

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: Andrew de Jong (Albury), Giulio Aiello (Italy), Antonio Aprea (Italy)

Anniversaries:

Sunday 8.30am: Joseph Andrusek
 Sunday 9am: Francesco DeMaria, Fr Frank Monaghan
 Sunday 5pm: Bruno Timpano, Domenica Ficarra

RED CLIFFS

Recent Deaths: Eddie Meagher, Kevin Kelly, Heather Hunt (Newton's wife.)

MERBEIN

Recent Death: Leon Wagner

Anniversaries: Oct.20th Pat Olden; 21st Fr. Frank Monaghan; 22nd George Kremor; 23rd Peter Blyth; 24th Ken Hamence, Cath Sepings, Mona Wells; 26th Peg DiMase

(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 C 19th & 20th October 2019

Today's gospel begins with a reference to prayer, a favourite theme in Luke, and ends with a question about faith. If the parable were also about prayer, as the narrator suggests, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is slow to hear the cry of the poor! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has made three key additions to the story: the introductory statement that Jesus told them a parable "about the need to pray always"; the final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words; and the three questions at the end. The original parable was almost certainly told in another context and probably ended with the words of the judge. What difference might this make for us as 21st century readers? The parable has acquired different meanings as it shifted from an oral to a written context. The Lukan author fits the parable rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities.

The scene for the verses representing the original parable is "a certain city", possibly suggesting that it is a story for any and every city. There are two main human characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? Is it because he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary? What sort of judge would admit to having no respect for anyone, even to himself?

A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. It literally reads: "so that she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Is Jesus drawing attention to the plight of widows in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. A system that provides no other recourse for the vulnerable of the human community and for those endeavouring to save our endangered planet simply has to change. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not at all clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that those who seem to have little power can win out in the end if they have the courage to persist in their struggles for justice.

Veronica Lawson
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Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Nino Zappia & Ellie Haaja** who were married this weekend.



RCIA 2019 –2020

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

REMINDER

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER MASS 9.15AM

MASS AT THE CEMETERIES

Friday 1st November 6pm—Nichol's Point Cemetery
Saturday 2nd November 8.30am—Murray Pines Cemetery

READER ROSTER

A new Reader Roster will be available shortly. If you would like to be a reader or would like to make any changes please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Tuesday 22nd October.

Community Life & Outreach

REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE SERVICE

Will be held on Thursday 24th October 2pm. All welcome.

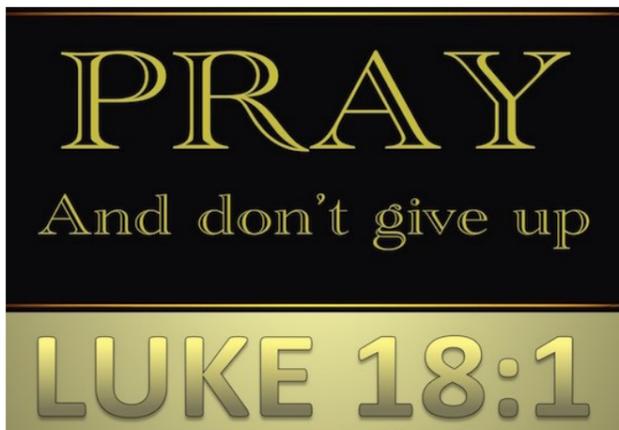
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

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



SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

will be having lunch at Bun-Mi 852 Fifteenth St Mildura (what used to be the pet shop) on Sunday 27th October at 12 o'clock. Please let Elaine or Frank know your intentions for booking on 0422069117. All welcome to join us.



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, 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

ADULT Faith FORMATION

Monday 21st October 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Fr Elio Capra

Christian Initiation and living the Gospel

Wednesday 30th October 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Sr Karon Donellon rsm

Family matters and issues facing young Christians

REGIONAL GATHERING

The Regional Council Meeting of representatives of the Parishes of Merbein, Mildura, Ouyen and Red Cliffs will be held on Sunday 27th October at Red Cliffs Church following the 10am Mass.

Please bring a plate to share.



ADVENT BOOK PRAYER & REFLECTION THE WAY

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.



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 Sacred Heart Parish Office for those who attended the meetings so that groups can choose which Theme they will be discerning for the process to begin.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**SHANE MACKINLAY
(PRIEST OF THE BALLARAT DIOCESE)
ORDAINED BISHOP OF SANDHURST**

Bishop Shane Mackinlay, the eighth Bishop of Sandhurst, was ordained to the episcopacy in Bendigo's Sacred Heart Cathedral yesterday.

