

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: Clare Lang, Ilario Vallelonga, Basil Rashleigh
 Anniversaries: Jim Augustine

Saturday 6pm: Maria Grazia Pagano (1st anniversary), Maria Nancy Cricelli, Peter & Maria Tran and all souls of the Tran Family
 Sunday 5pm: Giuseppe Ficarra, Annunziata DeMaria, Teresa Michela Callipari (50th anniversary)
 Tuesday 6pm: Frank Cirillo and all deceased members of the Cirillo family, Alessandro & Caterina Piscioneri

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: June Tainch, Jean Melican
 Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

MERBEIN

Recent Death: Daniel Byrnes
 Anniversaries: Nov. 24th Maria Piscioneri; 25th Bill Farrell; 26th Jan Martin; 27th Jeffrey Power; 29th Santa Rullo.

(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 C 23rd & 24th November 2019

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of those who taunt or deride.

The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kin-dom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kin-dom of God"

Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me..." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and to challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, this criminal was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum in our midst only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a compassionate, merciful God. This feast might serve as a reminder to us to allow the peace of Christ to reign in our hearts even in the face of derision.



Today you will
be with me
in Paradise.

Sr Veronica Lawson
rsm

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

RCIA 2019 –2020

A Catholic Approach to the Bible
Thursday 28th November 7pm,
Hillman Room.



Communal Celebration of Reconciliation Wednesday 18th December 6pm



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

CHANGE OF MASS TIME THIS WEEK
Due to the Funeral Prayers for Basil Rashleigh on Wednesday 27th November at 10am, the morning Mass on Wednesday will be held at 9am in the Monaghan Centre.

Community Life & Outreach

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 27th November 10am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 27th November 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

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 1st 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.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Gift tags are available on the "Giving Tree" in the gathering space. Gifts to the value of \$10 for children up to 12 years will be gratefully accepted until the 7th/8th of December With thanks from the Sacred Heart Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

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: Fr Denis Dennehy, Teresita Eliquen-Dy (Manila), Melita Suppa, Celia-Dy Dela Tena, Perla Tuionisio, Lily Chumg, Lorna Kearney, Dien Brown, Sandra McCarthy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Hailey Crossan, Geraldine Brunner, Albis Dy,

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.

ADVENT

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent Year A. If you want to know how to work out which year we are in, If when the year is divided by 3 you have 1 over, it is year A (Matthew); if you have 2 over, it is year B (Mark); if you have none over you are in year C (Luke). ONLY our year begins with Advent, not January 1.

A FRIENDLY GUIDE TO MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

By Dorothy A Lee

Limited copies of the A Friendly Guide to Matthew's Gospel is now available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for sale at \$30.00 each. Please call in.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS: Did you know?

About 400 billion gallons of water is used every day on Earth and 20% of the world's population does not have access to safe drinking water. If the present consumption patterns continue, 2 out of every 3 people will live in water-stressed conditions by the year 2025.

Please take care of our precious water source.

CONGRATULATIONS

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bishop Paul Bird was here Friday to officially bless the recent works at the Primary School. Well done Vince Muscatello and all involved.

WORKING BEE FOR CHRISTMAS SACRED HEART CHURCH

Tentative Date: 21st December
from 8am—12 noon

Lunch will be provided.



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**CONFIRMATION CHILDREN
Saturday 16th November**



**Sunday
17th November**

Thank you to Gen Bryant and our Sacred Heart Parish Youth Group for their music contribution to the Confirmation Masses last weekend.



*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*

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

ADVANCE NOTICE 2020

PARISH MISSION

- March 8th to March 13—Fr Ray Sanchez will again visit our Parish for a Mission.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

- April 20—May 16 CLC/Jesuit Tertian First Spiritual Exercises Retreat are organising an online/home Retreat for Mildura. They will be offering the first retreat Inner Peace in Divine Love. The retreats are usually co-guided with a CLC member.

