

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: Kit Coogan, Elizabeth Nairn

Anniversaries:

Sunday 8.30am: For All Soul's in Purgatory, John Curran, Dallas Keating

Sunday 5pm: Virginia Varacalli (10 year anniversary)

Wednesday 9.15am: M D Thomas

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Irene Balchin

Anniversaries: Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone, Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone, Adrianna Tassone

MERBEIN

Recent Death: Kit Coogan

Anniversaries: Sept. 8th Mary Dorman; 10th John Englefield, Irene Byrne, John Klaric; 14th Maris Murphy.

(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

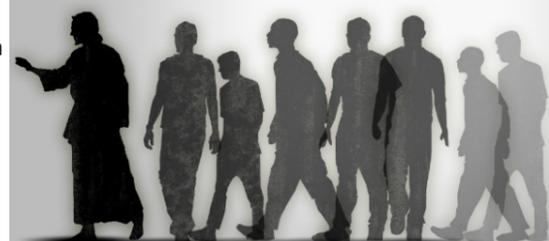
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 7th & 8th September 2019

On June 17 this year, the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development issued a letter about the Season of Creation. It noted that during this season Christians across six continents work to put into practice Pope Francis' encyclical on integral ecology, *Laudato Si'*, and "participate in community events to deepen their love for Creator, creation, and each other". As we move into the second week of the Season of Creation, we might renew our commitment to the gospel call to reverence for all that constitutes our planetary home.

As we turn to the gospel reading for today, we are confronted by the pain involved in living a way of life that respects the rights of all created beings. On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of others. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of their execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is thus shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted.

The term "hate" (*misein*) in this context seems harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or to the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside". Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message. Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In a time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others, or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth.

DISCIPLESHIP



Veronica Lawson
rsm

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



BAPTISM
We welcome into our Parish community **Patrick Catanzariti, Calais Mattson and Renay Akdemir** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS
We congratulate **Ashley Caminiti and Janan Karabas** who were married this weekend.




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

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
Monthly meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday September 9th, at 7.30pm. Executive members are asked to meet at 6.30pm, prior to the monthly meeting, please.

PLENARY COUNCIL
Next meeting will be held Monday 9th September 6.30pm in the Hillman Room.

FINANCE MEETING
Will be held on Tuesday 10th September 7.30am, Parish Office.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS Change of Date
Will now held on **Tuesday 17th September 1pm**. All welcome.

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP
Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September from 2pm. All welcome

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP
Will lunch at the Mildura Golf Resort twelfth St on Sunday the 8th September at 12.30pm. Please let Helen or John know your intentions on 0427441466 or 0419563055. All welcome to join us.

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Will be held in the Hillman room after the 6pm Mass Tuesday 10th September.



SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA this Sunday after 9am Mass
All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.
Cuppa in the Monaghan Centre as well. All welcome.

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: Peter Speed, Theresita Vy (Manilla), Lorna Kearney, Tess Kerr, Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Merbein: Martin Rogers, 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 Dy, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O'Connor, Joe Mammone

STEWARDSHIP—(Planned Giving Boxes Sacred Heart Church only)

For those parishioners who collected their new **boxed** envelopes last weekend can you please check that the envelope numbers match that to the number on the box and the receipt enclosed. There has been a mix up and if this affects you please call into the Sacred Heart Parish Office and your actual envelopes will be returned to you. Apologies for this error.



WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Sunday 29th September will be the final Werrimull Bus trip for 2019.

If you would like to attend Mass followed by lunch at the pub please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests
Last year our Sacred Heart Parish contributed \$2,385.50, St Joseph's Red Cliffs contributed \$317.00 and Our Lady's Merbein contributed \$45.50 to this collection, which raised nearly \$47,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in the three Parishes this year has raised \$979.70 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".



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

CANCELLED

PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT - Sacred Heart Church
Fr. Rojan George VC
of the Vincentian Retreat Centre

This retreat advertised recently for the end of October has now been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

EXCERPTS FROM POPE FRANCIS' RECENT MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

"And God saw that it was good" (*Gen 1:25*). God's gaze, at the beginning of the Bible, rests lovingly on his creation. From habitable land to life-giving waters, from fruit-bearing trees to animals that share our common home, everything is dear in the eyes of God, who offers creation to men and women as a precious gift to be preserved.

Tragically, the human response to this gift has been marked by sin, selfishness and a greedy desire to possess and exploit. Egoism and self-interest have turned creation, a place of encounter and sharing, into an arena of competition and conflict. In this way, the environment itself is endangered: something *good* in God's eyes has become something to be *exploited* in human hands...

In effect, we have forgotten who we are: creatures made in the image of God (cf. *Gen 1:27*) and called to dwell as brothers and sisters in a common home. We were created not to be tyrants, but to be at the heart of a network of life made up of millions of species lovingly joined together for us by our Creator. Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters, and stewards of creation. Now is the time to repent, to be converted and to return to our roots. We are beloved creatures of God, who in his goodness calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation.

This is *the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew* by closeness to nature, which spontaneously leads us to give thanks to God the Creator. Saint Bonaventure, that eloquent witness to Franciscan wisdom, said that creation is the first "book" that God opens before our eyes, so that, marvelling at its order, its variety and its beauty, we can come to love and praise its Creator...

It is also *a season to reflect on our lifestyles*, and... our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods...

