

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: Lena LaBozzetta (Melbourne-mother of Rosemary Reichaldt)

Anniversaries: Elisabetta Polifrone

Sunday 9am: Dennis Ryan (Mary McFadyen's son)

Sunday 5pm: Robert Brian Hogarth, Agatha & William Lakey

Saturday 9.30am: Pasquale Musolino (30 day Mass)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Barry Mayes, Gwen O'Connor

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Aug. 18th Kathleen Nicolaou; 19th David McCarthy.

Mass is being offered today for Tom and David McCarthy

(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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 17th & 18th August 2019

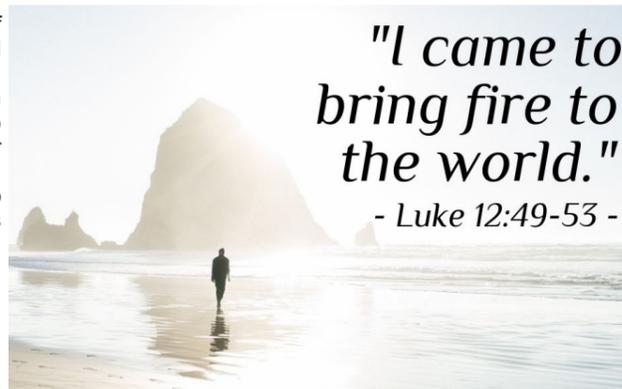
There is a sense of urgency in today's gospel. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed in 3:16 takes effect. Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God's people (Acts 2:18-19). Those who have experienced the effect of the all too frequent bush fires in Australia or the wild fires of California can appreciate the power of this image. Climate change is undoubtedly increasing the risk of destructive fires. Drier conditions wither plant life that then becomes fuel for the fires. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake.

Linked with the image of fire is that of water: Jesus has a "baptism with which to be baptized". Once more, a sense of urgency is expressed as the power of water is evoked. Like fire, water has power to destroy and power to save. Fire and water become metaphors for the hard won gospel path to peace. Jesus seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (Luke 1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the families they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be?

The Lukan Jesus is almost certainly describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that

other members of the family find hard to accept. This is not an easy text to understand or even to accept. We need to struggle with its ambiguity.

Veronica
Lawson rsm



*"I came to
bring fire to
the world."*

- Luke 12:49-53 -

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

RCIA 2019 –2020

We are presently enrolling the names of those who would like to be part of the next RCIA Program. Parishioners are asked to direct anyone they know of who is interested in becoming a member of our Catholic Community to enrol their names at the Parish Office.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019

The Parent Information Evening will be held at Sacred Heart Church on **Wednesday 9th of October** at 7pm.

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.

Confirmation Dates for 2019:

Sat 9th Nov 6pm; Sun 10th Nov 9am;

Sat 16th Nov 6pm; Sun 17th Nov 9am

Community Life & Outreach

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Are having a spud bake lunch at Lyn & Colin Welsh 16 Westside Blv on Sunday August 25th at 12.0 clock. Please bring a sweet to share and let Lyn or Colin your intentions on 50231356.

All welcome to join us.

MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2019

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 18th August.

Holy Mass at 9am.

Free food and soft drinks will be provided after the mass.

All welcome.

Organised by the Kerala Community



PLENARY COUNCIL

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #6

How is God calling us to be a Christ- centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal.

Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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: Lorna Kearney, Tess Kerr, Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, 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, 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

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Our Communion to the Sick list continues to grow in all parishes. If you have a family member who is house bound, in hospital or aged care and they would like to receive communion. We will organise a short training session for new ministers after a weekend Mass. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 or see Fr James.



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

New envelopes will be available to collect from the weekend 31st August/1st September. This will be the final year of the three

year cycle. If you need to update your contact details —telephone numbers, email address or residential or postal address please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office by **Friday 23rd August**.

Aid to the Church in Need is an international Catholic Charity that supports suffering and persecuted Christians. Currently over 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely



Aid to the Church in Need

exercise their faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries. The primary work of *Aid to the Church in Need* is focussed on providing spiritual and pastoral support to keep the Catholic faith alive. We support projects at the request of bishops and religious superiors who have nowhere else to turn. We invite you to stay informed by receiving news from the suffering Church. Visit www.aidtochurch.org and click 'subscribe'. If you prefer to receive our newsletter via post, call **1800 101 201** during business hours to arrange.

