

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.

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	9:15AM
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: Fred Eldridge, Janette ((Jan) Piscioneri

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Maria Matulin, Helen & John Hrascenec

Sunday 9am: Pasquale & Grazia Mammone, Natalizia & Natale

Monteleone, Giuseppe Martino

Sunday 5pm: Paul Sheahan, Michele & Bruno Mammone,

Annuziata DeMaria

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Giovanni Napoli, Maria Paech (Napoli), Domenico

Mammone

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: June 26th Flo Bell, Bill Chandler; 27th Briam Ash-

down, Jim McSwain; 28th Florence Matheson; 30th Josephine

Murphy

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

The Nativity of St John the Baptist / Year B 23rd & 24th June 2018

Today's gospel is a good news story. Most of us respond with joy to the birth of a child, especially when the odds are stacked against the parents conceiving. As the child grows to maturity, friends and family might look back and interpret later achievements in the light of childhood expectation and promise. Stories of birth and childhood are often told in the light of later events. The story of the birth of John the Baptizer is told with hindsight and against the background of Jewish expectations in the Second Temple period. The gospel writers reflect on the role John played in recognising the significance of Jesus of Nazareth and in pointing to Jesus as the unique agent and prophet of God's empire over against the Roman Empire.

Luke is the only gospel writer to reflect on John's "pre-history" and to hint that his birth belonged within the biblical tradition of the "wondrous" births of remarkable people. He interprets the birth of John as an expression of God's "great mercy". Luke narrates the childhood story of John in parallel and yet in appropriate relationship with the story of the child Jesus, whose identity and mission represent the ultimate revelation of Israel's God.

In announcing the birth of John the Baptizer, storyteller Luke uses the language of fulfilment: "the time came" [for Elizabeth to give birth] is literally "the time was fulfilled". The birth of this child is a time of the fulfilment of God's word, as previously announced by the angel Gabriel to his father Zechariah (Luke 1:13-17). Zechariah had been told not to fear, for his wife Elizabeth would give birth to a son and "you will name him John".

Joy and gladness would be the response to the birth of this child who was to be "filled with Holy Spirit even before his birth". John's destiny was "to make ready a people". Jesus, the one for whom John is "preparing the way" will later refer to him as "a prophet" and "more than a prophet" (Luke 7:27). Zechariah, who refuses to believe that he and Elizabeth will have a child in their advanced years, is told that he will be mute "until the day these things occur" (1:17). "These things" encompass the birth of the child, the joy-filled response of the faith community and the naming of the child eight days after birth. John's name, meaning "YHWH (the God of Israel) has shown grace", foreshadows the extraordinary mark that this child, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, will make on his world and consequently on ours. Like John, we are called to "make ready a people", to prepare the way. For Australian Catholics, commitment to creative participation in the forthcoming Plenary Council preparations might be a fitting way to celebrate this feast.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura 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.

Marian Calf, Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Ilario Petrolo & Heidi Slimmon whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



RCIA 2018 – 19

We are presently enrolling the names of those who would like to be part of the next RCIA Program. Parishioners are asked to direct anyone they know of who is interested in becoming a member of our Catholic Community to enrol their names at the Parish Office.

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

The Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring the Feast Day celebration of St Mary MacKillop on Saturday 4th August with Mass at 6pm followed by entertainment & free pasta & BBQ dinner. All most welcome to attend.



Tuesday 6pm Mass and Wednesday 9.15am Mass – is cancelled due to the Funeral Mass of Fred Eldridge and Janette Piscioneri.

ADVANCE NOTICE– Irymple will have a Lay Led Assembly on July 15.

Community Life & Outreach

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Next outing is a Spud lunch at Lyn & Colin Welsh's home 16 Westside Boulevard on Sunday 24th June. Bring a sweet to share. Please let Lyn & Colin your intentions on 50231356.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 27th June, 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Windup meeting for 2018 will be held on Sunday 1st July 6pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL.

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be having their winter appeal on 23rd/24th June. In these hard economic times help support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available on that weekend. Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. With thanks.

