

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: Isidoro Marinucci

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Alex Pytel, Peter & Maria Dran

Sunday 8.30am: Domenico Spaduccini

Sunday 9am: George Lipic, Peter & Maria Dran, Luka Marlais

Sunday 5pm:

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Girolima Napoli, Jordan Radman

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death: David Jenkins

Anniversaries: June 3rd Suzanne Fordham; 5th Nora Duncan

(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 Ascension of the Lord / Year C 1st & 2nd June 2019

Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-membering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great mystery of God's presence among them.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all peoples", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (*Laudato Si'* 2).

Joy, peace, prayer and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might pray that the spirit of joy that animated the earliest Christians might fill our hearts so that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

FIRST EUCHARIST 2019
Presentation of the Lord's Prayer Weekend:
 1st & 2nd June
Week Three Home Groups: 3rd—7th June
Practice Weekend: 8th & 9th June
Week Four Home Groups: 10th—14th June
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 4th June 9am, Sacred Heart Parish Office.

REGIS TENTH AGED CARE PRAYERS
 Tuesday 4th June 2pm. All welcome.

ANOINTING MASS
 Thursday 6th June 9.15am. All welcome.

REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS cont.

APPEAL HEARING FOR CARDINAL PELL

You will be aware that Cardinal George Pell will appear in court again on 5-6 June to appeal his conviction over historical sexual offence charges.

What are the grounds for appeal?

- There are 3 grounds of appeal comprising one substantive and two technical grounds - unreasonableness, the prohibition of video evidence in the closing address, and the composition of the jury.
- The appeal may be upheld or rejected by the Court.
- If one or more of these grounds is successful, the Court is expected to order a retrial and whether a retrial occurs will be a matter for the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- If the appeal is rejected, Cardinal Pell may appeal to the High Court.
- Note that until there is any outcome of the appeal, Cardinal Pell remains guilty of the historical charges under Australian law.

What can we expect by way of reactions/comment?

- We can expect blanket reporting and coverage of the appeal by the media.
- A number of news services have been filming detailed documentary-style footage over recent months. We expect that these will be broadcast in the lead-up to and following the appeal. I expect that some of this reporting will be challenging for us all.
- Members of our diocesan and education community may be asked to make a response.
- Survivors of abuse and advocacy groups are likely to be very active and, understandably, will be concerned that the victim may have to go through another very difficult trial.
- We can expect the most disturbing of the evidence presented at the trial to be repeated.
- Publicly, our Church leaders may not be in a position to comment on the appeal proceedings until the outcome is known.

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.



Aid to the Church in Need National Appeal for Sri Lanka

The national appeal conducted by *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) for the Church in Sri Lanka is being generously responded to by Australian Catholics and ACN is continuing to receive donations after the Easter Attacks that left 258 dead. To make a donation please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka or call ACN on 1800 101 201. **Please see flyers at all church entrances for more information**

CARERS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

Centacare will be hosting a free Learning & Development session provides the opportunity for Carers to share the challenges, joys and unique experiences of caring in order to expand the ways to enhance relationships with children and young people and respond to their needs. This evidence-based program builds on the strengths of Carers by co-designing strategies to best suit their needs. Session will be held on Thursday 25th July 2019 from 9am – 4.30pm at Centacare Conference Room 136 Lime Ave, Mildura. Please contact 5051 0055 for further information or see notices at each church entrances.

COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

This Tuesday the annual Council of Priests meeting will be held with Bishop Paul Bird to discuss issues concerning our Diocese. We keep them in our prayers and wish Bishop Paul safe travels as he departs shortly for his ad limina visit with Pope Francis.

DIOCESAN VISION CONSULTATION

Bishop Paul, through the Bishop's Advisory Council, has initiated a consultation process with the people of the diocese regarding developing a Diocesan Vision for now and the coming years. A letter from the Bishop and information about the consultation process will be distributed to parishes. This information will also be available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The consultation process is open until July 15 and parish and diocesan groups and others are encouraged to participate.

