

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newssheet: Week 23

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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: Maria Dichiera, Gumersinda Odal (Philippines—
 mother of Yolanda, Lorna, Rosita & Leonardo)

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Mona Welsh

Sunday 8.30am: Mona Welsh

Sunday 9am: Vita Maria Minorchio (1 year anniversary), Stephen
 Gnjec

Saturday 9.30am: Maria Kondratow

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina
 D'Anna, Giuseppe D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza
 Tassone

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: June 10th Robert Blyth, Richard Murphy Snr; 11th
 Gordon Hann; 13th Teresa Sabo, Gena Mathews, Rosa Panaia; 14th
 Michael McGowan, Vin McKee, Lucy Duncan.

(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

Pentecost Sunday / Year C 8th & 9th June 2019

Pentecost Sunday is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed with this outpouring of God's Spirit.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples huddled behind locked doors. He "shows them his hands and his side". In other words, he provides incontrovertible evidence that he is the crucified one. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. The disciples respond with joy. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the sins or transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with or "seize hold of" the sins of the perpetrators of violence and abuse in our Church and in our world. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us in the way of truth and give us the courage to deal with evil-doing in our midst.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community Oliver Angwin, Daisy O'Callaghan, George Burns, Hazel McCunnie & Ruben Smith whose baptism occurs this weekend.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2019

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.



Community Life & Outreach

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The Mildura Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross monthly meeting will be held in the KSC Club rooms on Monday 10th June 2019 at 7.30pm.

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 11th June from 2.30pm. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 11th June following 6pm mass, Hillman room.

SACRAMENTAL TEAM MEETING

Wednesday 12th June 4pm, Sacred Heart Parish Office.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 13th June 7.30pm, at the KSC club rooms.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Next luncheon will be at Cafe 1909, Hugh King Drive, on Sunday June 16th. at 12.30pm. Please contact Chris Slattery to confirm your place. 5022 0565, mobile 0401076655



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Envelopes have been provided for the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal. In these hard economic times help support those of us volunteering in the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal. Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. Envelopes can be taken home and returned next week if more convenient. Many thanks.



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

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 cont.

SACRED HEART PRAYER & DISCUSSION GROUP

This a newly formed group who will be meeting weekly, Thursday mornings from 10am in the Sacred Heart Presbytery, Hillman Room. For further information please contact Wilma on 5021 4953.

REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

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

Merbein: Joan Edwards, 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

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP

Our next bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th June at 11am.

For bookings, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

Diocesan Policy is for all contributing parishioners to the Planned Giving program receive quarterly statements. These are now available for the parishes of Mildura, Red Cliffs, Ouyen & Merbein covering the period from 2/9/2018 to 30/5/2019. To save on postage please collect on behalf of family and friends. If there are any discrepancies please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

A big thank you to the small group of wonderful helpers in preparing these statements.

DIOCESAN VISION CONSULTATION

Bishop Paul, through the Bishop's Advisory Council, has initiated a consultation process with the people of the diocese regarding developing a Diocesan Vision for now and the coming years. A letter from the Bishop and information about the consultation process will be distributed to parishes. This information will also be available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The consultation process is open until July 15 and parish and diocesan groups and others are encouraged to participate.

CAPSA NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND ACTION, JUNE 16-23, 2019

A National Week of Prayer and Action for the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) will be held from June 16 – 23, 2019. During this week, the CAPSA network (schools, parishes and organisations) will join together across the country to pray, advocate and raise awareness for people seeking asylum in our communities. Activities are focussed on the recent cuts to basic material and case management support for people seeking asylum. For more information go to <https://capsa.org.au/>

PLENARY COUNCIL – NATIONAL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT

After 10 months of *Listening and Dialogue* and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Queen Elizabeth became queen in my childhood. At that time I did not pay much attention to her. We Catholic pupils had our own holidays: the feasts of Mary's Assumption, and of the Founders of Religious Congregation, for example, which were obviously much more important than mere public holidays – we did



not have to go to school on them. Besides, the Queen was English, she was not a Catholic - indeed a representative of the nation that had martyred Catholics and plagued our Irish ancestors - and the date we celebrated her birthday on was fake – it was not her real birthday. Moreover, on her visit to Australia we had to stand in the sun for most of the day, only to see her speed by in a car without so much as a wave! We didn't actually dislike her, but she seemed superfluous.

