

# 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: Patricia Macdonald, Fr Jack Soulsby (sm), Leorn Pickens

### ANNIVERSARIES: Sebastiano Zema

Sunday 9am: Margaret McGough, Eileen & David Harcoan  
 Sunday 5pm: Maria Giuseppa Pascale, Domenico Blefari (1 year anniversary)

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:  
 Anniversaries:

### MERBEIN

Recent Death: Leorn Pickens  
 Anniversaries: May 20<sup>th</sup> Emilia Dichiera; 22<sup>nd</sup> Vince Matotek; 24<sup>th</sup> Warick Cook, Gert Farrell.

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter / Year C 18th & 19th May 2019

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past six years.

Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship.

The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other".

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.

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

# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### WEDDINGS

We congratulate Jason Chisari & Jenna Palazzo who were married this weekend.



### RCIA 2018 –2019

Final Mass with families & RCIA Team  
Thursday 23rd May 6pm, Monaghan Centre



### FIRST EUCHARIST 2019

**Week One Home Groups:** 20th - 24th May  
**Welcoming Sunday Weekend:** 25th & 26th May  
**Week Two Home Groups:** 27th—31st May  
**Presentation of the Lord's Prayer Weekend:** 1st & 2nd June  
**Week Three Home Groups:** 3rd—7th June  
**Practice Weekend:** 8th & 9th June  
**Week Four Home Groups:** 10th—14th June  
**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

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 22nd May 7.30pm—Monaghan Centre

### SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will be lunching at the Gol Gol Hotel on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm. All welcome to join us. Please let Kit or Jim know your intentions on 50214910.

### THANK YOU

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia would like to take this opportunity in thanking all the organisers, helpers and parishioners in preparing for yet again another wonderful celebration of their annual Feast Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May).



### 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.

### THANK YOU



Thanks to Vinca, Anna, Maria, Jolly and Stephen for visiting us last week and sharing their faith. They will be returning with a big group of youth from the wider Focolare family during the winter school holidays. They will host an event during their stay to which all our youth will be invited. Further details closer to the date.

### EAST TIMOR—INDEPENDENCE DAY Monday 20th May 2019



### CONGRATULATIONS

To Jan & Coby Theunissen who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

### 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, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone

### MAY MASS COUNTS SUNRAYSA CHURCHES

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count continues to take place over this weekend and next.

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR THE APMN CONFERENCE "LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT AND SING"

The Ballarat Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering sponsorship for six people from across the diocese to attend the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, Inc (APMN) Conference *Listen to the Spirit and Sing* to be held in Melbourne from October 1 – 3, 2019 at the Catholic Leadership Centre. APMN promotes the art of Religious Music in the service of the Church in Australia through education, support, networking and advocacy, with a special focus on supporting the use of Australian compositions. The APMN aims to actively assist parishes, schools and other Church agencies to have educated, skilled musicians and composers available for the vital ministry of providing suitable quality music for worship, church life and religious education. The conference intends to provide the knowledge, resources, encouragement and motivation for lay people to be ministers of music in their parishes. It is an opportunity to broaden networks and meet people who are also trying to make their parishes vibrant places of worship through the appropriate use of Liturgical, Catechetical and Religious music. From the six people selected, we would anticipate that two from each zone would attend. Those interested in attending are invited to complete the application form attached by June 3, 2019.

### GIVING THANKS AND PRAISE: FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH LATE POET LES MURRAY

*In your own work you write on politics, on social history, you write polemic; but the overwhelming drive seems to be one of praise.*

Thank God for that, because it's one way out of all those other things, all of which can be traps. You gradually grow out of them: 'That was an over-simplification, I was not mature enough yet to restrain myself from doing that.' More and more, praise takes over from whatever else you've been doing.

I for example was part of some of the Australian Republic [movement] and I realised I was wasting my time; 'This will come or not as the whole community decides. It probably won't happen in my lifetime.' So I stopped caring about it. I cared for the people who were involved on both sides.