ACN AUSTRALIA

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. **SAVE THE DATE.**



PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT - Sacred Heart Church

Fr. Rojan George VC

of the Vincentian Retreat Centre

Mon 28th October: 6.30pm—9.00 pm,

Tues 29th October: 6.30 pm—9.00 pm

Wed 30th October : 6.30pm—9.00 pm

Jer 17:14 Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise. **All welcome to one or all sessions.**

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Lord, come to my aid!

AUGUST 19: WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

World humanitarian Day is a day of hope and of encouragement. When we look at the world news we can easily believe that respect for human life and dignity is a lost cause. We read that in Afghanistan the opposing sides had actually to sign an agreement not to bomb schools, in the United States hundreds of children are locked up in crowded camps awaiting deportation, that mosques and churches are bombed in many nations. We also hear appalling stories of abuse of children, the exploitation of the elderly and the neglect of the poor in our own neighbourhoods.

In the face of all this bad news, it is encouraging to realise that so many people and organisations refuse to accept that any human beings are expendable and give their heart, their energies and their voices to support strangers who are in need. They visit the sick, run clinics in neglected villages, nurse victims of war and famine, protest against the brutality of governments and demand respects for the human rights of the despised. World humanitarian day is an opportunity to celebrate the goodness of so many generous people. It reminds us also of the goodness of ordinary people and of the sacrifices they make to support others. It encourages us not to give up on the human race.

We can also be encouraged by because the diversity of the backgrounds and the motivation of people who put themselves out to help and support people who are in need. We are reminded of how much we have in common with colleagues with whose ideas we may disagree. We find ourselves humbled by their goodness. Many of us who attend rallies for refugees or concerts for sick children find ourselves surrounded by the banners of Christians from different churches, of Buddhists, Muslims, LGBT people, vegans, unionists, lawyers, humanists, and by so many people who march under no particular banner. We are united by a common dedication to humanity.

At Jesuit Social Services we are constantly inspired to find that the diversity of our religious background and experience flows into a common passion to accompany people who are vulnerable and into gratitude for the community that we form. That is the highest tribute to the Christian tradition that we have inherited.

Underlying Humanitarian Day is the conviction that each human being is precious, not because of the groups they belong to, nor because of their race, gender, wealth, good deeds, intelligence and good fortune, but simply because they are human. Because we depend on one another for life and prosperity we recognise that we also have a responsibility for one another to look out for one another, and to ensure that all people are protected by the rule of law and have access to food, shelter, medical care, education and opportunity to contribute to society.



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

| Last week's collections | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
|--|-----------|----------|------------|
| 1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$1356.80 | \$ 90.25 | \$276.95 |
| 2nd Collection (includes all EFT) | \$3117.50 | \$209.00 | \$301.75 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 519.50 | \$ 27.85 | \$190.05 |



THE STORY Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counselled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

UNPLANNED

WALLIS CINEMAS MILDURA
WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 6:30 PM
93 Deakin Ave, Mildura VIC 3500

\$20.00 AUD Admission + \$2.00 booking fee = \$22.00
Hosted by FanForce. For the screening of Unplanned, 72 tickets need to be sold before 30th August, 10:00 am.
<https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-wallis-cinemas-mildura/>

PLENARY COUNCIL – the next step

The six themes for the Plenary Council invite us, the People of God, to consider how we are called 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

We are invited to organise *Listening & Discernment Groups* coordinated by Parish Leaders with the aim of prayerfully reflecting on each of these themes. These Parish Leaders will receive information and direction through **Formation Sessions** to be held in Mildura, at the Sacred Heart Parish Office on **Monday 19th August at 6pm and Tuesday 20th of August at 9.30am.**

In the coming weeks, some of you will be approached to lead these groups, and to attend one of the above mentioned formation sessions. My suggestion is that we form at least 6 groups (12 would be even better) who will take one of the themes each as their particular focus. The groups might choose to meet only once, or they may decide that more than one meeting is necessary – that will be the decision of each group.

I invite you to generously consider your commitment if you are approached to lead a group.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS:

Please remember to turn off the lights when leaving a room. If it is bright outside, think about if we need to turn the lights on at all. If we all do this, we will reduce our energy costs.