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

PLENARY COUNCIL—THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. **Please take a prayer card home with you today and pray daily for the success of this important event.** To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, 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?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

St Joseph's College are holding a Community Trivia Night on Friday 10th August at The Sacred Heart Hall from 6.30 – 10.30pm to raise funds for the Tiwi College Partnership Program. BYO Drinks and Nibbles. Get your friends together and dress up for the special themed table prize. Tables can be booked and paid for at the College Reception for \$150 (Adult Table - \$15 pp), \$100 (Student Table - \$10pp) and children under 12 free. Looking forward to seeing you all there for a night of family fun and trivia. Many entertaining activities and games to get involved in. On the night bring some spare change for competitions and to purchase raffle tickets.

If you are interested in donating a prize for the Trivia night or a gift for the Tiwi College please contact Miss Paula Cox at the College on 50188000 or pcox@sjcnda.vic.edu.au For further information please see flyers on notice boards.

Found in church last Sunday one gold earring, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

REGIONAL YOUTH NEWS

Ballarat Diocese is holding 3 x day-long Festivals called Joy+ for youth and young adults 15-30yo. From the Murray to the Sea, in **Robinvale on Sunday 5 August**, in Warrnambool West on Sunday 2 September, in Ballarat on Sunday 25 November. Come to one or more! Features Genevieve Bryant & band and many guests. Free registration open soon. This is an initiative for the Year of Youth - Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy! More details check youth ministry web pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

BBI -TAITE—ACBC 14TH NATIONAL ECONFERENCE
Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change
 Will be held on Wednesday 8th August at the Sacred Heart Parish—Monaghan Centre—from 10am—3pm



Cost: Free—Bring your own lunch or a plate to share. All most welcome to attend. For booking enquiries please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872. Please see noticeboards for further details.

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP—29th July

The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 29th July. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1300.75
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2495.75
Loose Plate	\$ 350.95
Monaghan Centre	\$ 27.00

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.

Caterina Brizzi, Larry Cricelli, Jana Njegovan, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Diane Lanigan, Heather McWilliams, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammona, Joe Cufari, Brother Dan Geary MSC



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Kit Coogan, Peter Willcock, Betty Green, Joan Appleby, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Alison Olden, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

NO CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Upcoming Events

Sunday 24 June: Today, is the Feast of the birthday of John the Baptist. This is an important feast, which displaces the ordinary Sunday (Sunday 12.)

Monday 25 June: Parishioners Volunteer - Meals on Wheels week.

PLEASE NOTE:

Articles in the REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS section—2nd page of this bulletin—RELATES TO ALL PARISHES—RED CLIFFS, MERBEIN AND MILDURA.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Sienna Mercieca, who will be Baptised today.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL UNITS—RED CLIFFS

Now have available 2 x single bedroom units for rent. Applicants must be on a Centrelink pension. Please contact Peter Bramsen 5021 1393 or 0427 567 650.

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE

After Mass TODAY. Proceeds from the Trading Table this month go to our annual collection for the Pope.



YOUTH-LED MASS

Our next youth-led Mass is on Sunday, July 1, today fortnight. There will be a barbecue lunch after Mass in St Joseph's School Hall. Cost is a gold coin per person. For catering purposes, please sign the form in the foyer.

ADVANCE NOTICE

July 15 will be a Lay Led Assembly.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St Joseph's Parish will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of the Church. on Sunday 19th August 2018. Bishop Paul Bird will be celebrating Mass followed by a light luncheon/finger food at the school hall. Please mark this day on your calendar. Further information in the coming weeks.

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$186.25
2 nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$369.25
Loose Plate	\$ 25.50

Vision & Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Catholic Community committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily life. We do this by:

- Coming together regularly to worship God;
- Witnessing to Gospel values in our daily lives;
- Nurturing the growth & development of our faith;
- Caring for all in our Community;
- Taking responsibility for our Parish.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

For those students who are eligible for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, the program will be held in September. Janine Dannatt will be organising the lessons and Reconciliation will be on September 13th. Further information in coming weeks.

SCHOOL NEWS

Each Tuesday morning during term there is Morning Tea in the Multipurpose Room.

Tuesday morning cuppa is a great chance for parents, friends or grandparents to come along and meet someone new, or bring a friend with you. Please consider putting it into your diary for next week! It is all part of building our parish community.

