

# 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: Noemi Manogura & Felix Javelosa (Philippines),  
 Ann Doolan (Geelong—daughter of Josie Kennedy)  
 ANNIVERSARIES: Peter & Maria Tran & All souls, Pietro Callipari

Saturday 6pm: Noemi Hicks, Steven & Maria Friscic  
 Sunday 8.30am: Gino D'Amico

Sunday 9am: Pasqualina Grande, Luigi, Maria Michela &  
 Encoranata Resta, Donato & Elisabetta De Angelis, Rosa,  
 Francesco & Tony Modica, Teresa, Vincenzo, Bruno & Vince  
 Piscioneri

Sunday 5pm: Gabriela & Lubo Zvonar, Peter Belej  
 Friday 5.40pm: Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society.

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Pietro Napoli

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Nov. 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, 24<sup>th</sup> Maria

Piscioneri. 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

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 17th & 18th November 2018

In the opening lines of today's gospel reading, there are clear echoes of two passages from the prophecy of Isaiah. The first passage reads, "For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light" (Isaiah 13:10). These images from Isaiah read like an unravelling of God's work in creation. The second passage likewise predicts a scenario that seems to reverse the Genesis creation account: "All the host of heaven [the constellations] shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4). The prophet is using powerful poetic imagery to speak of God's judgment on the people of Israel who have strayed from their covenant relationship.

The parallel images in Mark 13 are referenced to the aftermath of the "time of distress" associated with the destruction of Jerusalem, a time of intense suffering for the community of believers. Jesus tells his disciples that, after all their suffering, strange cosmic phenomena will signal his return in glory and usher in a new age for God's people when the faithful will be gathered in. The message is intended to give comfort and hope to Mark's persecuted community of the late sixties or early seventies of the first century. Just as the new leaves on the fig tree signal the approach of summer, so too will the strange signs in the heavens signal Christ's coming and the onset of a new era, an end to the "time of distress". The message is thus one of encouragement for the community as they face an uncertain future rather than one of judgment.

The strange apocalyptic imagery and the ancient cosmology that has Jesus returning on the clouds need not distract the modern and scientifically sophisticated reader from hearing the call to trust in God no matter what happens. This reading may remind some of us that the unravelling of God's work is more than a poetic image in our times. The freak storms, the cyclones, and other signs of global warming we have seen might well serve as reminders to attend more carefully to the preservation of planet Earth. We may also hear a call to pay closer attention to what the "other-than-human" Earth elements can tell us about God and God's ways.

Tim Winton's memoir, *Island Home*, offers a contemporary reminder of who we are as planetary beings, of what we have done to our planet and of how attentiveness to land and landscape is integral to being who we are. The wild fig or the black-flanked rock wallabies, for instance, may be more eloquent teachers than we had ever realised.

Veronica  
Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart 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, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan**

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Halle Caristo and Giulia Cupello whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### RCIA 2018 –2019—Advance notice

Meeting with sponsors and candidates  
Thursday 22nd November 7pm, Hillman Room.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

**Feast of Christ the King:** Sunday 25th November  
**1st Day of Advent:** 1st & 2nd December 2018  
**Communal Rite of Reconciliation:** Tuesday 18th December 6pm.

## Community Life & Outreach

### BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 20th November 9.15am, Parish Office.

### OASIS AGED CARE MASS

Wednesday 21st November 10.30am. All welcome.

### SACRAMENTAL TEAM MEETING

Thursday 22nd November 8.15am, Sacred Heart Parish Office.

### SUNDAY HOSPITAL COMMUNION ROSTER

Two volunteers are required for the 4th Sunday of each month to administer communion to the sick at the hospital. If you can help please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office, Fr Michael or Fr James on 5021 2872.

### HELPERS REQUIRED FOR MONEY COUNTING

We are still in need of 3 volunteers to help with money counting. Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 for further information.

### SACRED HEART CATHOLIC LADIES GROUP

Will not be meeting early this month but a luncheon has been arranged at Woodies Rock Shop on Tuesday 27th November at 12.30pm. Please contact Aileen on 5021 5939.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2019

are now available from the kiosk at the back of the Sacred Heart Church, cost \$9 each. Religious Christmas Cards are also now available.

### 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

## Community Life & Outreach

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

The St Vincent de Paul “Giving Tree” will be in the gathering space next Sunday until 8<sup>th</sup>/9th December. Gifts to the value of about \$10.00 for children up to 12 years of age will be appreciated. Gift tags will be available on the tree. Many thanks in anticipation from the members of the Sacred Heart Conference.



“ On this World Day of the Poor, we are called to make a serious examination of conscience, to see if we are truly capable of hearing the cry of the poor.”

