

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newssheet: Week 19

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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: Rosario Agosta, Jean Vanier

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Stefan Klaric (3 yr anniversary), Henry Berton,
Deceased members of the Da Ru family.

Sunday 5pm: Ann Keating, Emma Deluca & Dallas Keating
(birthday remembrance)

Friday 5.40pm: Domenico Valletonga (30 day Mass)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Graeme Lewis

Anniversaries: Ron Flanagan, Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna,
Vincenza Tassone, Francesco & Maria-Antonio Tassone,
Adrianna Tassone

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: May 12th Colleen Hill, Constance Croft, June Jewell;
14th Marjorie Onslow; 15th Barbara Matotek, 16th Fern Mercer;
17th Jean Fletcher, Maria Zappia; 18th Katerina Fabich.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Year C 11th & 12th May 2019

Today's gospel is amazingly reassuring for those who truly hear the voice of Jesus. He "knows" them. These are the ones who "follow" him, those who live as he lived, caring for the "flock". There is a sense of mutuality in hearing and in being known. The inheritance of the "known" ones is "eternal" or never-ending life. In other words, they participate in God's way of being in the world. Just as the shepherds of the ancient world protected their flocks, so the followers of Jesus are secure in his "hand", secure in the "hand" of God, for Jesus and "the Father" are one. Later in John's gospel, Mary Magdalene will hear Jesus' voice and recognise him when he calls her by name. She is one whom Jesus "knows". Her faithful following of Jesus will find expression in her presence at the foot of the cross and her visit to the empty tomb.

Sisters of the Good Shepherd, founded in post-revolution France to shepherd God's people, especially young women at risk, take their inspiration from the gospel image of Jesus as shepherd. They continue to shepherd God's people, including women who have been trafficked as sexual slaves. In recent years they have expanded their mission and, together with their associates and partners in ministry, have decided "to shepherd God's creation". Their foundress, Sr. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, understood the ways of shepherds in mid-19th century rural France: "How, in fact, do good shepherds act? They forget themselves and often have to endure hunger and thirst. They are crushed by fatigue and difficulties—no matter! They are happy if their sheep do not suffer and if they find those that are lost. What trouble they take to lead their sheep to good pastures! In summer they seek out places where there is water and shade; in winter they lead them to where the cold is less biting and the grass more abundant. If they notice poisonous plants near the little lambs they hasten to pull them up. Day and night they are on guard against wolves—they never completely relax." The same respectful stance is needed as we seek to care for our threatened Earth community.

For the earliest readers of John's gospel, the term "good shepherd" was a contradiction in terms. Shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others in their search for feed. A positive image of the shepherd is nonetheless part of Israel's prophetic tradition. John's gospel evokes that tradition. It also evokes the figure of David, the shepherd boy who was destined to become king and to shepherd God's people. For biblical scholar Margaret Daly-Denton, the Israelite understanding of kingship is "shepherding done in the name of the true Shepherd of Israel (Ps. 80.1), the kind of care that reveals the divine 'care-fulness'" (*John: An Earth Bible Commentary*, T&T Clark, 2017, 144). Those who hear the voice of Jesus are called to that kind of care for one another and for our planetary home.

Veronica Lawson rsm



The Good Shepherd

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community Zaydon Murphy & Anaiya Tingey, who Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Blake Honeysett & Hannah Knight who were married this weekend.

RCIA 2018 –2019

Universal Mission
Thursday 16th May 7pm, Hillman Room



FIRST EUCHARIST 2019

REMINDER: Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 15th May 7pm, Sacred Heart Church
First Eucharist Dates: Saturday June 22nd 6pm Mass and Sunday June 23rd, 9am Mass & 5pm Mass.

Please contact Parish Office on 50212872 for further information.

Community Life & Outreach

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING

Monday 13th May 2019 7.30pm in the KSC Clubrooms.

FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday 14th May 7.30am, Parish Office.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Tuesday 14th May 10am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP MEETING

To be held on Tuesday 14th May 2pm, Hillman room.
All welcome.

OASIS AGED CARE MASS IRYMPLE

Will be held on Wednesday 15th May 10.30am. All welcome.

FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 12th at 9am. All most welcome to stay for morning tea after Mass.



INVITATION

Could you assist in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word—Sunday 5pm Mass. Support will be give to assist. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.



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

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

CUPPA

All are invited to stay on for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday for: **Community & Conversation.** All most 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

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: Clair Lang, Michele Vanni, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

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

Red Cliffs: Maureen Lee, Max Slater, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Reynaldo Chan, Albin, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mamnone

MASS COUNTS SUNRAYSLIA CHURCHES

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count continues to take place over the weekends in May .

MARY'S LIFE: OUR LIFE—

FOCOLARE MELBOURNE THIS WEEKEND

The Focolare community from Melbourne will be visiting Mildura on the weekend 11th & 12th May.

They will run a program for children and families on Saturday 11th May at 10.30am in the Monaghan Centre and on Sunday 12th May after the 9am Mass.

The Focolare community have a great focus on the use of story to encourage living the Gospel in our daily lives. Through games and reflections they explore how we can live like Mary and follow her example. Children and parents are welcome to participate together.

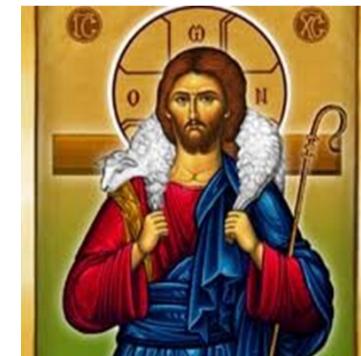


2019 AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019! The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. Interested parishioners can find more information on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Parish Office 5021 2872.

REGIONAL GATHERING

The Regional Council Meeting of representatives of the Parishes of Merbein, Mildura, Ouyen and Red Cliffs will be held on Sunday 19th May at Ouyen following the 10.30am Mass.



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

JEAN VANIER

Founder of L'Arche communities for adults with learning disabilities

My first encounter with Jean Vanier was at age 18. Like many millions of young Canadians, it was through his books. Struggling with many doubts about my faith and those existential questions that afflict all teenagers, I turned to *Be Not Afraid*, his 1975 reflection on how to be disciples of Christ. I won't say it answered all my questions, but it opened my heart and mind to the possibility that the Jesus I grew up with as a cradle-Catholic could remain real and vibrant to a young, intellectually curious — and often cynical — young adult.

Vanier spoke with authority and compassion, reminding me that the faith I knew best could not possibly be fruitful unless it was lived out in a community of believers. He was very persuasive. I abandoned any thought I could have a relationship with Jesus all on my own and, slowly and fitfully, returned to the fold.

His death this week at the age of 90 reminded me of the gentle yet powerful influence he had on me and whole generations of fellow Canadians.

It's true, Vanier belonged to the world. His work spanned continents and his 40 or so books have been translated into numerous languages. But the life and work of this native son lives on in my country in a unique way, having shaped within us the very notion of what it means to be Catholic in the modern world.

This year is the 50th anniversary of l'Arche in Canada. The organization Vanier founded in Trosly, France, in 1964, took deep root here, starting with the community of Daybreak, just north of Toronto. Today, 29 of the more than 150 l'Arche communities are in Canada. Among my circle of young adult Catholics, Jean Vanier was, along with Mother Teresa, a modern-day saint. We avidly read his books and listened attentively during discussion group videos of his live presentations.

If we were lucky, we had a chance to hear him in person. Even before large groups, he seemed to be talking to each of us individually, directly confronting our deepest longings and fears in that soft confiding voice.

