

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 35

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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
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: Sr Theresa Cresp MSC (Melbourne), Marian Calf, Fr Peter Wood (MSC), Fr Thomas Brophy (Melbourne 92 years old)

ANNIVERSARIES: John Curran

Saturday 6pm: John & Helen Hrascenec, Perc Lunn

Sunday 8.30am Irymple: Dallas Keating

Sunday 9am: Patricia Farmer (25th anniversary), Carmelo Lando

Sunday 5pm:

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Domenico & Carmela Sergi, Carmel Duck

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: : Sept.5th John Crawford; 6th Antoinelle Burelli; 7th John Barling; 8th Mary Dorman.

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 1st & 2nd September 2018

After a lengthy detour over the past six weeks into the gospel of John with its focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life and the Bread of Wisdom, we return to Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity. The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. [It is worth noting that Mark's non-Jewish readers, at a later time and in another place, need to be given detailed information about certain Jewish traditions].

At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders. For the Markan Jesus, "the command of God" is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it. He offers a hard-hitting counter-critique of their attitude to law. He calls them "hypocrites" and informs them that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the "commandment of God" that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service, their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless! For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk 1:41-45). For Jesus, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity. For him as for all his people, the heart was the seat of the intellect and of morality as well as of the emotions. In the kin-dom of God, therefore, one's thoughts, desires, and intentions render one clean or unclean, not one's attention to hygiene. The latter is important of course, but is peripheral in the grand scheme of things. It is worth applying the criteria provided at the end of the passage to discover whether or not our "hearts" are near or distant from our God.

The real-life Pharisees of the first century were the respected teachers of God's law. It is imperative that stories such as we find in today's gospel are not used to denigrate the Jews or to pit Christianity over against Judaism. We have to keep reminding ourselves that time and again we are dealing with in-house debates between Jewish groups. Finally, this episode, with its attention to ritual washing, raises the issue of the right use of water, that precious earth element without which there would be no life at all on our planet. Plastic free July this year alerted many of us to the problem that the plastic bottling of water has brought to the future of life on our planet. It may be time to buy a "Keep Cup" and reaffirm our commitment to protecting God's creation.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS



Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

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.

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



May all the wonderful Dad's enjoy their special day surrounded by those you love

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.

RCIA 2018 – 19

Team Meeting, Thursday 6th September 7pm, Hillman Room.



ADVANCE NOTICE LAY LED LITURGY—IRYMPLE 16TH SEPTEMBER

ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 6th September 9.15am. All welcome

Community Life & Outreach

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 4th September 9am, Parish Office.

KERALA FLOOD APPEAL

Thank you to those who contributed to this appeal. Over \$1250 was raised last week. If you would still like to contribute, all donations can be left at the Parish Office.

SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA next Sunday 9th September

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, preserves, home baked and home crafted items.



All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.



All are most welcomed to share a cuppa, conversation and community.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

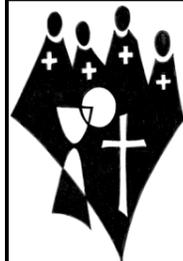
Prayer of the Church: Tues/ Wed/ Thurs/ Fri. 8:40am

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



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fifteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

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



NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Will be held on Friday 28th September at Sacred Heart Church from 11am. All most welcome to attend.

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.



SUNRAYSIA PLANNED GIVING

A final call to collect your new Planned Giving Envelopes and Statements before they are posted. If you can collect on behalf of family, friends or neighbours it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1310.75
2 nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3864.25
Loose Plate	\$ 577.15
Monaghan Centre	\$1252.95

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



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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, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

WHILE FR PAT IS AWAY
Scriptures: Monday—Friday 9.30am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
Sunday Sep 2: Father's Day
Monday Sep 10: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Service 2pm. All welcome.
Sunday Sep 16: Lay Led Assembly
Wednesday Sep 19: Parish Council meeting 7.30pm, School Hall.
Sunday Oct 7: Our Lady of the Rosary, 10am.
Sunday Oct 21: Prep & Grade 1 Mass.
Sunday Oct 28: Youth Mass & Parish BBQ

A huge thankyou to all who assisted and attended the St Joseph's 50th Anniversary celebration on Sunday 19th August. It was a huge success and many thanks go to Chen Cavallaro for coordinating the event along with her band of many helpers, Grace Brizzi for catering and with her wonderful crew of helpers and Mrs Janja Njegovan for the delicious cake.



ADVANCE NOTICE
Lay Led Liturgy on Sunday September 16th.

"Give Us Clean Hearts"

PREP—GRADE 1 CLASS MASS
On Sunday October 21, St Joseph's Preps-Grade 1s will join us in celebrating Mission Sunday. After Mass we will have the cuppa and trading table. Proceeds from the trading table will go towards Catholic Mission.



RED CLIFFS PARISH YOUTH AND THE PLENARY COUNCIL
Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, October 28. 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.



RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$255.20
2 nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$267.45
Loose Plate	\$ 83.45

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—after Mass next Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation has begun and will continue each Thursday night at 7pm in the school library and on Sunday morning at 10.30am Mass.

