

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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter & Maria Tran & All Souls, Giovanni Bachetti

Sunday 9am: Ciriaco Valdezamo, Mario Toscano, Rozalie & Gaetano Valvo, Crisencie Tamayo Dreu

Sunday 5pm: Frank Cirillo (15 year anniversary), Vincenzo & Carmela Cirillo, Douglas Marks (1 year anniversary), George Ribarits, Vincent Rodi (30 day Mass)

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Nov. 25th Bill Farrell, 26th Jan Martin, 27th Jeffrey Power, 29th Santa Rullo, Dec. 1st Nancy McCarthy, Harry Farrell, Elena Brady

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

Feast of Christ the King / Year B 24th & 25th November 2018

The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the cosmos over against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers. Jesus' way of being in the world stands in stark contrast with the expansionist and frequently destructive ways of Roman rule.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel, both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence and domination. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura



Sacred Heart Parish | 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 Amina Buller whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Jarrod Wesley and Stephanie Op't Hoog who were married this weekend.

RCIA 2018 -2019

Rite of Welcome

This Sunday we welcome Rebecca, Pauline & Christina as catechumens and pray for them as they commence their journey to Easter.

Thursday 29th November 7pm, Hillman Room.

A Catholic approach to the Bible



SEASON OF ADVENT

1st Day of Advent: 1st & 2nd December 2018
Communal Rite of Reconciliation: Tuesday 18th December 6pm.

Community Life & Outreach

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Tuesday 27th November, 10.30am

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 28th November 7.30pm, Monaghan Centre.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Final 2018 gathering will be at the Gateway Mildura on Sunday December 2nd for Lunch. Please bring a Kriss Kringle to the value of \$10. All Welcome intentions to Denise & Gerry 0350211918.

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. **The extra hands will make lighter work.** 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.

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 until the weekend 8th/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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 2019

Sacred Heart Church will be hosting the World Day of Prayer in March 2019. A planning meeting to discuss preparations will be held after 6pm Mass on Tuesday 27th November, all welcome.

FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 12s

This Tuesday we celebrate the end of year mass for St. Joseph's College during which we farewell our current Year 12 Students. As a Parish Community we hold these young people especially in our prayers and ask God's blessing upon them. We wish them well as they await results of exams and pray that their choices in the future will always be life-giving for both themselves and for those their own lives will influence.



THANK YOU

To all who gave so generously and for buying our Jolly Soul Socks for the Missions in Peru. All Socks were sold. Sacred Heart Primary School has raised \$9,000. *Marion Guthrie*

REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

A Catholic family is needing to rent a house in the Mildura area, preferably in Red Cliffs. If able to help, please contact Fr Pat Flanagan 5024-1966.

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.



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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The beauty, stillness and flow of water has inspired the human spirit from the most ancient traditions. The presence of water in our Christian sacramental life, especially baptism, resonates with its three main symbolic functions: source of life, vehicle of cleansing and centre of regeneration. Yet, in our times, the ability for water to maintain its integrity as a symbol is under threat because of human activity. Do I contribute to the degradation and contamination of our water?

LDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections

1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1453.85
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3553.25
Loose Plate	\$ 553.30
Monaghan Centre	\$ 127.00

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



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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.

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

**Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed, Thur & Sat. 9.30 am
Tues 5.30pm**

Sunday Nov 25: Feast of Christ the King.
Sunday Dec 2: 1st Sunday of Advent—Year C
Monday Dec 3: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Service 2pm. All welcome.
Sunday Dec 9: St Joseph's Primary School—End of Year Mass

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. Georgina Corey will receive her First Holy Communion at Mass this morning.



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

VINNIES' CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vinnies' Christmas Tree with its tags for us to buy presents for children of families at present in need is in the Sanctuary today. Please take a tag, and bring the present with you to Mass in a fortnight's time, when we have our Advent Mass asking God's Forgiveness. For that Mass, you are also asked to write out your sins - the ones that really matter - to bring to the sanctuary and be placed in an urn during our forgiveness prayers. Writing out your sins is a form of confession. That Mass, on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, is as well the End-of-Year Mass for St Joseph's School.



St Joseph's School End-of-Year Concert will be, this year, in St Joseph's Church on Wednesday, December 5, commencing at 6.00 pm. Barbecue afterwards.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

1. The Advent Wreath will be blessed and lit after the Homily next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent
2. In the Flanagan-Roman Rite, on the Sundays of Advent The Entrance Rite and the Rite of Penance are fused together. During Advent there is no Gloria, nor Creed.
3. The Gospel Acclamation right through Advent and Christmas time has its own special melody.
4. After Communion each Sunday of Advent symbols are added to the Jesse Tree.

*Advent:
A Season
of Hope
and
Anticipation*

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.