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli was the principal consecrator, joined by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson, Bishop Emeritus of Sandhurst, and Ballarat Bishop Paul Bird CSsR as co-consecrators. More than 30 Bishops and 300 clergy were present at the ordination, including the Papal Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Tito Adolfo Ylana, and Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Dignitaries, family, friends and parishioners numbered close to 2000 people, including those from as far as Ballarat, Echuca, Shepparton, Wangaratta and Wodonga.

Bishop Mackinlay's brother, Jason, made the journey from Germany, while Victoria Jarvis, who was at the new bishop's ordination to the priesthood in Ballarat, drove nearly seven hours from Adelaide for the occasion.

The spiritual unity of the Church and the mission of bishops as Good Shepherds and successors to the Apostles was elucidated in Archbishop Comensoli's homily, drawing on musical imagery.

"It is for all of us – bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful – to join in the singing of Christ into this time and place. Yet, as Paul goes on to note, we each have a particular voice with which to proclaim the song of Jesus Christ," Archbishop Comensoli said.

"So, to a few, the apostolic voice is given as a definitive character. Bishops are those among us to whom the song of Christ's life takes on that particular shape and sound belonging to the Shepherd.

"The Christian songline the bishop sings is not something he makes up, but a pathway he himself has received to lay out for others to follow.

"Fidelity, therefore, is his chief task in singing it: fidelity to what he has received and fidelity in passing it on," he said. Bishop Mackinlay acknowledged the difficulty of being Catholic and building up the reign of God in contemporary Australia.

"These are challenging times in which to do this, with many people feeling deeply hurt and disillusioned by the Church," he said.

"I take those challenges very seriously; responding to them must be integral to whatever we do.

"We can only be faithful to this by placing our trust in God, sharing our gifts generously with those around us, and valuing and celebrating the riches that are brought by each member of our community."



CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Canonisations have less to do with rewarding the dead than with encouraging the living. The canonisation of John Henry Newman is an occasion for celebration particularly in educational institutions.



Many schools, university colleges and student associations have been named after him. Newman was an exceptional scholar who joined in public conversation and controversies about faith as well as leading a Catholic university in Ireland. The depth and breadth of Newman's faith and the way in which his faith and public life were woven together are exemplary for any Catholic educational institution.

Catholics with an interest in theology will also celebrate Newman's canonisation, perhaps for differing reasons. Some will find encouragement in the breadth of his faith and his insistence on the primacy of conscience. Others will be reassured by his insistence on the authority of Scripture and of Church Councils in Catholic reflection on faith. He held together strands of living faith that are often opposed to one another in uninformed Catholic debate.

Newman was a man who crossed boundaries of temperament and culture. He was a deeply private man who engaged fully in public life. He lived his faith in contact with the secularising trends that shaped politics and religious faith. He lost his faith at school after reading contemporary philosophical writing and returned to it through his contact with Evangelical teachers. He had to deal with liberal ideas about faith and the place of church in society in the debates that marked the Anglican Church in the first half of the nineteenth century. In his reading during these debates he refined his understanding that continuity with the Christian tradition was represented in the Catholic Church. When he became a Catholic he had to deal with the experience of exile in the culture and ethos of the Britain in which he was raised and the narrowness he often found in the Church to which he came.

Newman's writing and preaching, however, transcended the differences between church denominations and groups within them. His wide reading, scholarship and respect for the finding of right words meant that he wrote for the heart as well as for the head.

The gift of finding good words is often treated as a decoration on the hard reasoning involved when we think and speak of faith. Newman stands as a reproach to that view. The rhythms, images and music of his words opened the hearts of his readers and hearers to attend to his argument, and carried them through the complexities of the reality that he unfolded. His famous sermon on the Second Spring of Catholicism in Great Britain encouraged an emboldened a small community to look beyond their poverty of resources to the great tradition that they represented. His care with words, too, was a reproach to simplistic, partisan, populist and polemical representations of Catholic life.

In addition at a time when debate often incited people to adopt simple and narrow positions without depth, his vision of faith was always organic. Like trees, it had deep roots and spreading branches, with all its parts related to and dependent on one another. He consistently commended the organic connections within the faith of the early church and with other churches, and argued against the simple slogans and alternatives offered both within and outside the Catholic Church. For him the health of the foliage and the depth of the roots were crucial in a healthy faith.