This too is *a season for undertaking prophetic actions...* Each Christian man and woman, every member of the human family, can act as a thin yet unique and indispensable thread in weaving a *network of life* that embraces everyone. May we feel challenged to assume, with prayer and commitment, our responsibility for the care of creation. May God, "the lover of life" (*Wis 11:26*), grant us the courage to do good without waiting for someone else to begin, or until it is too late.

Given 1st Sept 2019. For full text see Vatican Website w2.vatican.va and look under section 'Messages'.



SEASON OF CREATION

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1341.95	\$ 72.05	\$225.95
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$1202.60	\$189.00	\$285.00
Loose Plate	\$ 609.10	\$ 26.60	\$ 48.50
BCSF	\$ 739.70	\$	\$

TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING



SUSTAINABILITY NEWS: Did you know? Approximately one quarter of Australia's total greenhouse emissions come from Victoria, and in 2004 Australian greenhouse emissions per capita were 28.2 tonnes, the highest in the world. This is not something to be proud of.

Last Thursday was the Feast Day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta—(Mother Teresa)

Here are some quotes from Mother Theresa

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

"If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one."

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

"Live simply so others may simply live."

"It not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot, together we can do great things."



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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council Meeting will take place immediately after Mass today. It will be important that all members attend as we need to discuss ways in which we can progress to the next stage of the Plenary Council in order to obtain maximum school and parish participation.

PARISH NEWS

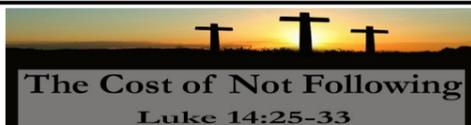
CREATION SEASON Let us pray each day the following prayer
Prayer for Creation: Creator God, thank You for all the blessings of creation. Help us show our gratitude by showing reverence to every creature. Make us aware of our connectedness and of our responsibility to consider the effects of our choices. Move our hearts to beat with compassion for the most vulnerable populations on our Common Home, and for the earth itself. With St. Francis, may we see Your face in all of creation. Lead us to make unselfish decisions with resources. Make recycling, re-using, re-purposing and reducing consumption a part of our daily living. Help us shrink our wastefulness of Your gifts. We know you love us. Light our way. Amen.

SCHOOL NEWS

OLSH Community Fundraiser: Personalised Stainless Steel Water Bottle

The OLSH Community are very happy to announce that they will be running a fundraiser over the next month for anyone who would like to purchase a personalised Stainless Steel Water Bottle. There are some samples in the school office for anyone to examine. All orders must be in by Tuesday 17th September. This is a great Christmas present idea for relatives and friends! It is also a great way to save our environment from plastic water bottle pollution!!

OLSH WORKING BEE Saturday September 21st commencing at 9.00am with Bacon & Eggs Breakfast !!



WEEKDAY MASSES

Scriptures Monday to Saturday at 9.30am in the church.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 11 September: Parish Finance & Council meeting.
Thursday 19 September: St Vincent de Paul meeting
Monday 8 October: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Prayer Service 10.30am—High Care—Manor—All welcome.
Sunday 13 October: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
Monday 14 October: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Prayer Service 11am Low Care Cottages. All welcome.
Sunday 3 November: Remembrance Day Mass

We welcome Fr Ed Maloney who will be celebrating Mass today.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA, RED CLIFFS, SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER It's that time of year again!

Fr Adriano Pittarello, (Scalabrinian priest) will be celebrating the week commencing with nightly missions from Monday 7th October through to Saturday 12th October at 7pm.

SUNDAY'S FEAST DAY ON 13TH OCTOBER WILL START WITH MASS AT 10AM, followed by a procession, plenty of food and local entertainment. There will also be pignates, tug-of-war, games and a jumping castle for the kids, finishing the festivities with the drawing of the raffle at 4.30pm.

Raffle tickets are available for \$2each.

1st prize: 2 Door Underbench Bar Fridge & 4 Burner BBQ

2nd prize: \$500 Fuel Voucher

3rd prize: Statue of Our Lady

4th prize: 4 x 3ft Lillypilly & 2 x 4ft Lillypilly

5th prize: 3800 Professional Hairdryer

If anyone would like to take a raffle book to sell, please contact either Marianna on 0419860247 or Chris on 0488377844.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th & 15th September 2019

First Reading: The Book of Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Responsorial: Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Response: I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32



	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		Anita Naray	Mary Jackson	Barbara Bunting	P Riordan	M Bell C Markham/M Monteleone	Josephine O'Connor
Music		Singing Group M Sullivan	Tongan Choir M Guthrie	M Hammond J Macri/J Ljubic		Guitar	
Offertory			Mary Gobbo			M Suppa	Prevedello Family
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 2 E Briggs	Volunteer Please
Eucharist Ministers		Maria Cirillo	Rise Op't Hoog	Wendy Finn	Mal Hoy	P Hunt	Janine Dannatt
		Christine Carmichael	Rini Op't Hoog	Tony Finn		C Markham	Sr Carmel Setford
		Ellen Frauenfelder	Cora Howell	Bill Dolence	OASIS AGED CARE	M Matotek	LAY-LED LEADERS
		Jacinda Deacon	Narie Lewis	Jacqui Willis	W Schmidt	CUPPA'S	
		Katy Quinlan	Renata Byra	Barbara Bunting		22nd September	CHAFFEY AGED CARE
		Vince Pileggi	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Volunteer please	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	FLOWERS Volunteer	
		Catherine McErvale		P Riordan M Petrolo			
Counting Team	TEAM 3	PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531				C Russo/T Gardiner	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement					Grp 5—G Tassone	As per arrangement