*This is the thing that keeps coming back in your work, this thing of, whatever else is going on, we've still got to give praise and thanks.*

Give delight. Let people learn the habit of delight in what exists and what has existed. Harder to give delight in things that will exist, because they often don't turn up, or they turn up in another guise.

*How do you go about writing the sacred?*

Hardest thing in the world.

*From an interview with Philip Harvey, published on eurekastreet.com.au on 6<sup>th</sup> May 19*

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK  
15—21 MAY 2019**

Things that we can do build stronger families and communities.



**National Families Week**  
15-21 MAY 2019  
www.nfw.org.au  
FamiliesAustralia

- 1 Join a local community group and participate in local events.
- 2 Encourage each other and offer support.
- 3 Value everyone's contribution to family life.
- 4 Do something with your family to help others.
- 5 Take time to talk with, and listen to, family members.
- 6 Respect the differences in your family.
- 7 Ask for help when you need it.
- 8 Celebrate your family's achievements.
- 9 Build relationships with older relatives and community elders.
- 10 Keep active and eat well together as a family.



**National Families Week**

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1445.35	\$101.95	\$242.85
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2935.80	\$214.00	\$407.00
Loose Plate	\$ 582.50	\$ 41.05	\$ 51.20
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 107.00		
The Shared Table	\$ 56.70		
Project Compassion given to date	\$4817.55	\$535.00	\$6019.75

**JEAN VANIER'S MODEL FOR INCLUSIVENESS**

Jean Vanier (1928-2019), sailor, academic, companion and man of boundless hospitality, died on 7 May, leaving behind him not only many communities in grief but also a model for how a world free of discrimination might look.

Vanier found his true calling in his 1963 encounter with two young Frenchmen with intellectual disabilities, Raphaël Simi and Philippe Seux. These men's need for companionship and empathy touched his heart when he visited the institution in which they were confined. Vanier realised that the first response of society, when confronted with people with disability, was to shut them away in fear. His response instead was hospitality. He invited the two men to live with him in a home he had bought, beginning the first L'Arche (The Ark) community in Trosly-Breuil in Picardie. In return, the men opened his own heart to a greater understanding both of what people cast onto the margins of society could offer by way of love and a broader understanding of all of humanity as limited, powerless, vulnerable and in need of mutual support.

Today, L'Arche has 154 communities and 21 community projects in 38 countries on five continents. While the philosophy of the movement is grounded in Vanier's Catholic faith, it is open to all and eschews discrimination on any grounds. Although the exact structures differ from place to place, 'core' members (with an intellectual disability) live with others ('assistants') in homes which offer mutual support and friendship.

One of the great gifts of Vanier and L'Arche has been to subvert the understanding of 'disability'. Vanier's key insight was that: *'When we start helping the weak and the poor to rise everyone will begin to change. Those who have power and riches will start to become more humble, and those who are rising up will leave behind their need to be victims, their need to be angry or depressed ... This is the spirituality of life, that helps people to rise up and take their place. It is not a spirituality of death. Jesus wants those who have been crushed to rise up and those who have power to discover that there is another road, a road of sharing and compassion.'*

It is very easy for people without a disability to see those who have one as 'the other', as strange because the workings of their bodies or minds are so manifestly different or apparently deficient. This is particularly so in the case of people with an intellectual disability, where cognitive processes which many of us take for granted may be a foreign territory, leaving them open to exploitation, neglect or exclusion.

The fact is, as Vanier recognised, that all of us are partial, incomplete beings. His '5 Principles of Humanity' include the sacredness of all people, the constant evolution of people, the corollary realisation that maturity comes in working with others, the need for people to make choices for the benefit of themselves and others and the universal search for meaning.

It follows that the myth of the self-made person with flawless body and mind is just that. Vanier pointed out that it is in our very vulnerability and woundedness that we display the form of Christ. Indeed, it is appropriate that Vanier went to meet his God at Easter, a time when Christians celebrate Christ meeting his disciples — and proving his identity and triumph over death in the face of their disbelief by showing them his wounds.