As any saint should, John Henry Newman continues to challenge and encourage us in our very different age.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1443.25	\$ 50.35	\$686.70
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$1426.50	\$239.00	\$307.75
Loose Plate	\$ 585.15	\$ 26.90	\$309.05



MOVE-IT PROGRAM FOR OVER 65s

COME AND TRY DAY

**Monday November 11
10 am- 1PM**

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

PARISH NEWS:

We welcome into our faith community *Beau Thomas Webley* who will be Baptised today and pray that God will bless him and his family with faith and strength to live out the baptismal commitment which they will make today.

During October, which is traditionally known as Mission Month let us take to heart the words of Pope Francis *"In this extraordinary missionary month, let us pray that the Holy Spirit engender new missionary spring in the Church"*.

The next stage of discernment for the Plenary Council will be presented to you on Sunday 20th October and the sharing of inspiration and ideas will take place at the reflection time at our Lay-led assembly on October 27th. We all need to take part in this Plenary Council to discern what the Spirit is asking of us here in Merbein.

SCHOOL NEWS:

During the past week the students in all classes had the opportunity to listen to a talk given by Sr. Helen Nolan and Ms. Paula Cox about Missions and the work being done by many good people to help others. Given that we will recognise Mission Month in November, it's great for the students to see what can be done to help others in need, in our own country and abroad. In November OLSH will hold a number of activities to raise awareness and money: Mission Week 11th - 15th of November; Mission Mass Thursday 14th November; Mission Day 15th November.

Preps 2020 Transition Program

The dates for the 2020 Prep students to spend some time at OLSH as part of their transition process are below:

Thursday 24th October 9.00 – 11.30am (Play lunch will be required)

Thursday 7th November 9.00 – 1.30pm (Play lunch & lunch will be required)

Wednesday 4th December 9.00 – 3.25pm (Play lunch & lunch will be required)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Unit 9—Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9.30am, Tues, Thur:5.30pm

CALENDAR

Sunday 3 Nov: Remembrance Day Mass

Sunday 10 Nov: Youth Mass /Christmas craft stall.

Sunday 24th Nov: Feast of Christ the King, and our First Communion Day.

MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Mission Sunday. There are envelopes on the seats for you to use if you wish to make a (Tax-deductible) donation to Catholic Mission.

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE

After Mass next Sunday. Proceeds from the Trading Table this month go towards our parish's contribution to Catholic Mission.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

We light candles to remember our dead during Mass today fortnight, November 3.

ALL SAINTS-ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day, Friday November 1: Mass at 10.00 am in Church (Children will participate)

Mass at 7.00 pm in the Church as a combined celebration of All Saints and All Souls.

All Souls' Day, Saturday November 2: Mass at 9.30 am in Unit 9.

NEWS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. If you would like to be a part of our Parish Support (Bereavement) Group, please contact Chen Cavallaro.
2. Church Counting & Cleaning—if your group is unable to clean or count at your allotted time please arrange your own swap.
3. Youth Mass 10th Nov—Christmas Raffle/Stall—Wanted Christmas Craft items or gifts to sell for the stall. Raffle tickets \$1.00/ticket.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th & 27th October 2019

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

Responsorial: Ps 33:2-3, 17-19, 23

Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



	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	Peter Maloney	Rosemarie Zalec	M Duck	J Divola C Markham/M Monteleone	Elvira Iamarino
Music		M Guthrie All welcome	Filipino Group M Issanchon	Youth Group		Tongan Choir	
Offertory			Baptism			C Cavallaro	
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 2 E Briggs	Volunteer please
Eucharist Ministers		Maria Cirillo	Sonia Opie	Mario Zema	P Riordan	M Dominelli	Sr Carmel Setford
		Christine Carmichael	Philip Opie	Josie Zema		D Eagle	Casey Stoetzer
		Ellen Frauenfelder	Elvira Mazza	Bernadette Avery	OASIS AGED CARE	T Gardiner	LAY-LED LEADERS October 27th Sr Carmel Setford Frances Sabo
		Jacinda Deacon	Jill Joslyn	Trish Cirillo	W Schmidt	CUPPA'S	
		Katy Quinlan	Lisa Cirillo	Jeena Jose		C Cavallaro M Cavallaro	CHAFFEY AGED CARE
		Vince Pileggi	Laurie Fry	Christine Slattery	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	FLOWERS Volunteers	K Wagner Val McCarthy
		Judy Webster					
Counting Team	TEAM 9	GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993				G Brizzi/A Ziguras	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement					C Dichiera	As per arrangement