

# 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	9.15AM GRADE 1 & 4
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: Jim Meehan

Sunday 9am: Maria Simonetta (Petrolo) (20 year anniversary),  
 Maria Cavallo

Sunday 5pm: Elisabetta Pollifrone

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

### MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Aug.19<sup>th</sup> David & Tom McCarthy,  
 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. Dominico Pezzaniti

*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

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 18th & 19th August 2018

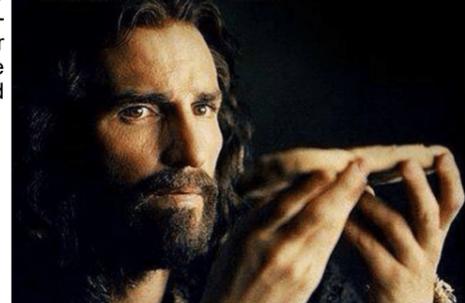
In this week's gospel passage, we continue our reflection on John 6. John's gospel was written towards the end of the first century. The Bread of Life discourse probably reflects the interpretation of the gospel writer rather than the actual words of Jesus. This is important for making sense of statements in the discourse that would seem to be out of place from the lips of Jesus during his lifetime. The hearers of these words have lived and worshipped as followers of Jesus for some decades. They have gathered each week for the breaking of the bread and reflected deeply on the mystery of the Word made flesh, the mystery of life in Christ.

If there were eucharistic overtones subtly present in last week's gospel passage (John 6:41-51), they become quite overt as the Johannine Jesus responds to yet another objection from his opponents in this week's gospel. Like the Israelites of old in the desert wanderings, these people are more than ready to grumble: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (6:52). Jesus does not really respond to the question "How...?" Rather, he goes on to tell those who want to hear that "life" for them depends on their eating his flesh and drinking his blood. The Johannine Jesus uses the present as well as the future tense. The life they experience in eating his flesh and drinking his blood is a present reality for them as well as a promise of on-going life. Life for the Israelites was in the blood: blood poured out meant life poured out. Clearly "life" is being used in John 6 for the quality of life the believers have come to experience through their incorporation into the community of the baptised, the sort of life that is not destroyed by death.

Life in the community unites the believers intimately with Jesus as well as with the God of Israel, whom the Johannine Jesus generally calls "Father". The first reading for today reminds us that other metaphors such as Wisdom were available to those of Jewish heritage for imaging the divine. Wisdom is a female way of imaging the divine. In John's discourse, Jesus becomes Wisdom extending an invitation to the banquet of life. We keep accepting that invitation. It is well to remember that one never enjoys a banquet alone. It is always shared with others who accept the same invitation. In the strength of the sustenance we receive in this banquet, we are also invited to bring a quality of life to all beings that struggle to exist, the human and the other-than-human. The potential for this is as boundless as the generosity of our God "enfleshed" in Jesus.

Veronica Lawson rsm

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.  
 -Jesus in John 6:51**



# 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.*

**Marian Calf, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine, Brunner, Hailey Crossan**

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018

Parents of children in Grade 5 who celebrated First Eucharist last year are reminded that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on the weekends of the **Saturday 3rd November 6pm and Saturday 10th November 6pm and Sunday 11th November 9am.**

The **Parent Information Evening** will be held at Sacred Heart Church **Wednesday 10th of October 7:00pm – 8:00pm.**



#### Parents *must* attend this evening

All families should have received the Registration Form and relevant information pertaining to Confirmation. Should you require further information please contact the Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm on 5021 2872.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 22nd August 7.30pm, Monaghan Centre.

## Community Life & Outreach

### SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will lunch at the Gol Gol Hotel on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August at Noon. All welcome to join us. Please let Kit or Jim O'Brien know your intentions on 50214901.



### INDIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Last Sunday's celebration organised by the Indian Community was a wonderful occasion for all who participated.

Our Parish is extremely grateful to the Community for the planning and preparation of the Mass which not only celebrated the Indian National Day, but

was also a beautiful anticipation of the Feast of the Assumption. Thank you all very much.  
Fr. Michael



### THANK YOU

To those who attended the Information Session on Powers of Attorney and Advance Directive Care.

Allie Collyer from Mallee Family Care has kindly offered to host another session on **15th November.** Further details in coming weeks.

