

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 34

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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

WERRIMULL 11:00AM (LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

MILDURA

Recent Deaths: Sean McKinnon

Anniversaries:

Sunday 9am: Ilario Dimasi, Annamma Joseph, Rosina Pezzano

Sunday 5pm:

Wednesday 9.15am: Joseph Grivec (30th anniversary), Joseph & Tony Habjan

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Lance Davis, Rosina Pezzano, Domenico Mamnone

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Aug. 25th Dominico Pezzaniti

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

PLEASE NOTE
SACRED HEART CHURCH THURSDAY 29TH
AUGUST 9.15AM MASS IS CANCELLED.

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 24th & 25th August 2019

Some people seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement. They put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of over-indulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who put themselves first will often find themselves last in that they are tolerated at best rather than welcomed into most circles.

As Jesus moves from town to town on his way to Jerusalem, "someone" puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: "Are only the few saved?" Jesus treats this as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. The questioner rightly assumes that God is the one who saves. Jesus responds with a reminder that God's saving action cannot be taken for granted. One must "strive to enter the narrow door". Hard work is involved in ensuring that God's saving power is there for God's world.

While the question comes from one person, Jesus' response is "to them". The insistence of people in the crowd that they have eaten with him may suggest they are among those who have been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus' table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). The text makes it clear that they have heard his teaching: "You taught in our streets".

Jesus' reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kin-dom belongs to Israel's ancestors and to all the prophets. Jesus' assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, "from east and west and north and south", might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as "first" in the schema of salvation.

Those who share in the banquet in God's kin-dom, the "saved", have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the "narrow door". Entry is by no means restricted to Israel's forebears. It belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or "salvation" of outsiders will cause grief among "evil-doers". These flawed individuals include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God's reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the "door" to salvation may be "narrow", the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God, to those who "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (8:15).

Veronica Lawson rsm

**Enter Through the
Narrow Door**



Luke 13:22-30

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish community Dallas Caristo, Salih & Sahin Kisla, Vincenzo Cirillo, Tobenna Ilozue whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 28th August 7.30pm, Monaghan Centre.

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.

WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our next Werrimull Mass bus trip followed by lunch at the Pub will be held on Sunday 29th September. For bookings please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Don't forget to collect a copy of Australian Catholics Spring edition 2019.

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

THANK YOU

On behalf of my family, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for the kindness and support that has been offered to my family over the past week following the death of my nephew Sean. Sean will be buried from Our Lady Help of Christians Church East Warrnambool next Friday. Once again, thanks for your prayers and words of support.

Fr Michael

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, residential or postal address please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office by **Friday 23rd August**.



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.**



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.9 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$47,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

THE SECRETIVE BUSINESS OF DETENTION DIRTY WORK

If you're not burdened by a conscience, it's a perfect get-rich-quick scheme: offer 'garrison' services to governments reluctant to get their hands dirty. Ensure the vulnerable people you 'manage' are hidden away, and demonised by bigoted politicians and right-wing commentators. Hire cheap labour, minimise your tax, and make millions.

Paladin, the Australian company running the now-dwindling immigration facilities in Lorengau, Manus Island, is a prime example: with limited experience and a shadowy record, this small outfit has been earning \$20m per month, pocketing most of it.

On its website, Paladin says it works in 'challenging environments' to 'manage risk' and 'reduce client exposure'. Translation: *we'll take the heat off you*. This secretive company won the Manus Island contract in a controversial closed tender process. Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton has said he had no hand in the \$530m deal, which is now the subject of two probes.

Australia's use of Manus Island as an offshore detention base is being quietly wound down, thanks to pressure from the Papua New Guinean government. But around 350 asylum seekers remain in PNG, their daily lives managed and monitored by private contractors. Paladin oversees the 120-odd remaining men who've been detained on Manus Island for six years. The company has presided over a regime of despair, with over 70 reported suicide attempts or self-harm incidents since the federal election.

Paladin guards also oversee the Granville Motel, Citi Boutique and Lodge 10 in Port Moresby, where many asylum seekers are housed. The men held at Citi Boutique are subject to strict curfews and arbitrary rules. At the Granville, where sick men await medical treatment, there have been several suicide attempts, and an asylum seeker was assaulted during an armed holdup in July.