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$159.60
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$233.50
Loose Plate	\$ 44.10

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting was scheduled for Sunday December 9th, however, due to the inability of some members to be present on that date and as it is our final meeting of the year it was decided at our brief meeting last Sunday to hold our final meeting for 2018 after Mass on Sunday December 2nd followed by lunch at the Merbein Club.

PLENARY COUNCIL/GET-TOGETHER

Due to many non-negotiable factors we are unable to hold the previously advertised discussion and BBQ on Saturday 1st December. This event has not been cancelled but postponed until Thursday February 14th 2019. This date was chosen purposely to coincide with the annual school Information, Evening on which new families are welcomed and introduced to the school community which next year will include the whole parish community. Our school is a **Parish Primary School** and many of our parishioners attended that school but over the years have lost touch with the school community. This evening will be an opportunity to re-establish connections with our school and to meet the teachers, parents and students and enjoy a meal together and so help to build our Parish Family

SCHOOL NEWS

Mission Day: thank you to all OLSH families and friends for supporting our Mission Day last Friday. It was a fantastic day and we raised money to assist those involved in the Myanmar Project. Mrs. Phelan will be visiting Myanmar in January and this money will help with her work to assist schools. Once again the generosity of everyone at OLSH is amazing. We raised a grand total of \$1513.80. Well done!

Grade Six Graduation Mass: will be held on Thursday December 6th at 9:15 am. **Everyone** is welcome to attend and celebrate our current Grade Sixes Graduating from OLSH.

Gospel Talk: Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Last Friday we brought this quote to life when we gave generously to those in Myanmar. There are people in need all around us, at our work, home and school life. Our Catholic faith asks us to open our eyes to see those in need, open our ears to hear those in need and open our hearts to help those in need. There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting up another.

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.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last week's collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 66.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$115.00
Loose Plate	\$ 19.00

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The Lord is king: he is robed in majesty.

NOVEMBER 25: DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

In recent years Australian attitudes to violence against women have changed greatly. Governments have strengthened laws and policing of domestic violence, and the #Me Too movement has drawn attention to the sexual abuse of women by powerful men. As a society we are still coming to terms with these changes.

The change in attitude reflects the recognition that behaviour, always thought to be wrong, is far more extensive and damaging to women than had previously been thought, and that consequently the task of changing it is far more urgent and difficult. Most people regarded domestic violence as wrong, but minimised the harm it caused and saw it as a problem only in dysfunctional families. They did not see it as their business to intervene when they saw evidence on their neighbour's face of beatings or heard cries at night. Police, too, were reluctant to get involved in 'domestics', believing that what was done in the family was generally best left to remain in the family.

These attitudes perhaps reflect an older unarticulated view that saw women as their husbands' possessions and so could be treated disrespectfully with impunity. In some societies this is still the operative view. Movements like #Me Too have reminded us that women are not playthings or slaves but people, that they have a voice and the right to raise it in outrage if they are badly treated, and that the bruises and scars left by assault do not fade with time but can corrode the spirit, destroying self-confidence, sense of self-worth and any larger view of human possibilities than physical survival.

As more women have spoken out we have all come to realise how widespread is violence against women, how it afflicts women in every sector of society and in every suburb, and what subtle forms it can take. It is an evil that as a society we must address.

The focus on domestic violence must remain on the women who are overwhelmingly its targets. But we must also see it as a human problem, affecting the relationships between men and women. From that perspective it is a men's problem. That violence against women flourishes means that men's understanding of women, their experience and their response to women are flawed. These flaws will begin in their understanding of themselves as men.



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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

1st Sunday in Advent Year C / 1st & 2nd December 2018

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Responsorial: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Second Reading: Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



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
Leader / Reader	Gary Huxtable	Laurie Fry	Barb Kelly	J Kearney	J Vines	Frances Sabo	November 25th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
Music	M Guthrie All Welcome	Italian Choir	Lam Duy J Ljubic / J Macri		Guitar		
Offertory		Cathy McErvale			F Dominelli	Dannatt Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Elektra Papanicolaou	Volunteer please	December 30th Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Judy Webster	Myrna Rodi	R Hill	Isabella Manno	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Christine Carmichael	Jean Rocca	Maree Irvin		Abby Collihole	J Dannatt	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Bobby Castillo	Sue Hermans		Megan Collihole		
	Jacinda Deacon	Ross Tongue	Naomi Kennedy		T Gardiner		
	Katy Quinlan	Talia Faingaanuku	Mario Zema		M Gibson	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Michael Fainigaanuku	Josie Zema		A Higham	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
	Maureen Speed				FLOWERS Janine Cameron		
Counting Team	TEAM 2	JOE DEJONG 5023 7802			G Brizzi / A Ziguras		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	