

# 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:

(Anniversary Mass for Maria Grazia Pagano will be held on Saturday 23rd November 6pm)

#### Anniversaries: Pietro Callipari

Saturday 6pm: Maria Nancy Cricelli, Peter & Maria Tran and all souls of the Tran Family

Sunday 5pm: Gabriela & Lubo Zvonar, Peter Belej

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Tony Arundell, Saverio Romeo

#### Anniversaries:

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Charles Mangan; 18<sup>th</sup> Pasqualina Grande; 20<sup>th</sup> Eunice Adolph; 21<sup>st</sup> Brian Deed; 22<sup>nd</sup> Brian Burke, Valda Jessup.

*(Only immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)*

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 16th & 17th November 2019

Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as "not of the dead, but of the living."

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder this mystery of the bonds of love that persist, even after death, in unimagined and unimaginable way. Some Sadducees "who say there is no resurrection" put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God's chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God's people). At the same time, there was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs.

Recently, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. She knew in her heart that her loved ones who have died are "alive to God", as the Lukan Jesus puts it. I also knew in my heart that the life she had generated and the love she had known and brought to others over the best part of a century somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that is sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in God and in hope of resurrection, of the transformation of every being.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

## 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

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE SACRED HEART CHURCH  
 Mass on Tuesday 19th November has been cancelled.**

**The 9.30am morning Mass on Saturday 23rd  
 November has been cancelled due to a  
 working bee.**

# Sacred Heart Mildura Community Life & Outreach

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

**WEDDINGS**  
 We congratulate **James Rix & Jessica Marciano** who were married this weekend.



**RCIA 2019 –2020**  
 Meeting with Sponsors and Candidates  
 Thursday 21st 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.



**Communal Celebration of Reconciliation**  
**Wednesday 18th December 7pm**

Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's Peace at Christmas by acknowledging our need for healing and forgiveness.



## Community Life & Outreach

**OASIS AGED CARE MASS**  
 Wednesday 20th November 10.30am. 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 have their final gathering for the year at the Gateway Tavern at noon on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December for lunch. Please bring a Kris Kringle to exchange to the value of \$10. All welcome to join our group. Intentions to Denise & Gerry 50211918. See you there.

**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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**  
 Thank you to those who helped with the recent Planned Giving envelope issues. If you have number **148** please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 asap.

**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

### 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.

### WELCOME GEN BRYANT

A big thank you to Gen Bryant for visiting us here in Sunraysia this week. Gen worked with some of the music students at St Joseph's College on Friday, and will meet with 5/6's from our parish schools on Monday. She will also help prepare our young people for their trip to Perth in December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival with a short retreat.



**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

**CONFIRMATION CHILDREN  
WEEKEND 10th & 11th NOVEMBER**



**Saturday 10th November**



**Sunday 11th November**

*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*

**PACIFIC LABOUR SCHEME**

The Pacific Labour Facility is please to invite all to attend the **VANUATU WELCOMING CHURCH SERVICE** on Sunday 17th November 2019 from 11.30am—12.30pm church service, followed by a shared lunch at the Mildura Tourism Centre: 180-190 Deakin Ave. For further information please email: [morgan.howie@pacificlabourfacility.com.au](mailto:morgan.howie@pacificlabourfacility.com.au)

**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)

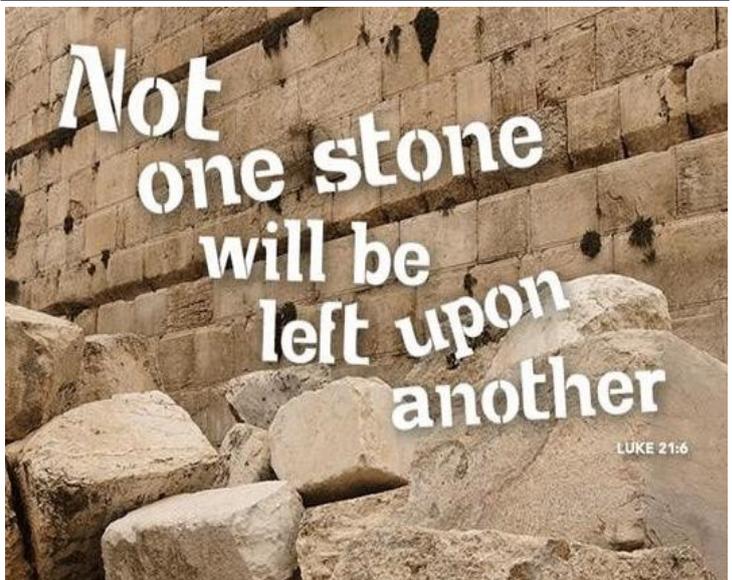
**ELEVEN DECADES OF THE  
MERBEIN IRRIGATION  
SETTLEMENT**