POPE FRANCIS



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR  
18 November 2018

## REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

### SUNRAYSIA AUXILIARY OF BIBLE SOCIETY AUSTRALIA Presents

**Carols In Henderson Park—November 24th, 2018, 7pm.**

Free will offering to further the work of the Bible Society. If there is any interested person who would like to join the committee as a Catholic Representative please contact: Kent on 0407 194 399.



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

### Listening and Dialogue Encounters

All are invited to participate in the Listening and Dialogue process to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyer available on the Ballarat diocese website

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

All of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”

Questions for individuals or groups:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at [www.plenarycouncil.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.org.au)

### MOMENTS WITH GOD

A book from the Vincentian Retreat Centre, Melbourne is now available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for \$10.00 each.

### MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1899.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2548.75
Loose Plate	\$ 832.05
The Shared Table	\$ 198.75
Monaghan Centre	\$ 232.00



# 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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**Martin Rogers, Anne-Maree Whitechurch, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR**

### NO CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

**Wednesday Nov 21:** Finance and Parish Council meeting from 7pm, St Joseph's Primary school hall.

**Sunday Nov 25:** Feast of Christ the King.

**Sunday Dec 2:** 1st Sunday of Advent

**Monday Dec 3:** Jacaranda Village Aged Care Service 2pm. All welcome.

**Sunday Dec 9:** St Joseph's Primary School—End of Year Mass

### PARISH COUNCIL

Our monthly meeting which was postponed last Sunday will take place as a short discussion at the back of the church immediately after Mass today.

### PLENARY COUNCIL

Due to many non-negotiable factors we are unable to hold the previously advertised discussion and BBQ on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This event has not been cancelled but postponed until February 2019 at a date to be decided. We apologise for any inconvenience that this change may have caused.

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, and the last Sunday of the Church's year. It is also First Communion Day for Georgina Corey. Vinnies Christmas Tree will be in the Sanctuary, with tags on it. As usual, we take one or more tags and buy a good Christmas present or presents for whomever the tag says - Boy 15 years old, girl 8 years old etc.



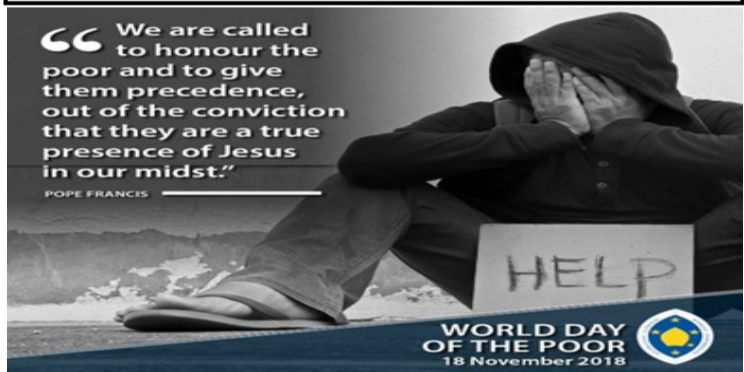
& Trading Table after Mass next Sunday. Proceeds from the Trading Table will go towards Vinnies' Christmas Appeal.

### ROSTER LIST FOR 2019

If you would like to help out in any of our volunteer duties, reading, Eucharistic Minister, Church Cleaning, Offertory, Music, helping with our monthly Cuppa & Trading Table, flowers, counting money etc, please update the list in the foyer of the Gathering Area or contact Carmel Russo on 5021 2872.

### Who is Jesus to me?

Jesus is the Word made Flesh.  
 Jesus is the Bread of Life.  
 Jesus is the Victim offered for our sins on the Cross.  
 Jesus is the Sacrifice at Holy Mass for the sins of the world and mine.  
 Jesus is the Life – to be loved.  
 Jesus is the Joy – to be shared.  
 Jesus is the Hungry – to be fed.  
 Jesus is the Thirsty – to be satiated.  
 Jesus is the Naked – to be clothed.  
 Jesus is the Homeless – to be taken in.  
 Jesus is the Sick – to be healed.  
 Jesus is the Lonely – to be loved.  
 Jesus is the Unwanted – to be wanted.  
 Jesus is the Leper – to wash his wounds.  
 Jesus is the Beggar – to give him a smile.  
 Jesus is the Drunkard – to listen to him.  
 Jesus is the Little One – to embrace him.  
 Jesus is the Drug Addict – to befriend him.  
 Jesus is the Prostitute – to remove from danger.  
 Jesus is the Prisoner – to be visited.  
 Jesus is the Old – to be served.  
 Jesus is my Everything. Amen.  
<https://daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-of-blessed-mother-teresa-of-calcutta/>



### SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday we had a small group of students and staff attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at Kenny Park. As always, our students represented the school beautifully as they read their part of a poem about the war and showed complete respect for the significance of the day. Thank you to the parents who brought their children along to participate. It was greatly appreciated by the local RSL members and community. Well Done  
 Classes are busy collecting items for the Christmas Hampers which will be raffled at the end of the year. Some classes are a little bit light on with donations so far! If you haven't already done so, please send in your items as soon as possible so that we can get the hampers looking great.