Last week, on 12 August, some 50 asylum seekers were moved from Manus to the new Australian-funded Bomana Immigration Centre, part of a Port Moresby prison complex, in an arrangement refugee advocates fear will be indefinite. The facility is run by Controlled Outcomes, which is jointly owned by Australian security firm C5 and PNG company Tactical Solutions International. While Home Affairs denies any involvement in awarding the multi-million dollar Bomana contract, Australian government officials were present when the tenders were assessed.

On Monday 19 August the PNG government offered the asylum-seekers who remain on Manus Island voluntary relocation to Port Moresby, where they've been promised 'residential accommodation' and healthcare. At the time of writing (20 August), most of the men look set to accept the offer, but they remain wary about their safety and prospects on the mainland.

'It's not safe in Port Moresby. Many refugees have been attacked and robbed there,' says Shamindan Kanapathi (pictured), a 28-year-old Sri Lankan Tamil currently housed in Manus Island's West Lorengau facility. He says most of the asylum seekers have agreed to relocate because they fear the alternative.

'They are afraid that if they do not go to [Port Moresby] they will be harassed and eventually the police force will be used, [as] happened in Lombrum.' When the Lombrum Naval Base on Manus Island was closed after a PNG High Court ruling in 2017, the camp came under attack from angry locals and shots were fired. Food and water were cut off before the 600 detainees were forcibly relocated to the Lorengau facilities.

As Kurdish-Iranian asylum seeker and journalist Behrouz Boochani points out, Paladin is just one of many companies to have profited handsomely from perpetuating human misery in Nauru and Papua New Guinea. The roster includes Broadpectrum (formerly Transfield), G4S, Wilson Security, International Health and Medical Services, Pacific International Hospital, Applus Wokman (formerly JDA), Kingfisher and NKW Holdings. Despite scant experience, Brisbane construction firm Canstruct International, a Liberal party donor, scored contracts worth \$591m to run Nauru's offshore immigration facility, without having to tender.

Collectively, these companies have presided over 12 deaths, numerous suicide attempts, riots and murder, assaults and brutal bashings, reports of child abuse and child rape, sexual assaults, sexual coercion, widespread mental illness and severe

trauma, self-immolation, substandard medical care, and a recent typhoid outbreak. Many staff also suffer, becoming burnt out and desensitised. Others stand accused of sexual crimes and violence against detainees.

'People are at the centre of what we do,' boasts Paladin's website. Damn right they are: it's an industry based on human suffering. And it's global in scale. Governments worldwide are outsourcing the running of prisons, detention centres and migrant internment camps to predatory private companies with vested interests in keeping these hellholes full and profitable.

Immigration 'facilities' are shadowlands, closed to public scrutiny. Many of the companies running them have been accused of unethical or criminal behaviour, including fraud, inflating invoices, underpaying staff and covering up sexual abuse. And the trouble's not just offshore. UK-based multinational Serco — which runs mainland prisons and detention centres in Australia, and ran the Christmas Island facility — has come under fire for the abuse of child detainees and sexual assaults on female asylum seekers in the UK, and was recently fined £23m for fraud and false accounting; locally, Serco has been accused of using excessive force on detainees. A former Paladin company director has been charged with fraud and money laundering, and an ex-employee alleges the company engaged in deceptive conduct and bullying. In his 2013 book *Profits of Doom*, journalist Antony Loewenstein puts this brand of 'vulture capitalism' under the microscope.

'These corporations principally care about making money and not providing the best care for refugees and the most vulnerable. It's why they're wholly unsuitable to get these contracts,' says Loewenstein.

Our punitive immigration detention regime costs Australian taxpayers billions. In outsourcing it, the federal government has been following an old dictum: if something stinks, best hold it at arm's length. But bad smells tend to linger. The government and its corporate partners stand accused of illegal imprisonment and crimes against humanity, including torture and persecution, over their treatment of detainees. 'Every single company that has taken on these toxic contracts has been implicated in abuses,' says Keren Adams, legal director of the Human Rights Law Centre.

'That's the very nature of the system.'

Despite offshore detention on Manus Island being quietly wound down, the asylum seekers who remain in PNG face ongoing uncertainty about the future, and a legacy of ill health and trauma as a direct result of Australia's immigration policies. 'It's been six years. We've lost the best part of our lives,' says Shamindan Kanapathi. In that time, he's watched his fellow detainees go from strong, healthy men to sick, vulnerable ones. 'This systematic torture has completely destroyed us. Most of the men [have] lost their hope ... they want to end their lives.'

A lifelong animal lover, Shamindan has befriended Manus Island's camp dogs and aspires to train as a vet. 'We could have been doing something progressive with our lives, instead of being tortured here,' he says.