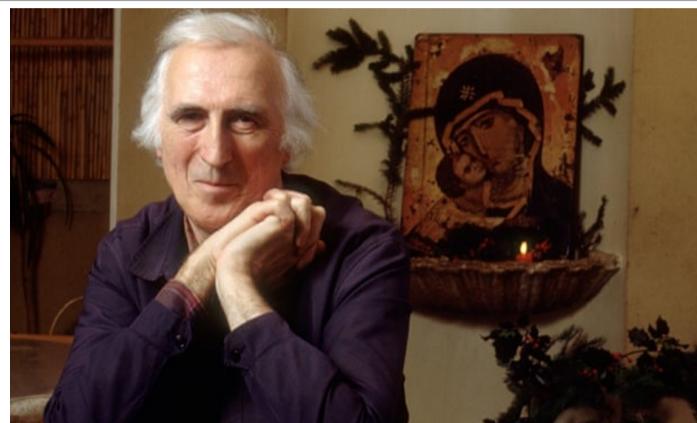
Vanier would be the equivalent of a moral rock star in Canada, becoming a Companion of the Order of Canada, delivering the prestigious Massey Lectures on CBC Radio to the entire country, receiving the Templeton Prize and being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Despite his exalted reputation, he continued to spend large portions of his time with ordinary people — teachers, volunteers in his communities, health-care workers, social workers and, most of all, his beloved core members of l'Arche.

"Jean Vanier has shaped my whole adult life inspiring me through his writings, retreats, Gospel of St John course, and his life with his companions in Trosly," he wrote John Guido, a veteran l'Arche leader in the Toronto area:

"Today I think of the personal encounters: inviting me to go to Daybreak in 1985, encouraging me to commit my life to l'Arche in the early 1990s, apologizing on a bus to Canterbury for calling me Guido for years instead of John. I was delighted that he even knew my name," he said in an online tribute to Vanier on the l'Arche Canada website.

I recall interviewing Vanier in 1995 as a journalist working for *The Catholic Register*, Canada's English Catholic national newspaper. We spent an hour together in the north Toronto living room of one of his many friends.

We talked about "family values," a phrase already emerging as shorthand for a harkening back to 1950s ideas about the definition of



family and sexual morality.

Vanier came from one such family. Former Governor General Georges Vanier, a war hero and pious Catholic, and his wife Pauline were one of Canada's best-loved couples. And they raised five children, among them a Trappist monk, a hematologist, an abstract artist and a translator.

"If there were an aristocracy in Canada, the Vanier family would be prominent on the list," writes Michael W. Higgins, the Canadian author of *Jean Vanier: Logician of the Heart* (Novalis 2016).

Then there was Jean, who became a Canadian navy veteran, a philosopher and, for a short time, a teacher at the University of St. Michael's College, known internationally for its Faculty of Theology.

However, this Vanier's notion of family was expansive. It included the poor, the helpless, the disenfranchised and outcast. It was shaped by Vanier's embrace of mercy as a core virtue and his growing insight that those who have least offer profound lessons in love to those who have everything.

This notion would be at the heart of the l'Arche phenomenon — and counter to what he saw happening in the world around him. "There's a movement to the right, a rejection of welfare, a rejection of immigrants, a rejection of the different," he told me.

"There's a whole movement of the rich wanting to protect themselves and that's different than it was. Very different."

For Cardinal Thomas Collins, archbishop of Toronto, Vanier taught us to uphold the dignity of every person.

"In a world that increasingly pushes us to gauge success and worth by what we own or who we know, he reminded us that authentic love, friendship and community are what we need," the cardinal said in a prepared statement.

Indeed, Vanier's words are prescient when viewed through the lens of 2019. In an age of uncontrolled anger and fear of others, his legacy is both a challenge and an inspiration.

Joseph Sinasac is publishing director of Novalis Publishing in Canada, a division of Bayard.

BALLARAT DIOCESE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM – NOW OPEN FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, social justice, youth ministry, liturgy and many other subjects available — a subject is completed in 5 weeks. Next study cycle starts June 2. Registration is now open. Contact us by May 16. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 5337 7125.

QUOTE FROM LAUDATO SI

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Today, the analysis of environmental problems cannot be separated from the analysis of human, family, work related and urban contexts, nor from how individuals relate to themselves, which leads in turn to how they relate to others and to the environment. There is an interrelation between ecosystems and between the various spheres of social interaction, demonstrating yet again that "the whole is greater than the part".

