs.

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: Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Michele Vanni, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

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

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

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP

Our next bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th June at 11am. For bookings, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

Diocesan Policy is for all contributing parishioners to the Planned Giving program to receive quarterly statements. The statement period is from 02/09/2019 to 30/05/2019. There are quite a number of envelopes still to be collected so to save on postage please collect on behalf of family and friends. If there are any discrepancies please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (29th June). Bishop Paul Bird would be grateful if this could be arranged for the weekend 29th & 30th June. He is aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention as through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

ADVANCE NOTICE—SAVE THE DATE STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

During 2019 Workshops will be held to help plan for our Diocesan Education Community 2020—2024. Fr Michael is strongly encouraging teaching staff, parents and parishioners attend one of the two Workshops to be held in the Monaghan Centre on Tuesday 27th August from 4.30pm—6.00pm or 7.00pm—8.30pm.

PLENARY COUNCIL

NATIONAL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT ANNOUNCED

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- . Missionary and Evangelising
- . Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- . Prayerful and Eucharistic
- . Humble, Healing and Merciful
- . A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- . Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

The discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme for Discernment. People in faith communities across Australia will also be called to participate locally in their own communal *Listening and Discernment* encounters. The outcomes of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda for the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020. For more information go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL REFUGEE MALAISE

This year many people will celebrate Refugee Week as a wake. During the recent election the hopes of many people seeking protection and supporting them in different ways were raised by the prospect of a change of government. Although their hope may well have been disappointed by a new government, people on Nauru and Manus Island and those languishing in Indonesia, or living in Australia on temporary protection visas, have been bitterly disappointed at the prospect of three more years of harsh treatment.

For those of us who share their pain it is time to reflect more broadly on the situation we now face. The continuing mistreatment of people seeking protection in Australia is not simply local. It is part of a world-wide trend to reject people who seek protection, submit them to humiliating and punitive conditions, expel them summarily to places where they claim to have suffered persecution, and arm public opinion against them. We need to think only of the campaign against Central American refugees in the United States, the detention practices in the United Kingdom, the fences built and the influence of anti-refugee movements in Europe.

Throughout the developed world politicians no longer defend, nor citizens share, the understanding that nations should share the burden of people fleeing persecution and war. Many governments boast of seeking only their narrow national interest. Voices of leaders like Pope Francis are not attended to. In this climate the cause of refugees can be expected to have only minority support in coming years. People who support them and work for their just treatment must be prepared to hang in for the long haul in the realistic expectation of only thin returns.

Although animus against refugees always causes them great harm, it is not always animated by ill will. Many people who lack sympathy for those who seek asylum in Australia are motivated by the perceived unfairness of giving them precedence over people held in refugee camps or over the needs of neglected Australians in a time of growing inequality. In society there is a well of compassion, but many are locked out from it. It is clear, too, that little can be expected from political parties, politicians or bureaucrats. In the absence of an ethical framework that commands respect for the human dignity of people who seek protection and other minority groups, politicians will continue to use their ill treatment as a means to political ends. Even the best of policy proposals will be turned into a weapon against the people they are designed to promote. It will remain important to work with and against governments to minimise the harm suffered by individuals and groups but idle to expect any change in the ideology that controls the treatment of refugees.

This bleak picture suggests the need to build a compassion for refugees at the grass roots, which might influence eventual political change. The most pressing need of refugees around the world is to find people who care for them in simple ways, to visit them, defend them against attack, to feed and clothe them and to offer them shelter.



This comes down to individuals, but their work will be more effective when they are gathered in small communities with a common commitment to respect the dignity of all human beings, to embody respect in their support of refugees, and to share their vision with others through conversation.

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The focus of conversation will be to represent refugees as persons with personal stories and not as problems, competitors or legal definitions. People's attitudes can change when they come to know refugees, hear their stories, enter their lives and appreciate the choices that they have had to make. To work from the grass roots means taking the time to know refugees, to introduce them to friends and to small communities, so that the image of the refugee arouses interest and wonder, not dismissal, fear or apathy. To be a refugee will be seen as a marker of resilience, not of weakness of spirit.

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The conversations will reach out to people who have different starting points, including politicians, focusing first on the human reality of refugees' lives and also on the attitudes to them abroad in society. They can then turn to the differences about what a proper respect entails. Respect in conversation assumes that truth will vindicate itself without need to shout.

Wintering out is a time to put down deep roots, to protect against frost and to prepare the soil for spring.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of *Eureka Street*.