All of us begin life incapacitated — unable to speak or see or reason — and most of us, if we are lucky to live so long, will leave it that way: with mental or physical limitations. Limitation and disability is accordingly not something foreign, to be feared or locked away, but is in fact an essential part of the human condition. What is more, as Jean Vanier has demonstrated in a life lived for others, it is in that limitation which we shall see the face of God.

*The above was an abridged version of an article published by Justin Glyn SJ on 9<sup>th</sup> May 19 on [www.eurekastreet.com.au](http://www.eurekastreet.com.au)*

# 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. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be a 'Prayer Partner' another way the Parish & School can be connected.

**SCHOOL NEWS:**  
Catholic Education Week is coming up and runs from the 27th of May to the 31st May. There is a lot to celebrate about the Catholic Education System and we do like to celebrate our wonderful school at this time of year. There will be quite a few activities going on, including Twilight School (with a Superheroes theme), the Book Fair and the Sunraysia Catholic Schools Mass. Parents are welcome to come along to any of these events! More information will be in the newsletter next week.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> May & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May between 10am to 2pm at McGowan Signs. For more information see flyer on Notice Board or chat with Kay Wagner.  
The other Merbein Mosaic Workshop is still in progress. The next gathering on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10am at LMW Workshop 2. All help welcomed. Contact Bernadette Wells for more information.

**CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME**  
A question to think about: *"What kind of a world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up"*.—Pope Francis. Let us concentrate on eliminating the use of plastic from our everyday use. We managed in the past—we can do it again! **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES OR SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**RED CLIFFS PROJECT COMPASSION 2019**  
This week: \$75.50 So far: \$6019.55

**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
Confirmation Mass Sunday 9th June 10am.  
Youth Mass—Sunday 16th June 10am.

**CUPPA AND TRADING TABLE**  
**After Mass next Sunday**  
Proceeds from the trading table this month will go to Catholic Missions.



**YOUTH MASS**  
The next Youth Mass has had to be transferred from today fortnight June 2 to June 16. After that two members of our Parish Council, Chen Cavallaro and Patricia Hill will be helping recruit people for the various jobs that our youth do at these Masses. *PJF*

**CATHOLIC CALENDAR**  
Sunday June 2 is the Feast of the Ascension. Sunday June 9, is the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the 50<sup>th</sup> and last day of Easter. In Red Cliffs, we celebrate Confirmation, the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost this year.



**NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C / 25th & 26th May 2019**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29**  
**Responsorial: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8**  
**Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!**  
**Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23**  
**Gospel: John 14:23-29**



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	Christine Carmichael	Maureen Speed	Barb Kelly	D Knight	J Divola A Higham/P Hunt	Bernadette Wells	<b>May 26th</b>
Music	M Sullivan Singing Group	M Guthrie / B Lewis J O'Bryan/B Prescott	Youth Group		Tongan Choir		Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Offertory	Baptism	Baptism			Lewis Family	Ellis Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		<b>Group 1</b>	Volunteer Please	<b>June 30th</b>
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Melanie Ransome	M Jensen		Vi Barling	Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
	Christine Carmichael	Maria Scopacasa	Bill Dolence			Margo Farnsworth	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Susan Lewis	Jacqui Willis				
	Jacinda Deacon	Minda Wright	Barbara Bunting			P Hunt	
	Katy Quinlan	Rose op't Hoog	Katrina Groves			C Markham	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>
	Vince Pileggi	Rini op't Hoog	Judy Hall			M Matotek	Kay Wagner Val McCarthy
		Cora Howell			<b>FLOWERS</b> R Chase		
Counting Team	<b>TEAM 7</b>	<b>HELEN KAY 0429 135 053</b>			K Castle / P Roy		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	<b>Cleaner</b>	As per arrangement	