

# 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	
SATURDAY	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: Betty Caldwell,  
 Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Maria & Phaolo Nguyen

Sunday 9am: Marion Sharman, Antonio Cirillo, Nicola & Carmela Cirillo, Cosimo & Pasqualina Dichiera

Friday 5.40pm: Mass will be a Mass of remembrance for deceased members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society

### RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Rocco Lamattina, Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone, Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone, Adrianna Tassone

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Adrian Prevedello, Marion Sharman; 14<sup>th</sup> Cosimo Dichiera; 15<sup>th</sup> James McAllister.

*(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

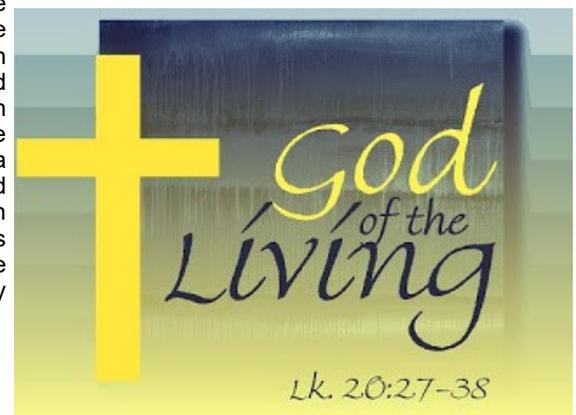
## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 9th & 10th November 2019

Fifty years ago there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago there was no Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. Twenty years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments.

In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. It functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship. It was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final advent. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict and persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time, the *kairos*, of God's visitation.

Like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They don't have to worry about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own times, when the life of our planetary home is at stake, when the political systems we have trusted are so often manipulated by the greed of the few and when families are torn apart, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life.

Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura Sacramental Life & Liturgy

# Community Life & Outreach

## RCIA 2019 –2020

How is the Catholic Church Structured.  
Thursday 14th November 7pm, Hillman Room.



## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the children confirmed this weekend. May the Spirit continue to work in your lives so that you grow into mature Christians and messengers of the Good News.

## Community Life & Outreach

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 11th 2019, at 7.30pm in the KSC Club rooms. Executive Members required to attend prior to the meeting at 6.30pm, please.

### FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday 12th November 7.30am, Sacred Heart Parish Office.

### BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 9am, Sacred Heart Parish Office.

### PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Tuesday 12th November 10.30am. All welcome.

### PARISH COUNCIL MILDURA

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November following 6:00pm Mass

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

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



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Now have available Columban Calendars 2020 and Religious Christmas cards.

Calendars \$9.00 each and cards (packs of 8) \$3.00.

Please note: Items will be sold by St Vincent de Paul members at the back of the church this weekend.



### SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA this Sunday after 9am Mass

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.  
Cuppa in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

### 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

Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King** in a special way on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of November at the 5:00pm Mass**. During this Mass we will specially recognise the wonderful multi-cultural dimension of our Parish Community.

We invite the various cultural groups to celebrate in formal dress, and to bring along food typical of your country to share with others.

*Though the idea has been very well received, commitment from groups or people is urgently needed. If you are able to participate or for further information please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.*



## REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

### 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:** Fr Denis Dennehy, Teresita Eliquen-Dy (Manila), Melita Suppa, Celia-Dy Dela Tena, Perla Tuionisio, Lily Chung, Lorna Kearney, Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Hailey Crossan, Geraldine Brunner,

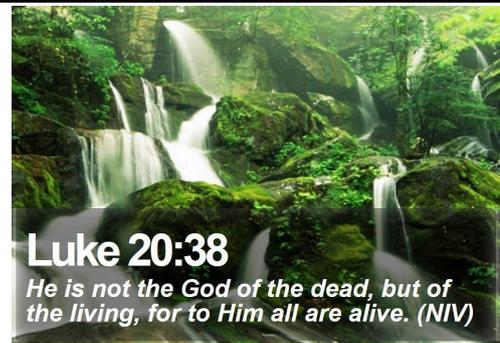
**Merbein:** Martin Rogers, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

**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

### OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

October Edition 2019

Copies are now available to take home



**Luke 20:38**

*He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive. (NIV)*

### PLENARY COUNCIL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT

Copies of each Theme are now available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for those who attended the meetings and for those who wish to be a part of the discerning group.