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1562.10	\$ 66.35	\$381.00
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2518.40	\$229.00	\$241.60
Loose Plate	\$ 538.30	\$ 35.60	\$125.10
The Shared Table	\$ 12.00		
The Monaghan Centre	\$1100.00		\$

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

BAPTISM

We welcome **Freddie Michael Zappia** into our faith community today and ask God's blessing on him and his parents Amy and Adrian.



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The final session for those preparing for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will take place on Thursday evening. The reception of these Sacraments will take place next Sunday, June 23rd 2019, at the 10.30 Mass. This Mass will be led by the School Staff and Children. Please continue to pray for these children and their families.

SCHOOL NEWS

The students are in the process of replacing a deteriorated mural which was constructed in 1999. In order to progress further, the assistance of an able bodied person to erect the basic structure is required. This would entail fitting a timber frame to brickwork & mounting the boards to the frame. All materials will be cut to size & ready to mount. Fairly basic skills required. Please contact the office if you feel you can help or wish to discuss further. Without help at this stage, the project will falter. So please help continue the momentum & enthusiasm of the students in achieving their goal. We have been busy over the past few weeks conducting tours and interviews for future enrolments, and this week we will be offering places officially to those families. If you know of anyone who is considering coming to OLSH next year, please let them know that places are filling fast! Any existing families with a sibling joining us in 2020 are also encouraged to pop in for a quick chat and to collect their enrolment forms.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Did you know? If you turn off appliances at the wall you can save up to 10% on your energy bill – that's 7,800 black balloons a year. Each black balloon represents 50 grams of greenhouse gas. Every Victorian household produces over 12 tonnes (240,000 balloons) of greenhouse gas emissions each year. By saving energy, you'll save money, as well as help protect our environment from the impacts of climate change.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30am, Tues, Thur 5.30pm, Sat: 9.00am

CALENDAR

Sunday June 16. Feast of the Blessed Trinity. Youth will lead our Mass.
Sunday June 23. Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Grades 4-5 will lead our Mass. Cuppa after Mass
Friday June 28: Our Mass for the poor 10am.

YOUTH MASS— Roster 16th June 2019

Welcoming people at the start of Mass:
Introduction to Mass: Gabriella Strangio
Penitential Prayers: Gabriella Spataro
Responsorial Psalm: Topui Mapapalangi
Prayer of the Faithful: Nino Suppa
First Reading: Tomas Hawkes
Second Reading: Gabriella Spataro
Data Projector: Gemma & Maddaleina
Taking up the collections:
Offertory Procession: Bethany Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Dowling, Folole Mapapalangi, Doug Mapapalangi

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Our Mass for the poor will be at 10.00 am. The Schoolchildren bring loads of groceries to this Mass. Proceeds from our Cuppa and Trading Table after Mass on Sunday, June 23 will go towards Vinnies' winter Appeal.

CUPPA AND TRADING TABLE-next Sunday

Proceeds from the trading table this month will go to Vinnies Winter Appeal.



VISION STATEMENT—BALLARAT DIOCESE

The Ballarat Diocese is inviting all Parishes to be part of a process of consultation for a Diocesan Vision Statement. For Red Cliffs this will occur on Sunday 23rd June after Mass—We are asked to submit summary words or phrases by Monday 15th July 2019.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ / 22nd & 23rd June 2019

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20
Responsorial: Ps 109:1-4
Response: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: Luke 9:11-17



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	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	M Hill	C Russo M Bell / J Cameron	Elvira Iamarino	June 30th
Music	First Eucharist School Community	First Eucharist School Community	First Eucharist School Community		Tongan Choir		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
Offertory	First Eucharist	First Eucharist	First Eucharist		M Suppa	Ellis Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Group 5		
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Anna Vartuli	Tony Finn	G Schmidt	G Brizzi	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Christine Carmichael	Sara Visona	Melanie Ransome		J Cameron	Vi Barling	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Juliet Cresp	Bill Dolence	OASIS AGED CARE	Volunteer Please		
	Jacinda Deacon	Louise Belej	Jacqui Willis	W Schmidt	CUPPA'S		
	Katy Quinlan	Nancy Leonardis	Barbara Bunting		C Cavallaro	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Elena Garreffa	Katrina Groves	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	M Cavallaro	Kay Wagner Val McCarthy	
	Maryanne Modica			FLOWERS Volunteer			
Counting Team	TEAM 1	GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918			L Grivec / A Njegovan		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	