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1500.40	\$88.65	\$179.65
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2928.50	\$244.00	\$337.00
Loose Plate	\$ 729.15	\$ 23.35	\$ 53.60
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 347.00		
Project Compassion given to date	\$4717.55	\$535	\$5843.55

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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The children in Grades Five and Six who made their First Reconciliation last year have begun their preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Each Sunday they will be invited to attend Liturgy of the Word in the Crying Room at the back of the Church led by one of the teachers from our school. Both Sacraments will be celebrated on Sunday June 23rd 2019, at the 10.30 Mass. This Mass will be led by the School Staff and Children. Anyone who would be willing to accompany these children as a 'Prayer Partner' please give your name to Janine Dannatt after Mass today.

SCHOOL NEWS:

An Open Day will be held on Monday, May 13th so if you know of anyone who may be interested in sending their child to our school, please let them know and encourage them to contact the school for more information. Enrolments will be taken from May onwards. OLSH are collecting Bread Tags which are sent to South Africa where they are sold to a plastics company. These proceeds are then used to provide wheelchairs to people who can't afford them. Over 600 wheelchairs have been supplied through this program in the past 12 years. Let us support the school in this project. A container is on the table at the back of the church for these tags.

THANKYOU

Please accept my sincere appreciation for making my 80th birthday such a memorial and enjoyable occasion. It is the first time that I have been able to celebrate such an occasion with my Parish Family as well as my own family on what I consider as 'Home Ground'. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, gifts and a special thanks to those who organised and provided all the beautiful food and birthday cake. I know these events don't just happen without cost both physically and materially. With deep gratitude THANK YOU! Carmel

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY:

Please remember to take your copy of ODC, great reading.

MERBEIN FLOWER POTS MOSAIC PROJECT

You may be interested in getting involved in the above project which is being run by Merbein Arts Group. Workshop will commence on Sat. 25th May & Sun 26th May between 10am to 2pm at McGowan Signs. For more information see flyer on Notice Board or chat with Kay Wagner.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9.30 am; Tues, Thurs: 5.30 pm

MOTHER'S DAY 12th MAY

This Sunday is both Good Shepherd Sunday and Mothers' day. We will, as usual, honour mothers during our Mass today.

RED CLIFFS PROJECT COMPASSION 2019

This week: \$1202. So far: \$5843.55

ADVANCE NOTICE

Confirmation Mass Sunday 9th June 10am.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Has released a statement in preparation for the Election- Politics in the Service of Peace In the document the bishops outline points in line with Catholic Social Teaching.

A copy of this document is pinned up in the front foyer of the Church. The document is available at:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new/2186-election-statement-politics-in-service-of-peace/file>

Hard copies available at the Sacred Heart Parish office

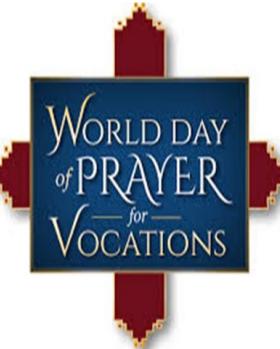
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday 16th May, 7pm.

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord ! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him .

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C / 18th & 19th May 2019

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Responsorial: Ps 144:8-13

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35



Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 1:00am	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	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader / Reader	Gary Huxtable	Luke Guthrie	Vince Muscatello	W Schmidt	J Cameron D Eagle / T Gardiner	Josephine O'Connor	May 26th Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Music	Filipino Group M Issanchon	Tongan Choir M Guthrie	Timorese Group		Guitar		
Offertory		C & P McEvale			F Dominelli	Prevedello Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Group 5	Volunteer Please	June 30th Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Juliet Cresp	Jacinta Macri	P Riordan		Janine Dannatt	
	Tainana Fatai	Louise Belej	Paula Cox			Sr Carmel Setford	
	Margaret McDonald	Nancy Leonards	Jennifer Boord				
	Paul Kerr	Elina Garreffa	Reni Cherian		M Gibson		
	Anita Naray	Maryanne Modica	Wendy Finn		A Higham	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Pat Sylvia	
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Lyn Welsh	Tony Finn		P Hill		
		Volunteer Please			FLOWERS R Chase		
Counting Team	TEAM 6	JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939			K Castle / P Roy		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	