**Tickets for the major school Christmas raffle are on sale after Mass today. Please support our school by buying a ticket. Even if you have no direct connection to the school at this stage, parishioners may consider a donation of an item for the raffle – just a thought to show our support!**

### ANNIVERSARY LIST

A renewal of the Anniversary List, names of which are placed on the Notice Sheet each week, is in need of an update. Would you please fill in names and date of death of those whom you wish to be remembered each year at the time of their anniversary. Book on table at side entrance.

### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$235.75</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$413.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 42.85</b>

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

#### Last week's collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$ 78.05</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$259.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 15.40</b>

## November 20: International Children's Day

Advertisements of beautifully dressed children playing happily in springtime gardens are images of the childhood we would like for all our children. Yet we know that for many people childhood is a hard time. We see cruelty to children as monstrous, but find it tolerated in our society.

Christians rate Herod's slaughter of young children in order to get rid of a potential claimant to his throne as a barbarous act that shows his rule to have been despotic and cruel. The Russian novelist Dostoevsky used a story of an abused child both to judge both Russian society and to question belief in a God who allowed it to happen. Charles Dickens' portrayal of the conditions in which small English children were compelled to work aroused horror and pressure to reform. In Australia periodic revelations of the abusive treatment of young people in the justice system occasionally arouse public outcry. The sexual abuse of children by church representatives, too, has made many people reassess their faith and membership of the church.

Cruelty to children, however, is tolerated and often taken for granted. We turn our eyes from it, unready to pay the cost of addressing it. It becomes normal and its harm is not recognised. indeed it has often been praised. That was the case with savage beatings which were taken to drive rebellious spirits out of children, and also with sending prepubescent children to dirty and dangerous work in mines or in the cocoa fields for profit. It remains the case in societies riven by civil war where small children are routinely given guns and made to fight. Underdeveloped aversion to risk, empathy and moral sense are a benefit to those who fight in cruel wars. They poison the lives of the children caught in them.

In our society, too, we habitually turn our eyes away from children sentenced to child prisons and from the way this affects their future lives. They are the victims of our anxieties. We also turn our eyes away from the plight of the children on Nauru who have lost all hope and desire to live. They are the price of our immunity from being bothered by people seeking asylum.

If children are to live free from abuse and free to play there must be a change of heart in society. Jesus asked that change of his disciples – to welcome little children and to become like them. To welcome vulnerable children, as we hope to do in our programs and through **#WorthASecondChance** at **Jesuit Social Services**, builds a deep empathy with children. We come to imagine what it is like for children to be in solitary confinement, to work in a dark mine, to be deprived of hope of a country to call their home. And our desire to make a better world for them becomes personal.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

### ASSIST A STUDENT 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 a student for one year.

Pamphlets and sponsorship slips are available at the Church doors. Any queries to Sr. Patricia Fitzgibbon 5021 5486. Many thanks from all the Sacred Heart Conference, St. Vincent de Paul.

**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS **Feast of Christ the King / Year B– 24th & 25th November 2018**

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14  
 Responsorial: Ps 92:1-2, 5  
 Response: **The Lord is king: he is robed in majesty.**  
 Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8  
 Gospel: John 18:33-37



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
<b>Leader / Reader</b>	Christine Carmichael	Jim O'Brien	Vince Muscatello	M Smith	C Russo M Monteleone/J Vines	Nancy Prevedello	<b>November 25th</b>
<b>Music</b>	M Sullivan Singing Group	M Guthrie—All choirs & leaders welcome	Youth Group		Tongan Choir		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
<b>Offertory</b>		Baptism			C Cavallaro	V McCarthy & family	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Thomas Dowling	Volunteer please	<b>December 30th</b>
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Anne-Maree Greville	Sonia Opie	Melanie Ransome	W Smith	Liam Dowling	Vicki McCarthy	Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Taiana Fatai	Philip Opie	Bill Dolence		Amber Foster	Val McCarthy	
	Margaret McDonald	Catherine mcEervale	Jacqui Willis		Sumah Foster		
	Trish McNamara	Elvira Mazza	Barbara Bunting		M Divola		
	Paul Kerr	Jill Joslyn	Katrina Groves		M Dominelli	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>	
	Anita Naray	Lisa Cirillo	Judy Hall		D Eagle	Kay Wagner Val McCarthy	
	Laurie Fry				<b>FLOWERS</b> Silvia Cufari		
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918</b>			C Russo/T Gardiner		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Grp 2 / C Cavallaro	As per arrangement	