

# 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	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: Terence (Terry) Cresp (Ouyen)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Francesco De Maria, Quintino Matrippolito  
Peter Manno

Sunday 5pm:

Thurs 9.15am: Des Drewry

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

### MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

*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

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 13th & 14th October 2018

Not too many of us commit murder or adultery. Not too many take hostages or give false testimony in a court of law. Most are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must *do* in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows.

First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that this person's wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and followed him are to have an abundance of this world's goods as well as eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will do it hard: "not without persecution". It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need. Our lucky country has still to learn that lesson. Welcoming the stranger and sharing our wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life. Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge.

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, Syd Girke

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Olivia Caminiti, Henry Capogreco and Franco Pettinau whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Jamie Caristo and Melina Piscioneri who were married this weekend.



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018

Will be held on the weekends of Saturday 3rd November 6pm and Saturday 10th November 6pm and Sunday 11th November 9am. Welcome to the families presenting their children for confirmation this weekend. We remember the parents who are gathering in small groups during these next three weeks.

### RCIA 2018 –2019

Welcome and Introduction. Thursday 18th October 7pm, Hillman Room



## Community Life & Outreach



### SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER:

During Mass that day we will light candles to remember our dead.

### REGIS ONTARIO

Mass at 2.00 pm on Thursday 18th October. All welcome



### SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA 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

### Bulletin notices

Please make any requests for the Bulletin to the Parish Office by 12.00pm each Thursday. Email: parish@sacredheartmildura.org.au or call 5021 2872 during office hours.

### Upcoming Events

## PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT

*Jer 17:14 Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise*

Fr. Rojan George VC of the Vincentian Retreat Centre will hold this inspiring retreat. Sessions this week:

Mon 15th October: 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm,  
 Tues 16th October: 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm  
 Wed 17th October : 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm



Book for Reflections & Prayers for Advent and Christmas time. These are produced by the Diocese of Wollongong with various Lay, Religious, Priest & Bishop contributors. This year's book is titled 'Saviour'. This will be the 5th year they have produced this book. The Wollongong Diocese sends copies free of charge to all inmates and warders in gaols who want them. The cost per book to us depends on orders. It will be between \$3.00 & \$4.00. I think these books are well worth using day by day during Advent & Christmas-time. I read them each day.

Fr Pat Flanagan



### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A new roster will be available mid November.

If you would like to make any changes or if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 **NO LATER** than Friday 19th October. **Training will be provided.**

### READERS

A new roster is due by the end of October.

If you would like to make any changes to the current roster, or would like to become a Reader, please contact the Parish office no later than **Thursday 18th October** to advise of your preferred Mass time.

## MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

### Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 1,159.45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 2,183.70
Loose Plate	\$ 3750.00
Monaghan Centre	\$ 40.00

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



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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.

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

### WEEK DAY MASSES AT NORMAL TIMES

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday Oct 21:** Prep & Grade 1 Mass.  
**Sunday Oct 28:** Youth Mass & Parish BBQ  
**Sunday Nov 4:** Remembrance Day Mass

#### BAPTISM

We welcome Harper McMahon & Darcy Taylor who will be Baptised into our Faith Community today. Please pray that God will bless Harper's & Darcy's families with the desire to continue to grow in their faith.



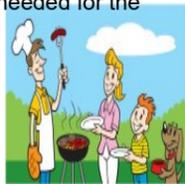
Many thanks to the Festa Committee and all who helped in last Sunday's celebration. Thanks also to the non-Italian descent parishioners who attended (*there were many of us for whom 'Italian is all Greek'!*). We need to work out for next year how to stay for a bite after Mass. I'd like to mention one of the workers behind the scenes: Teresa Pileggi put a lot of work into flower arranging for each day of the Mission and Festa Mass. (*It's the best array of flowers we have seen in the whole year*)

**MISSION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, October 21, is Mission Sunday. Envelopes for you to make (tax-deductible) donations to Catholic Mission will be available next Sunday. My donation this year will be \$75.00. Grades Prep-One will help with the celebration of our Mass for Mission Sunday. Our Trading table this month is for Catholic Mission. It will be held that Sunday. Usually Hilda & Sylvia organise our cuppa & trading table, but this year they will be in Adelaide with their Bowling Club. They will set up the tables etc. before they leave, but others will be needed to get the cuppa ready etc. If willing to help, please let me know. **Material for Mission Sunday is out today** PJJ



#### YOUTH MASS, BBQ & DISCUSSIONS TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, October 28. Our Youth will lead the Mass that day. Volunteers are needed for the BBQ. After the BBQ our Youth and their parents will join in discussing where the Catholic Church needs to go (*other than down the gurgler*) in the 21st Century. Suggestions made at the meeting will be forwarded to the Committee preparing for the 20/21 Plenary Council PJJ



**ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY.** 2nd & 3rd Nov  
 Red Cliffs Masses: Thurs 1st Nov 10.00am & 7.00 pm.  
 Combined celebration for both days Frid 2nd Nov 9.30 am

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING (Red Cliffs)**  
 Next monthly meeting Thursday 25th October

### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 308.90
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 286.00
Loose Plate	\$ 261.35
Missions Week	\$ 537.30

#### Anniversaries:

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Barbara O'Day;  
 Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Domenico Zappia;  
 Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Julian McGowan

#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meeting will take place immediately after Mass today. We are hoping to make plans as to ways we can engage the faith community in discussion regarding the Plenary Council. After the visit last Friday of Lana Turvey-Collins, who is the Plenary Council Facilitator, we should have some definite plans for action. A special thank you to those who were able to attend this important input session.

