

# 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:

Saturday 6pm: Leo Monteleone (1st anniversary), Doss Quinlan  
 Sunday 5pm: Clemente Pascale, Domenica Ficarra,  
 Bruno Timpano  
 Wednesday 9.15am: Thanksgiving Mass

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

### MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Pat Olden; 28<sup>th</sup> Peg Stack, Irene O'Connor; 29<sup>th</sup> Martin McCarthy, Mac Bradley; 30<sup>th</sup> Des McCoy; 31<sup>st</sup> Jean O'Day, Leroy Liddicoat, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Roy Klaric, Ilario Dichiera; 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Fraser.

*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

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 27th & 28th October 2018

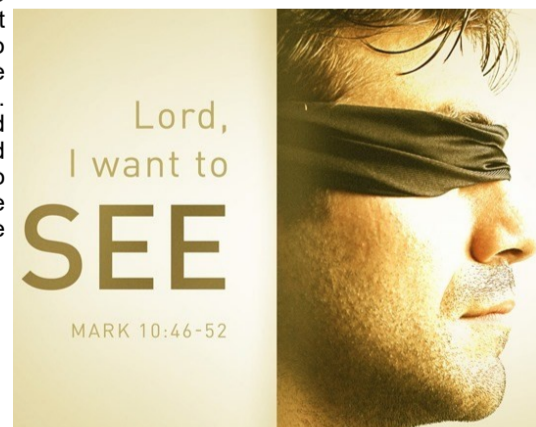
What is it that we fail to see? Today's gospel reading brings to closure a long section of Mark's gospel that focuses on the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Jericho in the south. Jericho is the final staging point in the journey to Jerusalem where the final act of the gospel drama will be played out. This section of the gospel (8:27-10:52) is prefaced by the story of a blind man who comes to sight in stages and ends with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus, who comes from blindness to sight, as well as from insight to greater insight, and joins Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. On the intervening journey, Jesus endeavours to lead the Twelve out of their metaphorical blindness into an understanding of what it means to follow a suffering messiah. They remain for some time in their blindness, as subsequent events will demonstrate.

The narrator creates an impression of urgency at this point in Mark's gospel. "They" come to Jericho and then leave. The intervention of Bartimaeus, who tries to attract the attention of Jesus by calling out from the roadside, threatens to delay the journey. When he cries out for mercy, many "rebuke" him. This is a strong word. It is used of people in the crowd who neither share the depth of Bartimaeus' faith nor grasp the nature of Jesus' mission of gathering in "the remnant of Israel, among them the blind and the lame" (Jeremiah 31:8). Those who try to silence Bartimaeus are a bit like the family of Jesus who tried to protect him from himself (Mark 3:31).

When it is clear that the perception of the "many" is not shared by Jesus, we have an almost comical scene in which they do a complete about-face. It seems they want to please the authority figure no matter what. Bartimaeus offers a stark contrast to these people. He knows that Jesus has the power to bring the mercy of God into his life and the lives of those who wait by the roadside with faith in their hearts. He receives the assurance from Jesus that his faith has made him well.

We can probably find some reflection of ourselves in all the characters in today's story. At times we are aware of our blindness and wait desperately by the roadside for the right person or circumstances to come along and give us the heart to rise up and live the journey of faith. At times, we are like the many who think we know what is best for others and who try to silence the voices of those who interfere with our plans. At other times, we respond to the cries for mercy and stretch out our hands to gather in those whose disabilities might otherwise exclude them.

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.*

Syd Girke, 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

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Amalia & Milaan Roccisano, Amelia Hickey, Sophie & Stella Roberts whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Shaun Ristrom and Angela Grossole 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.

*We remember the parents who are gathering in small groups this final week.*



### RCIA 2018 –2019

The Journey of Faith  
Thursday 1st November 7pm, Hillman Room.