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

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place during the month of August commencing on Thursday August 8th from 7-8 pm and continue at the same time each Thursday until 29th August when the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated. These meetings will take place in the Church. Families are also asked to attend Mass at 10.30am on Sundays August 11th, 18th, 25th so that the children can continue with their preparation. These children will then be able to take part in the Sacramental Programs next year when they will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

REGIONAL GATHERING

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Regional Gathering last Sunday and a special thank you to those who contributed food for what resulted in a delicious lunch. Thank you also to Narelle for her generosity in setting up and providing the school for our venue. An immediate action as a result of this gathering is for those who are willing to lead a local discussion group, on any one of the topics listed in this Sunday Bulletin re the Plenary Council, to attend an information session on either Monday 19th August at 6pm in the Parish Office Mildura or Tuesday 20th August at 10am in at the Sacred Heart Parish Meeting room. To ensure that Merbein is represented would those who are willing to lead a group please give your name to Sr. Carmel after Mass today.

SCHOOL NEWS

The next term class Mass with the Parish on Thursday morning at 9.15am will take place on August 29th with children from Yrs. 5, 6F & 6L. A shared morning tea in the Multi-Purpose Room will take place immediately after Mass to which parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Mindful Monday. A 'Mindful Monday' session will run each Monday morning, and will give all students the opportunity to practice mindfulness before they start their school week. The following video 'Introduction to Mindfulness', provides an overview of mindfulness and explains the associated benefits: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sceq4mtZhl>

WEEKDAY MASSES

Scriptures Monday to Saturday at 9.30am in the church.

CALENDAR

Sunday 18th August: Lay Led Liturgy
Sunday 1st September: Father's Day
Monday 2nd September: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Church Service from 10.30am. All welcome.
Sunday 13th October: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
Sunday 3rd November: Remembrance Day Mass

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We remember throughout our prayer today Fr Pat's sister Gwen O'Connor who died Friday.

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the month, so Cuppa & Trading Table after Mass. The trading Table is regularly running short of goods to sell. Things like fudge and biscuits sell very quickly. Our Trading Table for August becomes part of our contribution to the Priests' Retirement Fund. Please support this generously. Last year Red Cliffs Parish's contribution to this Appeal was embarrassingly small.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. We welcomed two new members: Tom Gardiner & Chris Tassone.
2. Still waiting on information in regards to the Church ceiling.
3. A working bee is going to be organised in the coming weeks. Details in next weeks bulletin.
4. Our next Youth Mass will be held on 10th November.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / 24th & 25th August 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Responsorial: Ps 116
Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



| | Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 11am | 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 |
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| Leader / Reader | | Katy Quinlan | Laurie Fry | Barb Kelly | M Hill | C Russo D Eagle / T Gardiner | Nancy Prevedello |
| Music | | Filipino Group M Issanchon | Singing Group M Sullivan | M Hammond J Macri / J Ljubic | | Tongan Choir | |
| Offertory | | Baptism | Baptism | | | N Orr | |
| Altar Servers | | Volunteer please | Volunteer please | Volunteer please | | GROUP 5 E Papanicolaou | Volunteer Please |
| Eucharist Ministers | | Anne-Maree Greville | Jean Rocca | Katrina Groves | R Hill | C Cavallaro | Sr Carmel Setford |
| | | Taiana Fatai | Bobby Castilo | Judy Hall | | M Cavallaro | Lisa Ryan |
| | | Margaret McDonald | Talia Faingaanuku | Myrna Rodi | OASIS AGED CARE | J Divola | LAY-LED LEADERS Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston |
| | | Paul Kerr | Michael Faingaanuku | Maree Irvin | G Schmidt | CUPPA'S C Russo T Hill | |
| | | Anita Naray | Nancy Fatai | Sue Hermans | | | CHAFFEY AGED CARE Kay Wagner Val McCarthy |
| | | Ryan O'Callagan | Peter O'Donnell | Naomi Kennedy | LAY LITURGY LEADERS | FLOWERS D Eagle | |
| Counting Team | | TEAM 10 | BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099 | | | C Markham/D Eagle | As per arrangement |
| Church Cleaning | | As per arrangement | | | As per arrangement | C Dichiera | As per arrangement |