

# 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:

Anniversaries: Teresa Panuccio  
 Saturday 6pm: Leon Odal, Carmelo Taverna  
 Sunday 8.30am: Nick Cappola  
 Sunday 9am: Fr Tito Cecilia (25yr anniversary)  
 Sunday 5pm: Leo Timpano, Vince Mammone, Frank Zsiga

### RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Sept.27<sup>th</sup> Margaret Lode; Oct.1<sup>st</sup> Rose Pezzaniti,  
 Roberta Schottler, Albert Halls; 4<sup>th</sup> Domenico Pediglieri; 5<sup>th</sup> Brian  
 Chapman.

*(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

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 28th & 29th September 2019

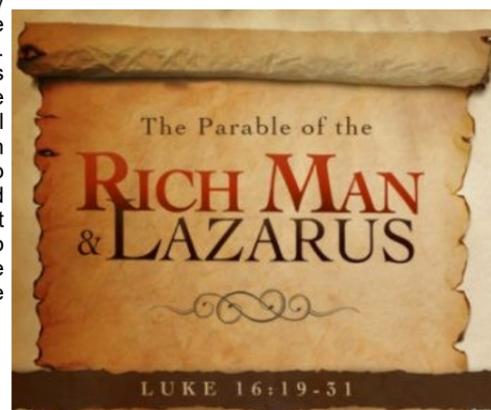
The theme of the 2019-2020 Social Justice Statement is "making it real: genuine human encounter in a digital world." It calls us to ensure that the new digital technology facilitates rather than inhibits the spread of the gospel. The gospel reading invites us to look at the wealth we enjoy, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty we claim for ourselves, to notice the poor who wait for justice at our gates and seek a part in the life we enjoy. This inclusive embrace is the vision we espouse in this final week of the Season of Creation.

The gospel parable presents a nasty mega rich character using his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly every day. He has no concern for or interest in the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls ('scraps' in our translation) from the rich man's table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is "sorely wounded"; he is "cast" at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores.

Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel's iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich man's suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now "a long way off" in Abraham's embrace. Earlier in Luke's story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a "son of Abraham". To be "of Abraham" is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel's ancestor in faith. It is to "hear" Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship.

Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man came to this realisation too late. The occasional period of digital detox might provide us with time to reflect and to restore the balance required for the health of all on our planet.

Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Antonio Caminiti & Caitlyn Jones** 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**

### RCIA 2019 –2020

Our next program officially begins on the 24th October 7pm in the Hillman Room.

We currently have 5 people enrolled to begin, if parishioners are aware of any adults interested in becoming Catholics could you please direct them to the Parish Office before this date.



## Community Life & Outreach

### BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Sacred Heart Parish Office 9am, Tuesday 1st October

### REGIS TENTH AGED CARE ANOINTING

Tuesday 1st October 2pm. All welcome

### ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 3rd October 9.15am. All welcome

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

Meet weekly every Thursday at 10am in the Hillman room, Sacred Heart Presbytery. All welcome.



### PLENARY COUNCIL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT

Missionary & Evangelising
Humble, Healing and Merciful Church
Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
Prayerful and Eucharistic
Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform
Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community

Copies of each Theme are now available at the Parish Office for those who attended the meetings so that groups can choose which Theme they will be discerning for the process to begin.

### 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 (Manila), 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—(Sacred Heart only please check boxed envelope number)



Could the following parishioners who have the actual envelope numbers: **36, 56, 65, 140 and 141** and parishioners who have an envelope box with their name on it with the following numbers: **45, 51, 52, 68, 102, 145** please call into the Sacred Heart Parish Office as soon as possible as there has been a mix up of envelopes and funds need to be allocated appropriately. Apologies for this error.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Don't forget to put your clocks **forward 1 hour** next Saturday night.



### THE WAY— ADVENT BOOK PRAYER 7 REFLECTION

If you would like to have a copy please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Thursday 31st October so that an order can be placed.

### ST COLUMBANS MISSION SOCIETY

Fr Robert McCulloch has kindly sent a number of brochures for "Mission in Pakistan 2019".

Please grab a copy and read of the wonderful work being made in Pakistan.

