

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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna & Joseph Andrasek, Fr Frank Monaghan

Sunday 9am: Karen Belej (birthday remembrance)

Friday 5.40pm: Giuseppe & Maria Piscioneri

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Oct. 21st Fr. Frank Monaghan; 22nd George Kremor ; 23rd Peter Blyth; 24th Ken Hamence, Cath Seppings, Mona Wells; 26th Peg Di Mase; 27th Zelinda Manno, Annie Mary Rosevear

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

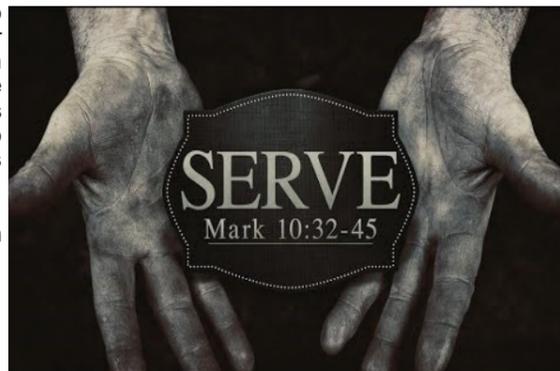
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 20th & 21st October 2018

In the kingdom of God movement established by Jesus, there is no place for domination or for any exercise of power over others. In today's gospel story, this is a lesson that James and John, the sons of Zebedee, clearly need to learn. They seem to think that the structures of power operating in the Roman world are going to be replicated when Jesus conquers the forces of opposition and comes into his "glory". The two brothers, James and John, put in a bid for shared deputy leadership positions. They seem to be blind and deaf to what Jesus has been trying to tell them throughout their journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. They seek his patronage without reference to the rest of the leadership group who, incidentally, are not well pleased with their presumptuous companions.

James and John do not yet realise that Jesus' way is not the way of status or entitlement and that their call as disciples and as leaders of the emerging movement has nothing to do with privilege. They need to understand that it has more to do with enduring the suffering associated with commitment to one's mission, and with setting others free to be their best selves. To demonstrate this, Jesus offers them an unpalatable alternative: to "be slave of all". He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to summarise his own mission with an image that comes out of the world of his time: "not to be served but to serve and give life as a ransom for many". A ransom was the payment made to free someone from slavery. To substitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ransom for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of Jesus in death as the climax of a lifetime's outpouring of love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action in others.

There are multiple ways of enslaving others, of dominating and of trying to control them in order to achieve one's own personal or corporate ends, good or bad. The request of James and John reminds us that we can all lose sight of the liberating vision of the gospel and get caught up in destructive power struggles. As 21st century disciples, we hear the words of Jesus, "It is not to happen with you". We might turn our attention to those in our world who are literally enslaved. We might join with ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against the Trafficking in Humans) or with others working to obtain freedom and justice for those trapped into sexual and other forms of slavery in our own cities. We might hear today's gospel as a call to do something about this tragic phenomenon.

Veronica Lawson
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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.

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

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Christopher Romeo and Ingrid Bergens 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**.



The children will be presented with The Creed during all Masses this weekend. We remember the parents who are gathering in small groups during these next couple weeks.

RCIA 2018 –2019

The Journey of Faith
Thursday 25th October 7pm, Hillman Room.



Community Life & Outreach

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 24th October, Monaghan Centre.



REMEMBRANCE MASS

For all deceased family members will be held on Sunday 4th November during the 9am Mass. Cuppa after Mass.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2019

Are now available from the kiosk at the back of the Sacred Heart Church, cost \$9 each.

THE SHARED TABLE

Of the \$248.85 raised last Sunday for the Shared Table, \$150 was from the Tongan Community, from sale of food. We thank them for their generosity to this cause.

MONEY COUNTERS

A new roster will be available from mid December
We are in need of least 3 volunteers who can help with money counting. For further information please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 **NO LATER** than Friday 23rd November.

MEMORIAL WALL—SACRED HEART CHURCH

It has been brought to our attention that funeral booklets from our memorial wall at Sacred Heart Church have gone missing. Please do not remove these booklets under any circumstances.

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

It has been brought to our attention that when the envelopes for Planned Giving were distributed in August, Parishioners who give monthly, quarterly, half yearly and yearly were given the appropriate amount of envelopes, however, their Planned Giving number was not written on their envelopes, hence, we have been receiving envelopes without numbers and are unable to allocate the funds. If you believe this has happened to you please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 50212872.

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.

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office for your order.
Fr Pat Flanagan

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Thursday 1st November 9.15am, Sacred Heart Church

MASSES FOR ALL SOULS

Thursday 1st November 5.30pm (Rosary in Italian 5pm)
Nichols Point Cemetery (preceded by the Rosary in Italian).

