

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 36

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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: Ida Nolen (Swan Hill— Kevin's mother)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Edward Wolczek
 Sunday 5pm: Beatrice Smith (1st anniversary)
 Friday 5.40pm: Lucia Carmel Fiorenza (1st anniversary)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Joan McGlashan (1st anniversary),
 Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone, Francesco &
 Maria-Antonia Tassone, Adriana Tassone, Mary D'Anna

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Sept. 10th John Englefield, Irene Byrne
 John Klaric; 14th Mavis Murphy; 15th Joan Marshall;
 Maureen Ashton.

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 B 8th & 9th September 2018

Those who are profoundly deaf frequently find themselves on the edge of the human and Earth communities. Without access to birdsong, to spoken discourse, to music and to the vast range of media communication, they often struggle to understand and to be understood. Their capacity to communicate their deepest wisdom, their hopes and dreams, their anxieties and fears, is limited not only by personal disability but also by the incomprehension or even the impatience of others.

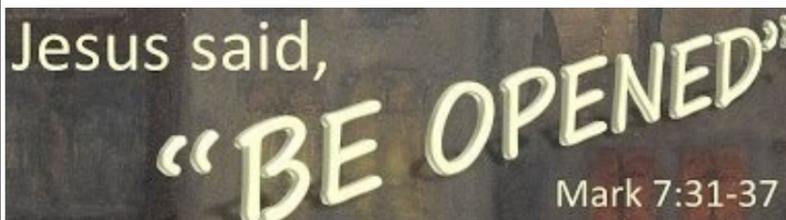
In our contemporary technological world, sophisticated hearing devices and cochlear implants transform the lives of many who previously suffered from serious hearing loss and its social consequences. Whatever degree of deafness is experienced, relief from such an affliction offers far more than physical healing. It brings insertion into the life of family and community and workplace. It opens up new horizons and unimagined possibilities.

In first century Palestine, the chances of relief from hearing deficiency and associated speech impairment were minimal. Desperate people put their faith in folk healers who used their healing hands and drew upon their knowledge of the medicinal properties in certain herbs and other plants. It seems clear that Jesus was known as an effective healer and that he used some of the same methods as other healers of his time. Many of his contemporaries in that part of the world would have turned to Asclepius, the Greek god of healing, or his daughter Hygeia. Jesus turns, not to Asclepius or Hygeia, but to the God of Israel ("looking up to heaven...") as the source of healing power.

There is layer upon layer of meaning in today's healing story. Habitat features significantly. Jesus travels from Tyre on the northern Mediterranean coast to the Sea of Galilee via the non-Jewish territory on the eastern side of the lake. It was a regular route, but definitely not the most direct one. The gospel writer seems to be stressing the all-embracing nature of Jesus' healing ministry. Land belongs to God and territorial claims on land are no barrier to Jesus' healing ministry, a lesson Jesus himself has just learned from the Syro-Phoenician woman whose story is told in Mark 7:26-30.

As the gospel story has unfolded, we have found that the same healing power of God is available to Jews and Gentiles, to male and female, young and old alike. It is available to those with bodily afflictions and to those who are paralysed by anxiety and fear. There is irony in the telling of the story: a Gentile deaf man can be brought from no hearing to hearing, from "speaking with difficulty" to clarity of speech, but Jesus' own disciples will shortly fail to hear and understand, "Do you have ears and not hear?" (Mark 8:18). Let us bury our prejudices and open our ears to hear in the hope that we might come to understand.

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

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.

IRYMPLE LAY LED LITURGIES
Sunday 16th September and Sunday 7th October

Community Life & Outreach

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Next meeting will be held on Monday 10th September 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Tuesday 11th September 10am. All welcome

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th September 2pm, Hillman room.

Thank you to the Kerala Community for their generous donation of \$1000.00—towards the Monaghan Centre.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Available in 1 months time—3 bedroom brick house. Affordable rent. Phone 5021 2980

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Next outing is lunch at the Irymple hotel on Sunday 16th September. Please let Joe Kearney know your intentions 50212530. All welcome.

SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA

This Sunday after the 9am Mass

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

Last year our 3 parishes contributed \$3232 to this collection, which raised nearly \$48,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1082.00 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

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.



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 –3.15

\$20—half day 9am—1.10pm or 12.25pm—3.15pm

Purchase tickets online at: www.treeslifeforum.eventbrite.com.au



NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Will be held on Friday 28th September at Sacred Heart Church from 11am.

All most welcome to attend.

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.



Live-in Retreat for Couples—Divine Retreat Centre

28th, 29th & 30th September

At Pallotti College

80 McNamara's Road, Millgrove

\$250/per head

Enquiries: Ranesh 0433 549 167

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1306.45
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2762.70
Loose Plate	\$ 521.60
Monaghan Centre	\$ 27.00
BCSF	\$1005.50

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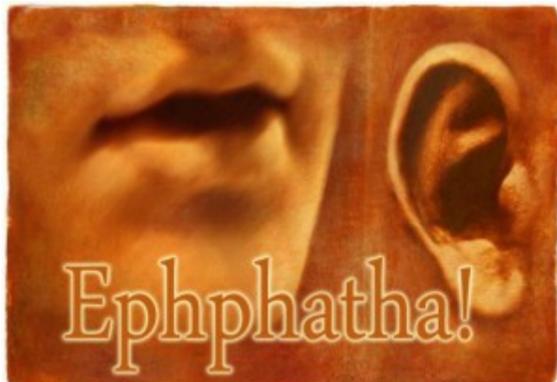
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Anne-Maree Whitechurch, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
Sunday Sep 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

ADVANCE NOTICE
Lay Led Liturgy on Sunday September 16th.