### SUSTAINABILITY NEWS: Did you know?

We have 11 years to reduce carbon emissions by 50% in order to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees and stop the worst of the climate crisis. As Pope Francis said in his message for the Season of Creation, "In this ecological crisis affecting everyone, we should also feel close to all other men and women of good will, called to promote stewardship of the *network of life* of which we are a part."

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

**CONSCIENTIOUS CAPITALISTS**

Eureka Street

Raised by Politically Pink Parents, I was in my youth rather wary and suspicious of capitalism and capitalists. My parents' ideas about the greed and exploitative tendencies of the latter group were reinforced by news reports about the big spenders of the day such as the flamboyant Lady Docker who, when asked why her favourite Daimler (she had five) was upholstered with zebra skin, nonchalantly replied that mink was too hot to sit on. Mum and Dad were also children of the Great Depression, and for that reason discussions about money were always likely to be fraught, so I avoided them whenever possible. But because of my adolescent apathy, which went on rather too long, I did little about examining these opinions and fears. But nor did I run around bearing placards that expressed the thought 'Up the Revolution'. Eventually I realised that the only thing wrong with money is that not everyone has enough of it, and that not all capitalists are like Lady Docker. And at school I learned about Robert Owen, and his concern for his workers: this found expression in his venture at New Lanark, which included superior housing and a school for the workers' children. But way back then I remember regarding him and his work as some kind of benevolent aberration. Over the years, however, I've learned that the goodie/baddie attitude that puts capitalists in the latter category is simplistic, to say the least. Increasingly, hugely rich parents are leaving their wealth to charities, and not to their children. And New Lanark, started early in the 19th century, was not the only settlement built with employees in mind. By the end of that century, the Cadbury brothers of chocolate fame had established the Bournville Village near Birmingham, and had pioneered pension schemes and full medical services for their staff. These days the village is still deemed one of the nicest places to live in Britain. Soap manufacturers Lever Brothers also set up a model village on Merseyside at about the same time; it has 900 Grade II listed buildings. We hear too much about arch-capitalists like the Trump family and the Koch brothers, who receive so much publicity that quieter, more deserving types do not get their due attention. I've recently read about two such. One is Phillip Ullman, who in 1996 joined his family's Cordant Group, a recruitment business that has 5000 clients, including Amazon and Britain's NHS. Inspired by his idealistic four children, Ullmann had an epiphany fairly recently, and eventually stated that capitalism is not working. He added that business cannot be only about profit, but must be about creating an environment in which people can thrive. So he has set about making the group into Britain's biggest social enterprise: now profits are directed into education, employment and healthcare programs. An observant Jew in his 50s who goes to synagogue, keeps kosher and prays three times a day, Ullman is also a man of simple tastes. Money doesn't excite him, he says, and he doesn't need a yacht or things in general. He likes having dinner with his wife, walking in the park and watching murder mysteries. Stephanie Shirley DBE, who came to Britain as a child of five in the *Kindertransport*, is also uninterested in money for money's sake. From being a child refugee, she became a prominent scientist, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Always grateful that she had the chance to live, she has given at least 67 million pounds to approximately 100 charities. One of the most important of these is Autistica, which she founded: Dame Stephanie's only child was severely autistic and died when he was 35. In another venture, it took her 15 years to ensure that her software company became co-owned: it was her view that the staff who built the company Freelance Programmers should share in its success. My parents and grandparents made their efforts for charity in a necessarily small way, and would have been amazed, I think, to see the growth of corporate philanthropy in Australia alone, never mind in the Western world. In 2014, for example, \$470 million dollars was given away to good causes within Australia. My oldies might have had to revise their opinions and agree with Dame

Stephanie, who maintains that successful businesses can also be morally sound.

*Gillian Bouras is an expatriate Australian writer who has written several books, stories and articles, many of them dealing with her experiences as an Australian woman in Greece.*

**Summary: Social Justice Statement  
2019–2020**

**Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World**

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019 – 2020, *Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world*, affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world that may be harmful. These include information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news. The Statement reminds us that the new digital media cannot be seen as neutral or 'unaffected by any moral considerations'. While many users do not realise it, the core business of social media platforms is to sell advertising and maximise profits. People's personal lives may be reduced to data that is traded for profit or power, and it is used to target and influence us in ways previously unthinkable. Pushing users to more extreme positions and promoting fake news and conspiracy theories sells, but this is at odds with human solidarity. The Statement amplifies Pope Francis' call to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood. The Statement points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it. All of us – whether we are users, communities, industrial or political leaders – have a role to play in rejecting hatred, divisions and falsehoods. We have a duty to foster a neighbourhood that promotes those human attributes and social values that lend themselves to genuine human encounter – love, understanding, beauty, goodness, truth and trustworthiness, joy and hope.