Friday 2nd November

5.30pm Murray Pines Cemetery (Rosary in Italian 5pm)
5.40pm Sacred Heart Church



Cari amici Italiani come sapete la messa di Novembre e la messa per i nostri cari defunti al cimitero una bella messa e primo la messa che il Rosario per Italiano a 5pm, tutti benvenuti.

CLOSURE OF ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH JEPARIT

Fr Peter Hudson will celebrate the Closure Mass of St Augustine's Church, Jeparit on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 1.30pm, followed by afternoon tea in the State School Hall. If you have any photos of your time in Jeparit or any history or information of the Church in Jeparit, can we please have a copy of it to the Horsham Parish Office or email to horsham@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

AN ECOLOGICAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Live simply so others can simply live' (Ghandi)

Powers of Attorney & Advance Care Directive FREE INFORMATION EVENING SESSION

Allie Colliyer—Community Legal Education Worker from Mallee Family Care has kindly agreed to another information session.

When: Thursday 15th November 6pm

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 if you would like to attend the session.

MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1625.60
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1964.00
Loose Plate	\$ 654.10
Monaghan Centre	\$ 158.45
The Shared Table	\$ 248.85

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



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Jean Lanigan, 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.
Thursday Oct 25: St Vincent de Paul meeting 7pm.
Sunday Oct 28: Youth Mass & Parish BBQ
Sunday Nov 4: Remembrance Day Mass & CUPPA

MISSION SUNDAY

Today, 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. **Material for Mission Sunday is out. PJF**

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE

After Mass today. Proceeds from Trading Table this month go to Catholic Mission.



YOUTH MASS & 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. After Mass the 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. *PJF*

ROSTER FOR THE YOUTH-LED MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Leader: Tomas Hawkes
 Reader 1: Rachel Tassone
 Reader 2: Amber Foster
 Prayer of the Faithful: Gabrielle Spataro
 Lay Ministers: Folole Mapapalangi, Tomas Hawkes, Tom Dowling
 Offertory Procession: Nino & Juliana Suppa
 Data Projector: Gemma Monteleone
 Help with Collections: Jamey & Nathan Monteleone

Straight after Mass next Sunday, help is needed setting up in the sanctuary the tables and trays for lighting remembrance candles on Sunday November 4.

ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

1st & 2nd Nov
 Red Cliffs Masses: Thurs 1st Nov 10.00am & 7.00pm.
 Combined celebration for both days Friday 2nd Nov 9.30am.

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 308.00
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$ 338.00
Loose Plate	\$ 43.20
Missions Week	\$

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It was decided at our Parish Council Meeting that we will continue to gather as many ideas as possible to feed into the Plenary Council. After the visit last Friday of Lana Turvey-Collins, who is the Plenary Council Facilitator, those able to be present were stimulated to organise some definite plan of action. As soon as these plans have been finalised we will be asking you all for your assistance. More ideas next week!!

SCHOOL NEWS A message from our Principal

It's Week Two and there is certainly plenty happening around the school. While the weather has been a little unpredictable, it is nice to be feeling warm rather than cold!

The rain yesterday halted our playground works briefly but generally things seem to be ticking along quite well. Last week we had a small hiccup when we were visited by a tree auditor, as part of our school compliance. The auditor informed us that most of the trees within our new playground areas were actually unstable and would need to be removed. Obviously this is very disappointing for us, as we love our shady trees, but if there is any chance of a tree falling in the near future then we must comply and remove them. The good news is that we are in the process of sourcing some quite established trees for planting (recommended by the auditor) as soon as the current ones are removed. We also hope to use some of the wood from the old trees in our new play area.

We have had some very happy news for two of our families over the past week – both have welcomed new babies to their families! Congratulations to the Wilson family (Isabella and Alex) on the birth of Christine and the Legin family (Serenity Rose) on the birth of Zara. We wish these families lots of love and happiness in the future! We'd also like to say a big CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Danielle Murdoch, now Mrs. Gunn, who was married during the holidays! We hope she and Lewis will have a happy life together!

Tickets for the major school raffle are on sale after Mass today. As you will see there are some very good prizes to be won. Please support our school by buying a ticket.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mission Mass: will be held on Friday November 16th at 9:15 am. All families are welcome to attend. Following the Mass, we will be having our inaugural Colour Run followed by our annual Missions Activities. All money raised will go towards the Myanmar Project.

Gospel Talk: This week's Gospel Talk looks at Love and how we can bring love to our ever changing world.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." ~ Ephesians 4:2-3

The above passage speaks of being patient with each other and loving each other. What we say and do can have a profound effect on the lives of those around us. Let's make those effects positive through our actions and words. Over the coming weeks we will be taking action for those less fortunate than ourselves. Our actions will bring the love of Jesus to the lives of others, and that is the greatest gift of all.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 89.45
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$105.00
Loose Plate	\$ 45.70

THE CONFUSED POLITICS OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION

The government's refusal to publish the Ruddock report means that the politics of the freedom of religion debate is mightily confused. The report by former minister Philip Ruddock's committee, commissioned by Malcolm Turnbull, has been with the government since May yet remains unreleased while the government ponders its options.