Children, of course, grow beyond their earlier narrow certainties. After more than sixty years of her reign we can see so much to admire in the coherence between her personal life and her ceremonial position. We can also appreciate the importance of traditional symbols in our public life, even if we might wonder whether her birthday is an appropriate symbol for Australia.

Celebrating Monarchs' birthdays is a relatively recent tradition. It began only when kings and queens were no longer rulers with real power. But the practice goes back much earlier to the ancient world when the king was identified with his nation and the support of the Gods depended on him. Because the fertility of the soil was bound up with the king winning the Gods' favour, his birthday was a feast to celebrate the harvest. A prosperous nation was one in which the king ruled powerfully and was honoured and respected.

Those layers of symbolism have crumbled in our own day, but in England the Queen remains a powerful symbol of the nation. Her identification with the nation, however, now depends less on her place in a God-given order than on her personal qualities. It matters that the ruler should be a person of integrity and good character. In the case of Queen Elizabeth her personal qualities are wholly admirable, and deserve celebration.

Queen Elizabeth became queen at an early age, following the death of her father, King George VI. He was a limited man who had the throne unexpectedly thrust on him and served his people bravely through the war. Elizabeth has dedicated herself to a life of public service, subordinating her own interests and desires to those of the people and institutions that make up the nation. Anyone who has observed her on a typical day in a regional city will marvel at her resilience and ability to attend twenty or so public engagements, greet hundreds of people, making each feel at home, to keep tight schedules with apparent leisure, to listen with apparent interest to twenty or so effusive speeches, and to deflect inappropriate requests without causing offence. She embodies a respect, courtesy and sense of public responsibility that are increasingly lacking in public life. She also models an unobtrusive but genuine Christian faith.

At a time when the conduct of public life has become increasingly fractious and egocentric heads of state who are a model of dignity and of moderation are a blessing. Even if they do not rule by divine right, they do serve human needs. Queen Elizabeth deserves our prayers and our support on all her various birthdays.

JUNE 12: WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

Childhood is a fairly modern invention. That does not mean, of course, that children only became children in recent times. But they have often been thought of as little adults and compelled to act like them. You can see this in family portraits well into the nineteenth century. In them children were dressed as adults and cajoled into adult expressions. They were prepared for their adult roles from birth.

This corresponded to life among village peoples, too. In large families children are often allowed to play freely until they are five or so. Then they share the care of the younger children and are fully equipped for their adult work by the age of nine. In Central America girls will have carried water, sought out firewood, and learned to prepare the cactus for hemp or work in the rice fields. Girls could be betrothed at 12 and celebrate their initiation into adulthood at 15.

The idea that childhood might have several stages arose in a period when adult roles in society required more education and formation. As a result children were dependent on their families for longer and were slower to accept adult responsibilities.

Child labour needs to be seen in the light of the changing roles of children and demands of adulthood in different cultures. What might be reasonable in a poor rural society where the whole family is engaged in making a living would be totally out of place in an urban society where workers are contracted to businesses and children need a long education to thrive as adults. Debates about child labour began in the industrial revolution when enclosures and falling agricultural prices forced families into towns. Mills, mines and other industries sought the labour of children because they were more compliant, could work long hours in tightly enclosed spaces and could be paid less. In an age where businesses took no responsibility for safety, health and morale, children's welfare was gravely compromised by working practices and the need of families for the meagre income they could bring in. Charles Dickens represented these children in his novels and challenged the prevailing attitudes to their work. This opposition strengthened during the last century.

Nevertheless, children are still at risk in many parts of the world. They are often seized and trained as soldiers for insurgencies and civil wars, particularly in Africa. They are also widely employed in dangerous mines and in factories where their health is put at risk by the spill in the industrial process. Their health is hostage to the callous focus by powerful people on amassing wealth at the expense of the disadvantaged people in their societies.

We do not see these horrors in Australia But children have been held in Immigration detention centres and a shameful number of Indigenous children have been imprisoned. They may not be exploited in their work, but their treatment blights their hopes. To separate children routinely from their parents makes it more likely they will later find themselves in adult prisons. For society it is a confession of failure.