Further information in the coming weeks.

**DIALOGUE BEGINS WITH EMPATHY NOT CONTEMPT  
POPE FRANCIS**

*Junno Arocho Esteves—Catholic News Service*

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians who preach the Gospel must see people who do not know Christ as children of God and not as nonbelievers worthy of hostility and contempt, Pope Francis said.

The example of St. Paul's mission in Greece and his encounter with the pagan culture there serves as a reminder that Christians should "create a bridge to dialogue" with other cultures, the pope said Nov. 6 during his weekly general audience.

"Paul does not look at the city of Athens and the pagan world with hostility but with the eyes of faith," he said. "And this makes us question our way of looking at our cities: Do we observe them with indifference? With contempt? Or with the faith that recognizes children of God in the midst of the anonymous crowds?"

Continuing his series of talks on the Acts of the Apostles, the pope focused on St. Paul's visit to Athens, a city that "still held the primacy of culture" and was "full of idols."

According to tradition, St. Paul preached to the Athenians at the Areopagus, an area that was not only a symbol of Greek political and cultural life but also the location of an altar to the "unknown god."

The paganism of the Greeks did not cause the apostle to flee, the pope explained. Instead, "Paul observes the culture and environment of Athens from a contemplative gaze that sees God dwelling in their homes, in their streets and squares."

"In the heart of one of the most famous institutions of the ancient world, the Areopagus, he realizes an extraordinary example of inculturation of the message of the faith," the pope said. "He proclaims Jesus Christ to idol worshippers and doesn't do it by attacking them, but by making himself a 'pontiff,' a builder of bridges."

The apostle, he continued, "takes his cue from the altar of the city dedicated to the unknown god" and engages with the Athenians with "empathy," declaring that he is preaching in the name of the one they "worship without knowing it." Citing Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis said that in doing so, St. Paul is not proclaiming the unknown god but rather "proclaiming him whom men do not know and yet do know — the unknown-known."

In this way, St. Paul can announce the message of salvation, "the kerygma," by alluding "to Christ without citing him, defining him as the man whom God has chosen," he said. Pope Francis concluded his talk by asking Christians to ask the Holy Spirit to "teach us to build bridges with culture, with those who do not believe or with those who have a different creed from ours."

"Let us ask him for the capacity to delicately inculturate the message of faith, placing a contemplative gaze on those

who are ignorant of Christ, moved by a love that warms even the most hardened hearts," the pope said.



*National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain,  
for people affect by drought, for support services*

*Eternal God,  
In wisdom and love  
You created our earth  
To sustain us and give us life.  
We turn to you now  
In faith, hope and love,  
Asking you to look with favour  
On our drought-stricken land  
On our starving animals,  
On our failing crops.  
Strengthen, sustain and give us new heart  
To our farmers  
And to all who are affect by drought;  
Be with with those who support them.  
In your loving providence,  
Send abundant rain  
And restore our parched earth.  
Father of all compassion,  
Hear our prayer  
Through Jesus Christ your Son,  
In whom the promise of new life  
Has dawned, and  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord the giver of life:  
Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth  
Our Lay of the Southern Cross,  
Mary help of Christians-  
Pray for us  
St May of the Cross MacKillop-  
Pray for us*

**NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT**

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access further resources and find out more at [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

**ELEVEN DECADES OF THE  
MERBEIN IRRIGATION  
SETTLEMENT**

**1909 – 2019 IN WORDS  
AND PICTURES**

**Where: Merbein Library  
Hub**

**When: Sunday Novem-  
ber 17th 2 pm - 4pm**



**AFTERNOON TEA - ALL WELCOME**

**Entrance: Gold coin - Merbein History books for sale**

**SUNRAYSLIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE**

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1745.50	\$ 63.90	\$294.75
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2495.75	\$155.00	\$324.00
Loose Plate	\$ 655.80	\$100.70	\$106.90