**Follow the Office for Social Justice of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference**

The Bishops are asking for your help to promote the Statement in the weeks leading up to Social Justice Sunday. A notice for your parish bulletin or newsletter could be: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the Statement online at: [bit.ly/socialjusticeshop](http://bit.ly/socialjusticeshop) Follow us on Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC or Twitter: @JusticeCatholic

**Associated resources**

Download resources free of charge from the Office for Social Justice website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements)) before Social Justice Sunday. They will include Social Justice Sunday Liturgy Notes, a PowerPoint presentation and resources for schools and social justice groups.

**SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE**

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1395.20	\$ 52.75	\$165.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2553.50	\$234.00	\$266.60
Loose Plate	\$ 672.95	\$ 31.65	\$ 59.65

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

## 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.*

## IMPORTANT PLANNING MEETING

Thank you to those who were able to come along last Wednesday morning to plan ways in which we can respond to the next phase of the Plenary Council which is 'Listen and Discern'. It was decided to use the reflection time at our Lay-led Assemblies to 'Listen' to each other and 'Discern' how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church here at Merbein. This will be explained at our gathering this morning. It is most important that we find ways to hear from as many parishioners as possible so we can move forward together as a Faith Community.

## SCHOOL NEWS:

In Term four we will be working on many different aspects about Catholic Missions. At school we are going to be immersed in some activities to experience what poverty is like. Mission Week will run from the 11th - 15th of November. Students will be given the opportunity to feel what it is like to have no footwear, wear clothing that is not their choice and doesn't fit correctly and even what it is like to live on rations in a refugee camp. As a school we have decided that we need to go beyond just raising money for Catholic Missions but also give the students some understanding of why. More information will come out in Term Three in regards to these immersion experiences.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9.30am, Tues, Thur: 5pm

## CALENDAR

**Tuesday 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  
**Sunday 24th November:** First Eucharist

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

## BAPTISM



We welcome into our Parish Community **MAYA CAMINITI AND DANIELLA-MARIA CUA** whose Baptism occurs today.

## FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

St Francis of Assisi—Friday 4th October

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th & 6th October 2019

**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4**  
**Responsorial: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9**  
**Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
**Second Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**  
**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**



	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
<b>Leader / Reader</b>		Katy Quinlan	Narie Lewis	Jancy Thomas	P Riordan	T Hawkes D Eagle / T Gardiner	K Wagner
<b>Music</b>		M Guthrie All welcome	Italian Choir Organist TBA	Lam Duy J Ljubic		Guitar	
<b>Offertory</b>			Jim O'Donnell			G Brizzi	Besgrove Family
<b>Altar Servers</b>		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		<b>GROUP 5</b> E Papanicolaou	
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>		Anne-Maree Greville	Greg Johnston	Clem Carlucci	D Knight	M Suppa	Natalie Besgrove
		Taiana Fatai	Gina Raiti	Vittorio Carlucci		C Tassone	Adam Lawence
		Margaret McDonald	Anna Vartuli	Jacinta Macri	<b>OASIS AGED CARE</b>	J Vines	<b>LAY-LED LEADERS</b>
		Paul Kerr	Sara Visona	Paula Cox	G Schmidt	<b>CUPPA'S</b>	
		Anita Naray	Juliet Cresp	Jennifer Boord			<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>
		Ryan O'Callaghan	Louise Belej	Volunteer please	<b>LAY LITURGY LEADERS</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b> T Pileggi	
<b>Counting Team</b>		<b>TEAM 7</b>	Helen Kay 0429 135 053			<b>G Brizzi / C Russo</b>	As per arrangement
<b>Church Cleaning</b>		As per arrangement				<b>Volunteers</b>	As per arrangement