**PLEASE NOTE: THAT DUE TO ALL SAINTS DAY MASS ON THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 9.15AM, THE NEXT ANOINTING MASS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 9.15AM.**

### REMEMBRANCE MASS

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



## Community Life & Outreach

The Sacred Heart Family group is lunching at the Mildura Golf Club on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> November at Noon. All welcome. Please let Helen or John know your intentions on 0427441466 / 0419563055

### 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.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2019

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

### 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.

### 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.



### 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.

### CATHOLIC MISSIONS PHILIPPINES IMMERSION 2018

Four St Joseph's College Year 12 Students will be involved in a Service Learning Project from 6th to 18th December 2018 in the Philippines. The students are raising funds to build new kitchens for their host communities in the Philippines. With their current kitchen set ups, it is difficult for local village mums to cook during the rainy season. At the moment 12 families are in need of new kitchens. Each kitchen unit including the concreting of the ground costs 10,000PHP (around \$260 AUD). These units are good for two families and will make a big difference in their lives. Please help Nicholas, Nic, Maddy and Bailey by buying some raffle tickets or donating some funds or goods.  
Raffle: Cinema Voucher & Confectionery  
Cost: 50 cents each or 3 or \$1.00  
Drawn: End of November 2018  
Further information see flyers on notice boards.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ASSIST A STUDENT PROGRAM

Paul McCarthy, St Vincent de Paul State Co-ordinator has asked us to see if any of you would like to support this program. The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our north, from India to Fiji, get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. It costs \$70.00 to assist one student for one year. Pamphlets and sponsorship slips are available at the Church doors. Any queries to Patricia Fitzgibbon 5021 5486. Many thanks from all the members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul.

### MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1271.20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2290.00
Loose Plate	\$ 512.95
Monaghan Centre	\$ 40.00

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



## 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.*

**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 FOR THIS WEEK**  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY: 9.30AM**  
**TUESDAY: 5.30PM**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday Oct 28:** Youth Mass.  
**Sunday Nov 4:** Remembrance Day Mass & CUPPA.

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

Youth Mass today, Sunday, October 28. 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 TODAY

Leader: Tomas Hawkes  
 Reader 1: Rachel Tassone  
 Reader 2: Olivia Strangio  
 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 today, 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

**All Saints Day:** Thurs 1st Nov 10.00am  
**All Saints & All Souls Day:** Thurs 1st Nov Combined Celebration 7pm  
**All Souls Day:** Friday 2nd Nov 9.30am.

### 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*

### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$245.95</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$133.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 88.00</b>
<b>Missions Week</b>	<b>\$261.00</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**THAT MASS WILL COMMENCE AT 10.15AM ON 11<sup>TH</sup> NOV. TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

### PLENARY COUNCIL

An open invitation is extended to all to come and join in DISCUSSION and BBQ. We need input from as many people as possible, regardless of religious affiliation, to share ideas that could help us as a Christian Community to move forward together for the benefit of all the local and wider community. So come along and share your ideas and our food and make it a productive and a pre-Christmas celebration.

**DATE:** Saturday 1st December. **TIME:** 5.00pm onwards.  
**PLACE:** Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School, 18 Box Street Merbein

### THERESIANS – REMEMBRANCE MONTH

Therians Sunraysia invite you to come and join in a short prayer and Remembrance Service, to be held at the Merbein Cemetery on Monday 5th November at 7.00pm. BYO chair & candle (if possible)

### SCHOOL NEWS

Remembrance Day is almost upon us and the 11th November falls on a Sunday this year. We are still hoping that any available students could make it to the ceremony, held at the gates to the rotunda. Students from OLSH have been asked to recite part of a poem on the day, so we would like to see as many students as possible. Attending students would need to wear their school uniform and gather at 10.45 for an 11.00am service. This is usually a 30-minute service at the most. If your children are able to attend, please return the slip on the newsletter by Monday 29th of October so that we can begin practising our poem. We will also be holding our own short service at school on Friday the 9th of November at 10.45am.

**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.

### SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

In Laudato Si' Pope Francis identified the climate as a common good, belonging to all and meant for all, a complex system providing the essential conditions for human life. The following is one way that each of us can bring about change. ***This is a shocking fact: BY THE YEAR 2050 THERE IS GOING TO BE MORE PLASTIC IN THE SEA THAN FISH.***

***We need to stop using plastic wrap and plastic bags and avoid using all soft plastic. Recyclable bags can be used for shopping and individual containers can be used instead of wrapping food in plastic.***

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$ 80.50</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$189.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 55.65</b>

## A NEW STORY FOR CHILD ABUSE SURVIVORS

The Australian nation is given shape by the stories that we tell ourselves each year.

There are days when we tell stories about the arrival of the European settlers, and days when we tell stories about the horrific treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There are days when we share the many stories of migrants who have settled in Australia, and days when we remember the stories of the generations who were stolen from their families. There are days that celebrate the stories that are born on the sporting field, and days when we remember the stories that ended on the battlefield.