Thank You To the Filipino Community for their kind and generous donation of \$1610.00 towards the Monaghan Centre.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

NEW STANDARDS FOR A CHILD-SAFE CHURCH

TRIGGER WARNING: SEXUAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, CHILD ABUSE.

Eighteen months after the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse delivered its groundbreaking report, and nine months after the bishops and religious leaders responded to that report, Catholic Professional Standards Limited (CPSL) has published the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (Safeguarding Standards).

Together, the ten standards published today provide the framework for each Catholic entity, ministry and organisation across the Catholic Church in Australia to place child safety at the core of how it plans, thinks and acts.

The royal commission in its final report outlined ten child safe standards for organisations. This work has been built upon by the Australian Human Rights Commission in its articulation of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, which were adopted by COAG in February of this year.

The Safeguarding Standards released today for the Catholic Church take the National Principles and apply them in a practical sense to the operations of the Church, as well as adopting many specific recommendations from the royal commission to the Catholic Church.

The royal commission exposed many gaps in church activities. These gaps were especially evident at a local level, in parishes for example, and in ministries where there has been no external oversight or there has been poor understanding or implementation of what is needed in an organisation to protect children.

The establishment of CPSL in 2016 signalled a concrete and practical response by the Catholic Church to the revelations of the royal commission and it provides an international blueprint for reform of the Church's approach to safeguarding. The specific brief for CPSL is to develop nationally consistent standards that increase accountability and transparency, to audit the performance of church authorities against those standards and to publish the results.

CPSL is functionally independent of Church leadership, we speak with our own voice, we make our own decisions and we act as we see fit and in the best interests of children and vulnerable adults.

Protecting children and vulnerable adults in an organisational context is multi-faceted and requires active commitment and constant vigilance. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and requires that each individual in an organisation understands why safeguarding is important, how the organisation goes about it, what their individual responsibilities are to act and speak up, and how the organisation will respond when something is raised.

A child safe organisation consciously and publicly commits to putting the safety and wellbeing of children at the centre of values, thoughts and actions. To be effective, safeguarding requires genuine engagement with, listening, valuing and responding to children — respecting and upholding their rights and inherent dignity. The Safeguarding Standards strive to embed these practices within the Catholic Church. CPSL is about building capacity, ensuring vigilance and maintaining the Church's focus on the rights of children.

After nearly two years in this role listening to and engaging with all sorts of organisations across the Catholic Church, I have seen and heard evidence of great work, significant

change and deep understanding and commitment in some areas. I have also sadly seen and heard people and organisations who are hesitant, resistant, denying, minimising and struggling to make the change of heart and mind required to drive changes that are needed. As a Church community, and indeed as an Australian community, we must always put the best interests and safety of children at the forefront of considerations and actions. Preventing child abuse, in any form, must be at the core of the Church's mission.



In addition to the Safeguarding Standards, CPSL is rolling out a comprehensive learning and development strategy to assist leaders to better understand and implement their responsibilities to safeguard. The CPSL audit approach has been developed to promote accountability and transparency. It focuses not just on compliance, but also culture change, capacity building and knowledge sharing so that Catholic entities are best-placed and supported to improve practices for the safety of children and vulnerable adults. Data gathered from the audits will assist CPSL to highlight systemic risks, identify new and emerging areas of risk, and support the treatment of these risks through capacity building, targeted resources and support.

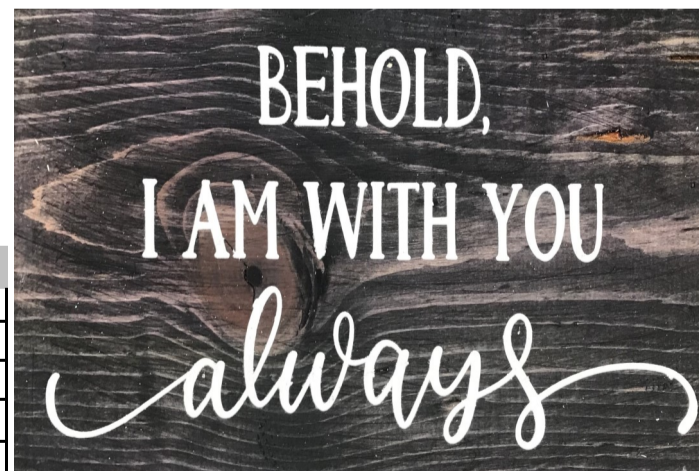
The first audits against the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are underway. It is anticipated the first audit reports will be published around the middle of this year.