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

## PARISH NEWS

- Parish Council Meeting will take place immediately after Mass today.
- Please make sure you take your copy of “**Our Diocesan Community**” and “**Australian Catholics**” for some interesting and inspirational reading
- Plenary Council: Please continue to keep in mind and reflect on the reading that your group has chosen and continue to ask the question ‘How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is...’ “Inclusive, participatory and synodal” or “A joyful, hope-filled and servant community” or whatever your group has chosen of the six areas that have been suggested to explore. We all need to take part in this Plenary Council to discern what the Spirit is asking of us here in Merbein. Some inspiration may come from your reading of the above Magazines!
- Tickets for the OLSH School major raffle are available at the back of the church today. The raffle will be drawn on the night of the school concert on 5<sup>th</sup> December. The Raffle includes three major prizes as well as the hampers full of goodies and extra surprises! Please support our school by buying some tickets.

## SCHOOL NEWS:

### Coming Events:-

- Mission Week 11th - 15th of November.
- Mission Mass Thursday 14th November at 9.15am –All welcome
- Mission Day 15th November

### Preps 2020 Transition Program

The final date for the 2020 Prep students to spend some time at OLSH as part of their transition process is as follows: Wednesday 4th December 9.00 – 3.25pm (Play lunch & lunch will be required)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

## CALENDAR

- Sunday 10 Nov:** Youth Mass /Christmas craft stall/Raffle/BBQ
- Monday 11 Nov:** Jacaranda Aged Care Prayer Service Low Care Cottages 11am. All welcome.
- Tuesday 12 Nov:** Jacaranda Aged Care Prayer Services High Care –Manor 10.30am. All welcome.
- Wednesday 13 Nov:** Parish Council meeting
- Sunday 24 Nov:** Feast of Christ the King, and our First Communion Day.
- Sunday 8 Dec:** End of Year Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass

## BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community **ELI & SCARLETT BURR** whose Baptism occurs today.



## PARISH BBQ

A Parish BBQ will be held after our Youth Mass today Sunday 10th November. All welcome.

## VINNIES' CHRISTMAS TREE

Vinnies' Christmas Tree will be in place on the Sanctuary for the Feast of Christ the King, which is also our First Communion Day. As usual you are asked to take a tag or tags from the Tree, by a good Christmas present for whoever your tag indicates (eg. a girl 7 years old), wrap the present in Christmas wrapping, attach the tag to the present, and bring it with you to Mass on Sunday, December 8, which is both St Joseph's School's End-of-Year Thanksgiving Mass, and our Forgiveness Mass in preparation for Christmas. We bring our Christmas presents to the big Christmas Tree during the Forgiveness Prayers.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th & 17th November 2019

**First Reading: Prophet Malachi 3:19-20**  
**Responsorial: Ps 97:5-9**  
**Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**  
**Second Reading: St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12**  
**Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**



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>	Confirmation	Confirmation	Vince Muscatello	J Kearney	T Lewis M Cavallaro / M Duck	Jeanette Ellis
<b>Music</b>	Confirmation	Confirmation	M Hammond J Macri / J Ljubic		Guitar	
<b>Offertory</b>	Confirmation	Confirmation			N Orr	Ellis Family
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please		<b>GROUP 5</b> E Papanicolaou	Volunteer Please
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Anne-Maree Greville	Elena Garreffa	Katrina Groves	M Jensen	M Monteleone	Sr Carmel Setford
	Taiana Fatai	Maryanne Modica	Judy Hall		N Morello	Casey Stoetzer
	Margaret McDonald	Lyn Welsh	Myrna Rodi	<b>OASIS AGED CARE</b>	S Orr	<b>LAY-LED LEADERS</b> 24th November
	Paul Kerr	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Maree Irvin	G Schmidt	<b>CUPPA'S</b> Sunday Nov 24th D Eagle M Matotek	Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Anita Naray	Maria Scopacasa	Sue Hermans		<b>LAY LITURGY LEADERS</b>	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Susan Lewis	Naomi Kennedy		P Riordan M Petrolo	Pat Sylvia
	Minda Wright				<b>FLOWERS</b> S Cufari	
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>JOE de JONG 5023 7802</b>			<b>B Gardner/S Williams</b>	As per arrangement
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	As per arrangement				<b>Volunteers</b>	As per arrangement