Fairfax has obtained a copy and its reporting has unleashed a flurry of commentary, much of which muddies the waters for any reasonable person trying to get to the bottom of the issue. One reason for this is that few Australians can confidently explain the current state and federal legislative situation, and without such knowledge understanding any reform proposals is extremely difficult.

What is clear though is that the discussion is widely framed as a conflict between secular and religious Australia, as if such entities existed, with secular Australia defending the rights of the LGBTIQ community in the wake of the positive same sex marriage decision and religious Australia wanting to shore up its right to discriminate against others on the basis of their sexuality.

Whether or not that is a fair reading of the position of so-called religious Australia is a moot point. Religious Australia is extremely diverse, even if restricted just to its large Christian component. But for the community at large religious Australia is perceived to be a single undifferentiated mass. That perception usually identifies the more conservative Christian position as encompassing the values of the entire Christian community.

That is most unfair and potentially damaging. All Christians are effectively tarred with the same brush. Of course, by throwing in their lot with the conservative Christian 'No' case during the same sex marriage campaign some senior Catholic leaders have brought such an identification upon themselves. The conservative Australian Christian Lobby, supported by some Catholic leaders, have successfully represented itself as speaking for all Christians.

This identification, in the context of the freedom of religion controversy, has now led to Catholic education leaders, in particular, having to fight to free themselves from widespread misconceptions. One after the other Catholic Education Office leaders, individual school principals and archbishops have taken the chance to do so.

Michael Lee, principal of St Mary MacKillop College in Canberra, has been remarkably successful by achieving front page publicity in the *Canberra Times* for his uncompromising rejection of discrimination on the basis of a person's sexuality, which he saw as incompatible with the Catholic message of love. He applied this position to both staff and students and welcomes LGBTIQ students.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, speaking for the Catholic Church in Australia, reiterated that the church's submission to the Ruddock committee did not seek concessions 'to discriminate against students or teachers based on their sexuality, gender or relationship status'. The church restated its position that 'Catholic schools welcome staff and students from all backgrounds who are willing to accept the declared mission and values of the school community'.

But some confusion still remains, at least in the eyes of the public, as to what that caveat actually means in practice. It may be interpreted with different nuances by various Catholic school systems and independent Catholic schools. Catholic education, like the church itself, is not a monolith, but it would help if the variety of Catholic education offices could speak with one voice through the National Catholic Education Commission on such a vexed and complex question.

There will be more damaging controversy to come, possibly up to and including the next election campaign. Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who is personally identified with conservative Christianity, has been adding to the confusion by his own unhelpful statements. He must now balance conflicting opinions within his own party room and within the Coalition. Labor has its own balancing act to perform but will seek to differentiate itself from the government, especially through Tanya Plibersek and Senator Penny Wong.

But eventually some welcome clarity may be reached and in the middle of hurtful discord and damaged reputations that will be a step forward.

When this is the case the official Catholic position must be clear both to Catholics and to the wider community. We must be, and be seen to be, an inclusive and compassionate community as far as sexuality is concerned. We can achieve this best if our position is not confused by opportunistic alliances with other churches and groups which are further right on the social and political spectrum than most mainstream Australian Catholics.

John Warhurst is an Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the Australian National University.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 27th & 28th October 2018

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Responsorial: Ps 125
 Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
 Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



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	Talia Fainga'anuku	Volunteer Please	P Riordan	Tomas Hawkes R Tassone / A Foster	Elvira Iamarino	October 28th
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	SH Choir M Fainga'anuku	Youth Group M Sullivan & M Issanchon		Guitar		Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
Offertory	Baptism	Baptism			N & J Suppa	Ellis Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please			Volunteer please	November 25th
Eucharist Ministers	Paul Kerr	Jean Rocca	Melanie Ransome	D Knight		Sr Carmel Setford	Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Anita Naray	Bobby Castillo	Bill Dolence			Vi Barling	
	Maria Cirillo	Ross Tongue	Jacqui Willis				December 30th
	Christine Carmichael	Talia Fainga'anuku	Barbara Bunting		Folole Mapapalangi		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Michael Fainga'anuku	Katrina Groves		Tomas Hawkes	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Volunteer Please	Maureen Speed	Judy Hall		Tom Dowling	Kay Wagner Val McCarthy	
	Peter O'Donnell			FLOWERS Volunteer			
Counting Team	TEAM 7	HELEN KAY 0429 135 053			G Brizzi / A Ziguras		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement		As per arrangement	