#### SCHOOL NEWS: Religious Education

Rosary Liturgy: our Rosary Liturgy will be held on Friday October 19th at 12:30 pm. We welcome all families to attend this special prayer session where the children will be involved in saying part of the Rosary, one of the oldest prayers in history. During this liturgy all new students and staff will receive a set of rosary beads made by the ladies within the Merbein Parish. We warmly thank them for their continued support of our school.  
 Mission Mass: will be held on Friday November 16th 2018. This will coincide with our Mission Activities Day and include our inaugural Colour Run. We encourage all school families to support this fundraiser to support those less fortunate than ourselves.  
 Gospel Talk: welcome to Gospel Talk, where we discuss the meaning of Gospel passages and how they are relevant to our lives today. This week's Gospel passage comes from John 13: 34-35 - 'A new command I give you, Love one another as I have loved you'. What does this mean to us today and how is it relevant to us and our children. To love each other is essential to our Catholic faith but it is also important to everyone, regardless of your belief system. To love each other is to accept each person for who they are and the gifts they bring to our school community. Our school value of 'Love' teaches the children to embrace all people who walk through the door of OLSH and embrace the gifts they bring to our wonderful school. So this week, remember what Jesus taught us, to love one another for who we are, it's not always easy but it's a great life lesson for our children.

#### NEW CATHOLIC EARTHCARE DIRECTOR

The new Director of Catholic Earthcare Australia has pledged to act as a conduit for the good of Our Common Home. Bernard Holland brings a wealth of experience from both Catholic Education and environmental organisations to the Sydney-based office, and aims for the Church to operate with a lower environmental footprint. Ecological agency Catholic Earthcare functions as its own organisational identity under the auspices of Caritas Australia. Mr Holland has begun engaging with Australia's Catholic community to promote awareness and action based on the principles of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical. He is reaching out to Catholic agencies or individuals to share Catholic Earthcare's focus on living *Laudato Si* through Tree of Life activities which support Pope Francis' call for urgent action against the injustice of climate change and the ecological crisis, to protect the poor and future generations.

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 47.25
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 224.00
Loose Plate	\$ 37.00
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## Pope Francis speaking on Sunday as a Day of Rest

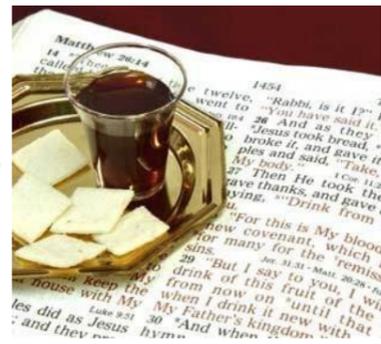
Today's society is thirsty for amusements and vacations. The industry of entertainment is flourishing and advertising designs the ideal world as a great games park where all are entertained. The concept of life dominating today doesn't have its centre of gravity in activity and commitment but in evasion. Earn to have a good time, to be satisfied. The model-image is that of a successful person who can allow himself ample and diverse areas of pleasure. However, this mentality makes one slide to the dissatisfaction of an existence anesthetized by amusement that isn't rest, but alienation and flight from reality. Humankind has never rested as much as today, and yet has never experienced so much emptiness as today! The possibility of having a good time, of going out, cruises, trips, so many things don't give one fullness of heart. What's more, they don't give one rest.

The words of the Decalogue seek and find the heart of the problem, casting a different light on what rest is. The Command has a peculiar element: it gives a motivation. Rest in the name of the Lord has a specific motive: "For in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it". This refers to the end of Creation, when God says: "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good". And then the day of rest began, which is God's joy for all He created. It's the day of contemplation and of blessing.

Therefore, what is rest according to this Commandment? It's the moment of contemplation; it's the moment of praise, not of evasion. It's the time to look at reality and say: how beautiful life is! To rest as flight from reality, the Decalogue opposes rest as blessing of reality. For us Christians, the centre of the Lord's day, Sunday, is the Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving." It's the day to say to God: thank you, Lord, for life, for your mercy, for all your gifts. Sunday isn't the day to cancel the other days but to recall them, bless them and make peace with life.



How many people who have so many possibilities to amuse themselves, don't live in peace with life! Sunday is the day to make peace with life, saying: life is precious: it's not easy, sometimes it's painful, but it's precious.



**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 20th & 21st October 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11  
 Responsorial: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22  
 Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:4-16  
 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45



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	Mary Jackson	Sonia Opie	Melanie Ransome	M. Hill	M. Bell M. Duck M. Cavallaro	Elena Nemtsas	<b>October 28th</b> Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
Music	Instruments please J. Ljubic	Tongan Choir	Volunteer please		Guitar		
Offertory		L & C Welsh			M. Adams	Curtis Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please			Volunteer please	<b>November 25th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
Eucharist Ministers	Vince Pileggi	Philip Opie	Jacinta Macri	K. Knight		Kay Wagner	<b>December 30th</b> Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Anne-Maree Greville	Catherine McErvale	Paula Cox			Leon Wagner	
	Taiana Fait	Elvira Mazza	Jennifer Boord				
	Margaret McDonald	Jill Joslyn	Reni Cheriyan			N. Morello	
	Trish McNamara	Lisa Cirillo	Wendy Finn			S. Orr	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Pat Sylvia Annette Lemon
		Laurie Fry	Tony Finn			B. Pitt	
	Judy Webster				FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team	TEAM 6	Jim O'Donnel 5021 4939			G. Brizzie / A. Ziguras		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement		As per arrangement	