SCHOOL NEWS

Judging by the number of cars that were lined up along Box Street on Friday morning, the Fathers' Day Breakfast at the school was a great success. Congratulations to the staff and their helpers for the extra effort and early start they had to make for this event to be such a happy community building activity. Well done!

SEASON OF CREATION

Over the next 5 Sundays of the Season of Creation we will take a different theme. Today is Planet Earth Sunday – **When we look down on the Earth from space, we see this amazing, indescribably beautiful planet. It looks like a living, breathing organism. But it also at the same time, looks extremely fragile.** Since the release of *Laudato Si'*, the Prayer for Our Earth, has become the prayer we pray during the Season of Creation from September 1st – October 4, the feast of St. Francis, patron saint of ecology. You are invited to take part in this season by saying this prayer each day and to make this prayer your own, called as we are 'to take concrete steps to save the planet and the life it sustains.' Please take a prayer card home with you today.



YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED

Merbein District Historical Society has partnered with Lower Murray Water to develop the Merbein Community Art Trail as part of the Pick My Project Fund. We have been successful in having our project, **MERBEIN COMMUNITY ART TRAIL** costed at almost \$200,000, approved and progress to the public voting stage. Ultimately, securing the funding depends on the amount of public support our project receives from you all. Voting is online or by phone for those with **no** email address. **How to vote:** Voting closes on 17th September 2018 - Voters must be Victorian & Over 16 years and vote for 3 projects. <https://www.lmw.vic.gov.au/about-lower-murray-water/our-> For more information see the notice board or contact Bernadette Wells.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$105.70
2 nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$279.00
Loose Plate	\$ 46.35

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FEAST DAY OF ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA

The feast of Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be celebrated at St Michael's Buronga on Wednesday 5th September. Rosary at 5:30pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

Thank you

Three machines have been kindly donated to the Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy in Maucatar, East Timor. Many thanks, Sr Helen Nolen.



HIGH TEA

Lyn Welsh is organizing a High Tea to raise funds for the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation in Ethiopia. Funds raised will support the surgeries that the women need to be allowed to move back into their villages and lead a fulfilling life.



Where: 16 Westside Bvd on Saturday 16th September from 2pm. There will be bubbles, tea, coffee and lots of delicious afternoon tea, Lucky Door Prizes and raffle prizes. Please rsvp to Lyn 0448 231 350

Line-in Retreat for Couple—Divine Retreat Centre

28th, 29th & 30th September
At Pallotti College
80 McNamara's Road, Millgrove
\$250/per head
Enquiries: Ranesh 0433 549 167

TREES = LIFE FORUM

Tuesday 18th September 2018 with keynote speakers Sophie Thomson and Ben Kenyon. Thought provoking discussions about trees for our community, gardening and our natural environment. Tickets: \$40—full day 9am—3.15pm
\$20—half day 9am—1.10pm or 12.25pm—3.15pm
Purchase tickets online at: www.treeslifeforum.eventbrite.com.au

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY OF MILDURA Presents the following:

An Exhibition by creatives from the Italian Diaspora

28th September Opening 4pm
Gallery F—31-33 Deakin Avenue, Mildura
Open until 27 October
Free entry
For more information email: dantemildura@gmail.com

Gala Dinner

Saturday 29th September 2018
7pm start—Club Da Vinci
Italian Entertainment
3 course meal, drinks at bar prices
Tickets: \$55 for members, \$65 for non members
Bookings close 19th September 2018, available at the Mildura Art Centre phone 5018 8330
For further information email: dantemildura@gmail.com

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP

The next Werrimull Bus Trip will be held on Sunday 29th September.



To make a booking please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year 8th & 9th September 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7
Responsorial: Ps 145:7-10
Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!
Second Reading: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37



	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		Rosemary Barnes	Peter Issanchon	Barbara Bunting	K Modoo	D Eagle D Eagle/T Gardiner	L Olden	September 30th Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Music		Filipino Community N Armsden	M Sullivan Singing Group	Lam Duy J Ljubic/J Macri		Guitar		
Offertory						C Cavallaro	Wagner Family	
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Maddison Follett	Volunteer please	October 28th Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
Eucharist Ministers		Paul Kerr	Rini Op't Hoog	Myrna Rodi	G Schmidt	Elektra Papanicolaou	Pat Sylvia	
		Anita Naray	Cora Howell	Maree Irvin		Abby Collihole	Annette Lemon	
		Maria Cirillo	Narie Lewis	Sue Hermans		Megan Collihole		November 25th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
		Christine Carmichael	Renata Byra	Naomi Kennedy		G Brizzi		
		Ellen Frauenfelder	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Mario Zema		L Bugno	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
		Volunteer please	Sonia Opie	Josie Zema		J Cameron	Evaine Kremor	December 30th Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Counting Team		TEAM 10	BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099			B Gardner/S Williams		
Church Cleaning		As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Group 5-G Tassone	As per arrangement	