ADULT EDUCATION

- Fr Elio Capra will once again visit us in May/June for our Sacramental Program.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1653.15	\$128.75	\$204.35
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2334.45	\$135.00	\$387.00
Loose Plate	\$ 834.10	\$ 79.85	\$ 51.40

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

PARISH NEWS

- Today we will spend our reflection time on the next stage of our discernment namely: Stage 4: *'Let's think nationally'* (and if time permits) Stage 5: *'Let's think locally'* Please make sure you have picked up the print-outs to guide you through these stages
- 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 5th 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.
- **Christmas Eve Mass:** Any children who will be attending Christmas Eve Mass this year and who would like to take part in a very simple Christmas play would you please contact the school or Sr. Carmel so that we can organise a small play to be part of the Christmas Mass. Any children who would like to participate are welcome. Mass will be held on December 24th (Christmas Eve) at, 7.30pm, at the Merbein Catholic Church. The usual 10.30 Mass will take place on Christmas Day.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Mission Week: Congratulations to our School Community on a very successful "Mission Week"
The students took part in many activities throughout the week, with a fun day on Friday to complete the week. There were all kinds of stalls run by the students, creating a buzz of excitement! It was amazing to see how much effort the students put into running their stalls and the amount of money they contributed to the Mission cause, much of it coming from their own pocket money. The generosity and kindness they showed was outstanding. With money collected in class along with what was taken on Friday, our school raised **\$900.25**. Well done!
Merbein Christmas Carols on Friday 6th of December. The evening begins at 7.30pm. OLSH Choir will be performing on the night at approximately 7.45pm. All are welcome to come and join in the fun evening!
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 4th December, Monday 9th December, Tuesday 10th 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, 4th 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, Fri, Sat: 9.30am Tues, Thur: 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

LAY MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

As usual, so that all participating can receive Communion under the form of wine as well as of bread, we need 11 Lay Ministers for our Christmas Eve Mass. There is a form on the marble slab near the back door for Lay Ministers who will be here for Christmas Eve to sign up.

ADVENT IN RED CLIFFS

1. Advent, unlike Lent, is a joyful time, not an austere time. 2. The Advent Wreath is blessed and lit after the Homily on the First Sunday of Advent. The Christmas trees are lit and blessed before the final blessing on the 2nd Sunday of Advent. There is no Gloria during Advent, as we listen for the hymn of the angels at our Christmas Mass. Similarly, there is no Creed, as we wait for the great proclamation of our faith in the Mass of Christmas. The Rite of Penance at the start of Mass is blended into our Advent proclamation, 'Prepare ye the Way of the Lord.'

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE after Mass today. Proceeds from the Trading Table for this month go to Vinnies Christmas

ADVENT FORGIVENESS MASS

Our signs of repentance at our Advent Mass, besides the prayers for forgiveness are two-fold. We write out our sins on a sheet of paper, and we bring them to the Sanctuary to be burned, and we bring a present for a needy child to our Christmas tree on Sunday December 8th.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 1st Sunday of Advent 30th November & 1st December 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



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	Katy Quinlan	Soane Fatai	Bill Dolence	M Duck	J Vines A Higham / P Hunt	Frances Sabo
Music	Filipino Group M Issanchon	Italian Choir M Sullivan	Youth Group		Guitar	
Offertory	Baptism	Louise Belej			Russo Family	Vicki McCarthy & family
Altar Servers	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please		GROUP 6 S Morello	Volunteer Please
Eucharist Ministers	Anne Maree Greville	Sonia Opie	Clem Carlucci	P Riordan	M Suppa	Vicki McCarthy
	Taiana Fatai	Philip Opie	Vittorio Carlucci		C Tassone	Val McCarthy
	Margaret McDonald	Elvira Mazza	Jacinta Macri	OASIS AGED CARE	J Vines	LAY-LED LEADERS December 29 th Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Paul Kerr	Jill Joslyn	Paula Cox	K Knight	CUPPA'S	
	Anita Naray	Lisa Cirillo	Jennifer Boord			CHAFFEY AGED CARE Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Laurie Fry	Volunteer please	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	FLOWERS J Cameron	
Counting Team	TEAM 4	KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			G Brizzi / A Ziguras	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement				Cleaner	As per arrangement