### 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

### CATHOLIC IDENTITY

An invitation is extended to all who desire to educate their children within a Catholic-Christian context.

Gina Bernasconi is an Education Officer—Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI). To be held on Thursday 30th August at 6pm in the Monaghan Centre. A light meal will be provided.

Please RSVP to Parish Office on 5021 2872 by 27th August.



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS –SPRING EDITION** is available today. Please take your copy for some interesting reading in this special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition. Eg "Women Pioneer New Models of Church"! You may get some ideas for our Plenary Council discussions!



### RETREAT ON EUCHARIST, THE WORD OF GOD & THE PASSION OF OUR LORD FOR HEALING

Sacred Heart Church

Sat. 15th September— Wed.19th September

With Fr Gilbert Carlo, Divine Word Missionaries

Sept 15/16—Homily at weekend masses

Sept 17—7pm—9pm

Sept 18—7pm—9pm

Sept 19—6pm-6.45pm Confession, 7pm— Concluding Mass with Reflection.

Please see flyers on notice boards for further information.

### MANY THANKS TO LYN WELSH

Who organised a Basic First Aid Kit which includes water, towels, etc for those who feel faint, nausea etc while at Mass.



A kit was given to each Church: Mildura, Red Cliffs, Merbein and Irymple.

### SUNRAYSIA PLANNED GIVING

New Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection.

Your statement of receipt is for the period 3/9/2017 to 12/8/2018.

The new Planned Giving year commences on the weekend 1st & 2nd September.

If you notice any inconsistencies with your statement or if you would like to be part of the Planned Giving program please contact Carmel at the Parish Office 5021 2872.

A special thank you to the working bee party of 12 parishioners who helped prepare the statements and new envelopes last Thursday.



### MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1482.25</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$3325.25</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 647.05</b>
<b>Monaghan Centre</b>	<b>\$ 127.00</b>
<b>The Shared Table</b>	<b>\$ 111.50</b>

# 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.*

**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**



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

### WHILE FR PAT IS AWAY

Scriptures: Monday—Friday 9.30am

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, Aug 19:** 50th Anniversary Celebrations  
**Thursday Aug 23:** St Vincent de Paul meeting 7pm, School Hall  
**Sunday, Aug 26:** Parish AGM, after 10am Mass.  
**Sunday Sep 2:** Father's Day  
**Monday Sep 10:** Jacaranda Village Aged Care Service 2pm. All welcome.

Today we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

We especially welcome Bishop Paul Bird and Fr Michael as well as our invited guests and returning parishioners.

### TRADING TABLE

Because the Parish AGM is after Mass next Sunday, August 26, there will be no Trading Table this month. Proceeds from the August Trading Table usually go towards the Fund to support retired priests. This year, the September Trading Table will go towards this excellent purpose.

### NEXT SUNDAY—PARISH AGM

Our Parish AGM will be held next Sunday, 26th August after the 10am Mass. CUPPA and a plate to share after meeting. If anyone would like Items for discussion, please contact Carmel Russo on 5021 2872 so they can be placed on the Agenda.

### RED CLIFFS PARISH YOUTH AND THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, October 21. After the Mass there will be a parish barbecue. And after that, I'm hoping that our youth will settle down in the School Hall to discuss where the Catholic Church in Australia needs to be heading. *PJF*

The Executive Officer of the Committee preparing for the Plenary Council, Ms Lana Turvey Collins will be in our Diocese in October, and will be visiting Mildura on Friday 12th October. Further details in coming weeks.

### FATHER FLANAGAN AWAY

I go to my sister's in Port Macquarie tomorrow, and then to my twin sister's in Sydney. I will be back here in time to watch Richmond claim its second AFL flag in a row (3 more to follow). *PJF*

### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$304.15</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$327.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$104.05</b>

### 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.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7pm in the school library. Children must be in Grade 4 or above. Parents are expected to attend with their children. Preparation will continue each Thursday and Sunday. Reconciliation will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Janine Dannatt, Sacramental Coordinator Ph. 0419371284, prior to the first lesson. Janine will also need to have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

### SCHOOL NEWS

This term each class will take a turn in leading us in our Thursday morning parish Eucharist. We look forward to the next celebration led by Grades 1&4 on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.15am. August 30<sup>th</sup> Grades 3&5F and September 13<sup>th</sup> Grades Prep & 5B. Parents and parishioners are invited to join and acknowledge the effort the children and their teachers are making in their faith development.