**1909 – 2019 IN WORDS AND  
PICTURES**

**Where: Merbein Library Hub  
When: Sunday November  
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
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$2035.60	\$ 77.65	\$214.10
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT)	\$1058.50	\$175.00	\$432.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$ 798.50	\$ 22.35	\$ 57.20

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

## PARISH NEWS

- We welcome into our faith community **ALEX PISCIONERI** who will be baptised today.
- 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:

**Mission Week:** A very successful Mission Week was held last week with an enthusiastic participation of all the classes. The out-door setting for Mass was particularly reverent and celebratory which included the blessing of the new playground equipment with a special Holy Water sprinkling by the Prep children!!

### Preps 2020 Transition Program

The dates for the 2020 Prep students to spend some time at OLSH as part of their transition process continues and is as follows: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December each day being from 9.00 – 3.25pm (Play lunch & lunch will be required) An information session for parents will be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3.45pm. At this session parents will be provided with information that will ensure a successful introduction to school for their child.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

## CALENDAR

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

**Wednesday 4 Dec:** End of Year School Concert 6pm. School Grounds.

**Sunday 8 Dec:** End of Year Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass

## NEWS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- A huge Thank You to all who participated at our Youth Mass last week. It was a wonderful service with great Parish support for the Christmas Stall and Raffle. Congratulations to the Mapapalangi for winning 1st Prize and the family for winning second prize. \$465 was raised and the money will go to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Many thanks to: Chen Cavallaro, Trish Hill for organising the Youth Mass and Christmas Stall, Grace Brizzi for organising the BBQ and Chris Tassone & Larry Eagle for cooking the BBQ.
- If you would like to be a part of our Parish Support (Bereavement) Group, please contact Chen or Sylvia.
- Church Counting & Cleaning—if your group is unable to clean or count at your allotted time please arrange your own swap.

## 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 Feast of Christ the King 23rd & 24th November 2019

**First Reading: 2nd Book of Samuel 5:1-3**

**Responsorial: Ps 121:1-5**

**Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20**

**Gospel: Luke 23:35-43**



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	Gary Huxtable	Rose Op't Hoog	Barb Kelly	Mary Hoy	First Eucharist	Josephine O'Connor
Music	Singing Group M Sullivan	M Guthrie All welcome	Lam Duy J Ljubic		Tongan Choir	
Offertory		Cathy & Paul McErvale			First Eucharist	Nemtsas Family
Altar Servers	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please		<b>GROUP 6</b> T Dowling	
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Rose Op't Hoog	Mario Zema	J Kearney	B Pitt	
	Christine Carmichael	Rini Op't Hoog	Josie Zema		Volunteer Please	
	Jacinda Deacon	Cora Howell	Bernadette Avery	<b>OASIS AGED CARE</b>	J Strangio	<b>LAY-LED LEADERS</b> 24th November
	Katy Quinlan	Narie Lewis	Trish Cirillo	M Hoy	<b>CUPPA'S</b>	Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Vince Pileggi	Renata Byra	Jeena Jose		Sunday Nov 24th D Eagle M Matotek	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>
	Volunteer Please	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Christine Slattery	<b>LAY LITURGY LEADERS</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b> S Cufari	Kay Wagner Val McCarthy
	Catherine McErvale					
Counting Team	<b>TEAM 3</b>	<b>PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531</b>				As per arrangement
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement				<b>Cleaner</b>	As per arrangement