Our next steps include continuing to work closely with church leaders and organisations to ensure the standards are understood and are applied as intended, work closely with state, territory and national regulators and other organisations to champion the safety and wellbeing of all children, as well as commencing work to broaden the current framework to cover the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

With the release of the Safeguarding Standards today, the foundation has been laid for a more diligent, evidence-based approach to safeguarding the children who come into contact with the Catholic Church through its many ministries and services.

For confidential counselling and support call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 or visit www.1800respect.org.au

Sheree Limbrick is CEO of Catholic Professional Standards Limited



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1412.00	\$ 93.85	\$368.45
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2862.00	\$229.00	\$298.00
Loose Plate	\$ 857.75	\$ 35.45	\$ 93.75
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 100.00		

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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
The Sacramental preparation for the children continues each Thursday evening and Sunday Mass at 10.30am. The reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be held on 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
This past week as part of Catholic Education Week the children have been looking at the history of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart PS, Merbein. Our school was officially opened in 1928 and is the oldest Catholic Primary school in the district. This week is a time to give thanks to Mr. E.J (Pat) Kenny and the early Parishioners of Merbein who raised many funds to ensure the school was opened. Mr. Kenny purchased the land where the school is, and was an integral part of the school's existence. The school was originally used as a Church/School, where the tables and chairs were cleared each Friday so Mass could be held on Sundays. They would then be moved back on Sundays ready for classes to resume Mondays. Our school has changed and grown over its 91 years, however it has always, and will continue to provide children with the highest quality Catholic education which strives to develop each child academically, spiritually and emotionally.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS
Did you know, more than **500 billion** disposable cups are manufacture every year. Most disposable coffee cups are non-recyclable and 99% of disposable cups end up in landfill. Using a reusable cup could save up to 600 cups from landfill each year.

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

CALENDAR
Sunday June 2. FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
Sunday June 9. Feast of Pentecost, 50th and last day of Easter-time. WE celebrate Confirmation, the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.
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.

JACARANDA AGED CARE CHURCH SERVICE
Monday 3rd June from 2pm. All welcome

ROSTER—PENTECOST SUNDAY 9th June
Leader: Di Eagle
First Reading: Amber Foster
Second Reading: Robert Chiswell
Offertory Procession: Sera Fuoco, Chen Cavallaro & Georgina Cory
SERVERS for PENTECOST MASS
Cross: Rustyn McCarthy
Candles: Ella Briggs & Katie Hawkes
Book: Sumah Foster
EXTRA SERVER: Abby/Megan Collihole

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS Pentecost Sunday / 8th & 9th June 2019

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Responsorial: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:8-17
Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26



	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		Mary Jackson	Nicholas Mataele	Christine Slattery	G Schmidt	As per roster above	Jeanette Ellis	June 30th
Music		Filipino Group M Issanchon	M Guthrie All welcome	M Sullivan J Macri / J Ljubic		Guitar		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
Offertory		Baptism	Baptism			As per roster above	Vicki McCarthy	
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		As per roster above	Volunteer Please	
Eucharist Ministers		Maria Cirillo	Jill Joslyn	Bernadette Avery	R Barbary	As per roster above	Vicki McCarthy	
		Christine Carmichael	Lisa Cirillo	Trish Cirillo		As per roster above	Val McCarthy	
		Ellen Frauenfelder	Laurie Fry	Jeena Jose		As per roster above		
		Jacinda Deacon	Judy Webster	Clem Carlucci		As per roster above		
		Katy Quinlan	Jean Rocca	Vittorio Carlucci		As per roster above	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
		Vince Pileggi	Bobby Castillo	Volunteer please		As per roster above	Sr Carmel Setford	
		Volunteer please				FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team		TEAM 9	GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993			L Grivec / A Njegovan		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement				As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	