There are some positive signs: offshore detainee numbers have dwindled, and Home Affairs deputy secretary Cheryl-Anne Moy has said many companies avoid immigration detention contracts because they attract 'too much noise'. Refugee advocates have helped boost the signal, as have some former staff. Broadpectrum/Transfield and Wilson Security left the industry after activist campaigns, and public pressure eventually saw children removed from offshore detention.

But Australia's immigration regime is still inflicting unconscionable suffering, and private companies are still reaping the profits. Adults and children remain imprisoned in our mainland detention centres, where there have been three suicides in recent months, while desperate people on Manus Island swallow razor blades and set themselves on fire. On Nauru, despite the change to an 'open centre', hundreds of people remain effectively trapped in substandard camps. The new Bomana facility in Port Moresby operates like a prison: on entry the detainees had to surrender their phones and medication, and were told not to leave their rooms.

These deadly places are mostly run by private companies, who make millions of dollars from perpetuating human suffering. Whether off or onshore, Australia's immigration detention regime is leaving a legacy of damaged children, traumatised adults, and broken lives. To deter these corporate predators from cashing in on further horror — and to prevent successive Australian governments from outsourcing the blame — more noise is urgently needed. *Meg Mundell is a Melbourne-based writer and social researcher.*

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1387.00	\$ 90.25	\$176.95
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2811.50	\$209.00	\$300.75
Loose Plate	\$ 548.30	\$ 27.85	\$ 36.00

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

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation has taken place over the past weeks and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for these nine children and their families will be celebrated next Thursday night at 7pm. 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. Special thanks to Jannine Dannatt, Fr. James and the school staff for their support and participation in the program.

SCHOOL NEWS

The next term class Mass with the Parish is next Thursday morning at 9.15am - 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.

Staff of OLSH took part in Professional Development based around Catholic Social Teaching and what this means for us as a catholic school. Catholic Social Teaching works on seven principles that underpin the way we hope to act and live as people of faith. The day gave us a better understanding not only of why we should act in a charitable way but why we do this. This is a link that we hope to make clearer to the students as they move through their primary schooling.

Father's Day Breakfast.

Friday next week is our special Father's Day Breakfast! This is a great chance for dads, grandads and special friends to come along and share breakfast with their children before heading off to work. Breakfast will be served from 7.45am, but I'm sure there will be some bacon and eggs ready just before that if dads are in a hurry! There is also coffee, tea, cereal and juice available. Please order your bacon and egg rolls on the CDF Pay site, along with your child's order, under their name.

Mindful Monday. A 'Mindful Monday' session will continue to 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 1st September: Father's Day
Sunday 1st September: Lay Led Liturgy
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

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE-TODAY

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.



REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS cont.

PLENARY COUNCIL – the next step

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Regional Gathering last Monday night as part of the next phase of preparation for the Plenary Council. In this phase, we are continuing to listen to what the Spirit is saying as we move from listening and dialogue, into listening and discernment. This is a process of communal discernment, rather than individual discernment. As such we are called to work together as a group. As the Holy Spirit guides the Church in Australia, all are welcome to participate and discern together.

The next meeting will be held on Monday evening September 9th, 6pm in the Hillman Room, Sacred Heart Presbytery.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / 31st Aug / 1st Sep 2019

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



	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
Leader / Reader	Father's Day St Pauls School	Father's Day Lyn Welsh	Father's Day Bill Dolence	Father's Day D Knight	J Vines A Higham / P Hunt		Sr Carmel Setford
Music	Father's Day St Pauls School	Father's Day Italian Choir/M Sullivan	Youth Group Soane Fatai		Guitar		
Offertory	St Pauls School	Joy Morvell			LAY LED LITURGY		Dannatt Family
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP		Volunteer Please
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Greg Johnston	Mario Zema	P Riordan	M Dominelli		Kay Wagner
	Christine Carmichael	Gina Raiti	Josie Zema				Michael Breewel
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Anna Vartuli	Bernadette Avery	OASIS AGED CARE			LAY-LED LEADERS
	Jacinda Deacon	Sara Vioona	Trish Cirillo		CUPPA'S		
	Katy Quinlan	Juliet Cresp	Jeena Jose				
	Vince Pileggi	Louise Belej	Christine Slattery	LAY LITURGY LEADERS			CHAFFEY AGED CARE
		Nancy Leonardis			FLOWERS Volunteer		Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth
Counting Team	TEAM 1	GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918				G Brizzi/C Russo	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers		As per arrangement