### OUR PARISH MAGAZINE

The Mid-year edition of our Parish Magazine is available today. Many thanks to Bernadette Wells for her patience and persistent in the gathering of news items. It is becoming quite difficult to obtain relevant news so it has been decided that from next year there will be only one issue each year.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It was decided that every effort be made to involve as many parishioners as possible in giving their ideas to the Australian Plenary Council which will be held in 2020. It may seem a long time off but the final day for input of ideas is Ash Wednesday March 6, 2019 which is not very far away. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October Lana Turvey-Collins, who is the Plenary Council Facilitator, will be visiting Sunraysia to inform, encourage and inspire us to take part. All Parish Councillors are urged to attend her session in order to be well equipped to pass on correct information to others. Fr. Mick will have more details in general news closer to the date. It was also suggested that we use our Lay-led Assemblies as a time to discuss our ideas.

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$ 55.55</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$159.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 35.80</b>

## PLENARY COUNCIL AN INVITATION TO LISTEN

*Published: 15 August 2018*

The invitation of the Plenary Council 2020 to all Australians is an invitation to listen, writes Richard McMahon. Source: *Catholic Outlook*.

The temptation is to find a quiet corner, coffee in hand, and type in my response to the plenary question on my smart phone, sending it sailing into the iCloud heaven, hoping that my voice will sway the bishops to make some change to something I am not happy about.

I finish my coffee, and get on with my life. If things don't change, well, I tried my best to make a contribution, didn't I? Isn't that what Plenary is all about?

Yet when I listen more deeply to the Plenary invitation, I discover that it is firstly an invitation to listen. Let us "listen to what the Spirit is saying."

What a wonderful invitation we have received from the Bishops of Australia! This scripture passage, sitting as it does, underneath the logo of Plenary Council 2020, is at the heart of our engagement during this period of listening and dialogue for the Church in Australia.

While my current concerns are significant and should be voiced, what else is God speaking into my heart at this time? Am I able to come to a place of stillness and contemplation, and listen with the ear of my heart to what the Spirit is saying in my life. And am I willing to share this experience with others? Plenary is an invitation to listen and to dialogue. After all, the plenary question is "what do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

We accompany Jesus on this Plenary journey, and are invited into Gospel encounters. Who do we meet at the heart of the Gospel? Our family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. The Gospel people are today's people, experiencing the same hopes and joys, griefs and sorrows as those from centuries earlier.

In this time of privileged encounter, our bishops invite us to honour the stories we hold in our hearts and those we hear, by sharing the wisdom gleaned and questions raised. We are encouraged to raise our voices, to become a cloud of witnesses, sharing in the question of "what do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"



*Richard McMahon is director of pastoral planning, Parramatta Diocese*

### NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

#### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year 25th & 26th August 2018

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18  
 Responsorial: Ps 33:2-3, 16-23  
 Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32  
 Gospel: John 6:60-69



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	Gary Huxtable	Narie Lewis	Vince Muscatello	J Kearney	J Vines M Bell / J Cameron	N Prevedello	<b>August 26th</b> Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Music	M Hammond	Sacred Heart Choir M Faingaanuku	Youth Group M Sullivan/M Issanchon		Tongan Choir		
Offertory		Baptism			L Bugno	Dannatt Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Aidan Ban		<b>September 30th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Anna Vartuli	Jacinta Macri	M Hill	J & N Monteleone	Evaine Kremor	
	Christine Carmichael	Sara Visona	Paula Cox		K & E Romeo	Natalie Besgrove	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Juliet Cresp	Jennifer Boord				<b>October 28th</b> Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
	Jacinda Deacon	Louise Belej	Reni Cheriyan		C Russo		
	Katy Quinlan	Nancy Leonardis	Wendy Finn		J Strangio	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Volunteer please	Elina Garreffa	Tony Finn		M Suppa	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	<b>November 25th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
		Maryanne Modica			FLOWERS Di Eagle		
Counting Team	TEAM 8	TREVOR AUST 5023 6597			C Markham/D Eagle		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	