The Gospel makes central the preciousness of each child, each human being in God's eyes. They have a preciousness and a destiny that makes it criminal to use them in a way that cripples their growth and puts out the light of hope in their eyes.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1466.40	\$111.85	\$260.35
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$1433.00	\$120.00	\$380.00
Loose Plate	\$ 588.00	\$ 58.75	\$ 28.90
The Trading Table	\$		\$167.00

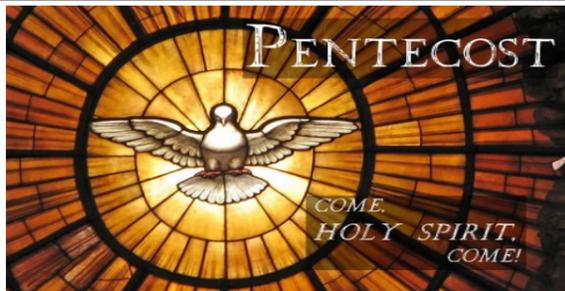


Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein St. Joseph's Red Cliffs

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
The Sacramental preparation for the children continues each Thursday evening and Sunday Mass at 10.30am. The reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be held on Sunday June 23rd 2019, at the 10.30 Mass. This Mass will be led by the School Staff and Children. Please continue to pray for these children and their families.

SCHOOL NEWS
The students are in the process of replacing a deteriorated mural which was constructed in 1999. In order to progress further, we require the assistance of an able bodied person to erect the basic structure. This would entail fitting a timber frame to brickwork & mounting the boards to the frame. All materials will be cut to size & ready to mount. Fairly basic skills required. Please contact the office if you feel you can help or wish to discuss further. Without help at this stage, the project will falter. So please help continue the momentum & enthusiasm of the students in achieving their goal.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS
Did you know? A tap leaking at the rate of one drip a second could waste more than 12,000 litres of water a year. Please make sure to turn the taps off after using them to save water.



WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30am, Tues, Thur 5.30pm, Sat: 9.30am

CALENDAR
Sunday June 9. Feast of Pentecost, 50th and last day of Easter-time. WE celebrate Confirmation, the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.
Wednesday Jun 12: Parish Council meeting 7pm, Church.
Sunday June 16. Feast of the Blessed Trinity. Youth will lead our Mass.
Sunday June 23. Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Grades 4-5 will lead our Mass.
Friday June 28: Our Mass for the poor 10am.

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FOR 2019

Darcy Carmichael	Jye Foster
Ruben Carmichael	Domenic Lenzi
Lucas Chiswell	Adam Markham
Lara Cochrane	Holly McCarthy
Logan Cochrane	Madalein Taylor
Georgina Corey	Gabriella Zaccone

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: FRIDAY, JUNE 28
Our Mass for the poor will be at 10.00 am. The Schoolchildren bring loads of groceries to this Mass. Proceeds from our Cuppa and Trading Table after Mass on Sunday, June 23 will go towards Vinnies' winter Appeal.

YOUTH MASS— Roster 16th June 2019
Welcoming people at the start of Mass:
Introduction to Mass: Gabriella Strangio
Penitential Prayers: Gabriella Spataro
Responsorial Psalm: Topui Mapapalangi
Prayer of the Faithful: Nino Suppa
First Reading: Tomas Hawkes
Second Reading: Gabriella Spataro
Data Projector: Gemma & Maddaleina
Taking up the collections:
Offertory Procession: Bethany Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Dowling, Folole Mapapalangi, Doug Mapapalangi

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS The Most Holy Trinity / 15th & 16th June 2019

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31
Responsorial: Ps 8:4-9
Response: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!
Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15



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	Rosemary Barnes	Peter Issanchon	Feast St Anthony	G McCracken	Youth Mass as per Roster above	Elena Nemtsas	June 30th
Music	M Hammond J Ljubic / J Macri	Tongan Choir M Guthrie	Italian Choir Feast St Anthony		Guitar		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
Offertory		Mary Gobbo	Feast St Anthony		As per roster above	Curtis Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Setefano Mapapalangi	Volunteer Please	
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Talia Faingaanuku	Christine Slattery	K Knight	Grace Mapapalangi	Kay Wagner	
	Taiana Fatai	Michael Faingaanuku	Jacinta Macri		Logan Cochrane	Leon Wagner	
	Margaret McDonald	Nancy Fatai	Paula Cox	OASIS AGED CARE	Lara Cochrane		
	Paul Kerr	Peter O'Donnell	Jennifer Boord	K Knight	Youth Mass as per		
	Anita Naray	Greg Johnston	Reni Cheriyan		Roster above	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Gina Raiti	Wendy Finn	LAY LITURGY LEADERS		Pat Sylvia	
	Volunteer Please			M Hoy M Jensen	FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team	TEAM 10	BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099			L Grivec / A Njegovan		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	