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	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 214.30
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1149.00
Loose Plate	\$ 46.05
BCSF	\$ 40.70

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
 Grandparents Day: our annual Grandparents Day Mass will be held on Friday September 21st at 9:15 am in the Church. Even though we don't have a Parents and Friends group this year, we have been fortunate to have some very dedicated parents who have been willing to organise such events as the Pie Drive, the Chocolate Fundraiser, Mother's and Father's Day stalls and more! Those parents have also been busy sourcing donations for our end of year raffle, and they have done a fantastic job of securing some great prizes. *Any support that parishioners can give the school would be greatly appreciated.*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
 On Friday 12th 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 and other interested parishioners, 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.

Parish Council will meet after Mass today.

YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED
 The Historical Society 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 1800 797 818 for those with no email address. Pick up a copy of how to vote before you go home today.

SEASON OF CREATION
 The Season of creation extends from September 1st to October 4th the feast of St Francis patron saint of ecology. Christians around the world unite to pray and care for creation. Each week we will follow a different theme. Last week was planet earth Sunday. This week is Humanity Sunday. We worship with all humanity and all creation. The divine DNA is in everyone and everything that God has created "from the beginning." As humans, we are graced with the capacity to realize this, fully enjoy it, and draw mightily from it. The God who creates the world also invites people into becoming fully human in their togetherness, embodying right relations with God and neighbour and thus creating a truly human community. Don't forget to say the prayer for creation, which was given out last Sunday, each day this coming week.



MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 78.85
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$204.00
Loose Plate	\$ 43.10
BCSF	\$ 35.80

SEPTEMBER 10: SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

When young people stop talking and withdraw from the company of their friends we become concerned for them. We begin to wonder if they are depressed, have broken off an important relationship, or perhaps are becoming addicted to drugs.

Our concern may prove to be unfounded, but it flows out of a deep truth about human behaviour. Silence may be golden, but it can also kill when it shuts us off from other people. And similarly withdrawal from the communities of which we are part is also destructive. Community and conversation are at the heart of healthy living.

We can see this pattern in the stories of Jesus after the Resurrection. In his sadness and disillusionment at Jesus' execution, Thomas isolates himself and is not there when Jesus appears to the other disciples. He stays isolated and uncommunicative in his disbelief that Jesus' rising was for real. But he joins their community when Jesus appears again and talks to him, and he later cheerfully goes fishing with the other apostles and meets Jesus by the shore.

Suicide Prevention Day draws our attention to people whose hold on life is fragile. Their fragility shows itself in many ways, including mental illness and thoughts of suicide. That is why the week, with its associated emphasis on the care of families and friends affected by suicide, invites reflection, not simply about individuals who take their own lives, but also about our responses to suicide.

People who take their own lives are understandably thought to turn their back on society. Their families and friends often feel their action as a rejection, all the more bitter because it is inexplicable. Their pain is often heightened if suicide was not preceded by conversation about why it was contemplated.

The symbol of suicide is silence: the silence of the person about their desperation, the inner silence of incomprehension by friends and family, their outer silence marked by inability or refusal to speak about it, and the public silence of taboo that deters people from talking or enquiring about it.

These rippling circles of silence shut down both conversation and the natural working of a community to heal isolation. They leave the people intimately affected by it to deal alone with their angers, sadness and bewilderment, and they inhibit their friends from reaching out to them to penetrate the silence. Death reigns and the silence becomes more oppressive. In some cases that leads to further suicide.

If suicide is to be prevented and if death is to be followed by healing, silence needs to be replaced by conversation. For human beings the paradox inherent in nature that out of death comes life is realised through conversation within a community. It has been the privilege of support groups such as the Jesuit Social Services program Support after Suicide to promote such conversation at a personal level and by bringing people together. Those who take advantage of this personal care often find that the hearts frozen and immobilised by the ice of silence thaw and move again.

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DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY OF MILDURA

HAND MADE LINEN

This is a call out for hand made linen by early Italian migrant women eg. blankets, sheets, towels, embroidered table cloths, crocheted objects etc. to be displayed at Dante Alighieri Gala Dinner.

If you, your Mamma, Nonna, Bisnonna, Zia, have any handmade textiles made out of line (lino or broom plant (ginestra), please contact Lena Leonardis on 0418570840 or 50233306 for pickup OR you can drop them off at Sam Iamarino's Solicitor Office, 158 Seventh Street, Mildura or at 567 Deakin Avenue Mildura.

We hope to have as many as we can to display at the Gala Dinner, Saturday 29th September. So take them out of the cupboard, boxes and mothballs so that everyone can enjoy this artisan skill that our early migrant women possessed.

Items to be dropped off by 20th September.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 15th & 16th September 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
 Responsorial: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9
 Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.
 Second Reading: James 2:14-18
 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



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	Tricia McNamara	Peter Maloney	Bill Dolence	W Schmidt Lay Led Liturgy	Lay Led Liturgy Led by LLL & L's	A Lemon	September 30th Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Music	SH Choir M Faingaanuku	Tongan Choir	MO MUSIC				
Offertory		Mary Gobbo		G Riordan		Prevedello Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please			Volunteer please	October 28th Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
Eucharist Ministers	Jacinda Deacon	Catherine McErvale	Trish Cirillo			Janine Dannatt	
	Katy Quinlan	Elvira Mazza	Jeena Jose			Sr Carmel Setford	
	Katelin Anesbury	Jill Joslyn	Clem Carlucci				November 25th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Vince Pileggi	Lisa Cirillo	Vittorio Carlucci				
	Anne-Maree Grevilli	Laurie Fry	Christine Slattery			CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Taiana Fatai	Judy Webster	Volunteer please			Pat Sylvia Annette Lemon	December 30th Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Jean Rocca				FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team	TEAM 1	GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918			C Russo / T Gardiner		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	