The annual telling and retelling of these stories gives Australians both old and new a sense of place — a reminder of who we are, and who we no longer wish to be.

On Monday, a new set of stories were enshrined in the nation's consciousness — the stories of victims and survivors of institutional sexual abuse. The National Apology has, one hopes, permanently marked 22 October as a day that we will remember their stories, and commit ourselves to making sure our institutions don't fail in the same way again.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten rightly placed the stories of victims, survivors and their families at the centre of this day. Their speeches focused on the accounts that emerged from the Royal Commission, of children's lives destroyed, of institutions such as the Catholic Church who had failed dismally in their response to the children's suffering.

'One survivor told me that when he told a teacher of his abuse, that teacher then became his next abuser,' said Morrison. 'I also met with a mother whose two daughters were abused by a priest the family trusted. Suicide would claim one of her two beautiful girls, and the other lives under the crushing weight of what was done to her.'

His voice breaking, Morrison continued, 'As a father of two daughters, I can't comprehend the magnitude of what she has faced. Not just as a father, but as a prime minister, I am angry too at the calculating destruction of lives ... those who have abused the shield of faith and religion to hide their crimes.'

Religious institutions were rightfully absent from the apology. It was a day to focus on survivors and their families, the culmination of years of campaigning. The Catholic Church, and its leaders in particular, are the villain of this story, and will remain so for many years even as the aftermath of the Royal Commission provides continuing impetus for safeguarding efforts, and opportunities for reparation via the National Redress Scheme.

Survivors and their families aren't ready to stop their efforts. As the Prime Minister greeted those gathered in the Great Hall, many were still making demands of the government and of churches — questioning funding for religious schools, tax exemption for religious bodies, and the seal of the confession. They showed that the story isn't quite over for them, yet, either.

They have been at the centre of this story, and now it's theirs to carry. For years, the people who maintained they were victims of abuse were told that they were trapped in a story about something that had happened to them when they were children. If only they could just let go of the story they could move on with their lives. But that wasn't the story they were in at all.

As children they had been betrayed, abandoned or failed in some way by every figure of authority in their life — their priest, their teacher, their police officers, their parents, and even their God. That betrayal, that abandonment or failure, changed each of them in a different way. Some of them didn't survive that change. Some turned to substances to try to cope with the pain, and many found themselves in trouble with the law. Others nursed their stories privately, behind the façade of what might be considered a normal life.

But with courage, many came forward, to witness to the truth, and call those who had failed them to account. That was the story they were in — a heroic tale of survival, of facing the abyss, and emerging from it changed but strengthened.

Their story was of the forgotten child who had found their voice. And much like 13 February has come to mark the anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations, 22 October is the day that Australians will be asked to remember their stories — courageous and heartbreaking, inspiring and devastating. May we work together to ensure they never have to be repeated again.

Michael McVeigh is senior editor at Jesuit Communications, publishers of *Eureka Street*.

**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year - 3rd & 4th November 2018

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
 Responsorial: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51  
 Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28  
 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



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	Confirmation	Cathy/Paul McErvale	Rosemarie Zalec	M Smith	T Hawkes	Kevin Aston	<b>October 28th</b>
Music	Confirmation School Community	Italian Choir N Armsden	Lam Duy J Ljubic/JMacri		Guitar		Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
Offertory	Confirmation	Mary Gobbo			G Brizzi	Elis Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Ella Briggs	Volunteer please	<b>November 25th</b>
Eucharist Ministers	Jacinda Deacon	Greg Johnston	Myrna Rodi	W Smith	Katie Hawkes	Janine Dannatt	Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Katy Quinlan	Gina Raiti	Maree Irvin		Christian Marcuzzo	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Vince Pileggi	Anna Vartuli	Sue Hermans		Rustyn McCarthy Jai Grayling		<b>December 30th</b>
	Anne-Maree Greville	Sara Visona	Naomi Kennedy		C Russo		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Taiana Fatai	Juliet Cresp	Mario Zema		J Strangio	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Volunteer please	Louise Belej	Josie Zema		M Suppa	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
	Nancy Leonardis			FLOWERS Silvia Cufari			
Counting Team	TEAM 8	TREVOR AUST 5023 6597			C Markham/D Eagle		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	