Enrolments for 2019 are now being taken. If you are a current family with a sibling ready to start school next year, please make an appointment for an interview as soon as possible, so that we can gain an idea of potential numbers. If you know of any families interested in enrolling their child/children at OLSH in 2019 please pass on this information and encourage them to contact the school.

DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Thank you to those who were able to avail themselves of the discussion sessions led by Fr. Barry Ryan & Sr. Veronica Lawson. Every little bit of knowledge we can gain helps us in our understanding of God and where God is leading us in our lives today. We are fortunate to have had two people who are prepared to travel to Mildura to share their knowledge, learn from those who participated and so together we are enriched and helped to discern where God is leading us

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

This week we have some energy saving tips:

- Turn off the lights when you are not in the room. Although energy saving light globes have contributed to saving energy, it is still recommended to turn off lights in rooms that are not being used.
- Fridges. A fridge should be set at 5°C and the freezer around -15°C. Try to keep the door closed as much as possible as letting hot air in forces the fridges to work harder, using more electricity.
- Turn off electronics at the wall. Standby power uses a lot more electricity than you think. It can be as much as 10% of the energy bill. Turn all appliances off at the wall when not in use.

MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 87.30
2 nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$199.00
Loose Plate	\$ 24.55



Give asylum-seekers a fair go: Religious leaders

CRA is urging the government to continue to care for vulnerable asylum-seekers (Flickr/Freedom House)
 Catholic religious leaders have said they are “deeply troubled” by Turnbull Government changes to support for asylum-seekers.
 Source: Catholic Religious Australia.

In a justice statement issued on Wednesday, World Refugee Day, Catholic Religious Australia leaders said they stand in solidarity with asylum-seekers and refugees “for whom this year’s World Refugee Week theme of ‘the need to belong’ is clearly under threat in the face of the most recent government legislation”.

Last year the government announced an end to Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) for several thousand asylum-seekers on bridging visas, to come into effect this year.

“This action removes financial support and accommodation for some of the most vulnerable people in Australia – people who are already experiencing immense suffering,” the statement said.

“Religious leaders are deeply troubled by this unjust treatment of asylum-seekers and refugees.”

The statement said CRA is opposed to the government’s policy on four grounds:

“It is an abandonment of our nation’s moral responsibility for some of the most vulnerable people in the world. It is a direct contradiction of human rights and our responsibilities as a member of the global community. It models violence towards persons as a solution to problems. It is an erosion of the Australian values of a fair go for all, and concern for the underdog.”

Outgoing CRA president Sr Ruth Durick said remaining passive in the face of injustice would be contrary to the Australian and Christian values.

“There is a strong belief that we are impelled to stand in solidarity with people in need, those who are victims of all kinds of abuse under these laws, and to work alongside political, church and community organisations to address this current crisis,” Sr Ruth said.

“We did it before when we welcomed thousands of refugees from post-war Europe, Vietnam, East Timor, El Salvador, Bosnia and many other countries. We can do it again.”

CRA urged political leaders to come together to arrive at a multi-partisan solution, “which puts morality, justice and human values at the heart of its legislation and political decisions for asylum-seekers and refugees”.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS		13th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 30th June & 1st July 2018					
First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24 Responsorial: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 8:7,9, 13-15 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43							
Werrimull Last Sunday of 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	Anita Naray	Jill Joslyn	Greg Johnston	D Knight	T Hawkes R Tassone/G Spataro	J Dannatt	July 29th Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
Music	M Sullivan All welcome	Italian Choir N Armsden	M Hammond J Ljubic/J Macri		POF Nino Suppa		
Offertory		M Gobbo			uliana Suppa	Piscioneri Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Doug Mapapalangi	Charlee Besgrove	August 26th Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Narie Lewis	Jacinta Macri	P Riordan	Setefano Mapapalangi	Vicki McCarthy	September 30th Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Taiana Fatai	Renata Byra	Jaula Cox		Grace Mapapalangi	Val McCarthy	
	Margaret McDonald	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Jennifer Boord		Reba Hynam		October 28th Sr Carmel Annette Lemon
	Trish McNamara	Sonia Opie	Reni Cheriyan		Data Projector: Gemma Monteleone		
	Paul Kerr	Philip Opie	Wendy Finn		Topui Mapapalangi	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Anita Naray	Catherine McErvale	Tony Finn		Folole Mapapalangi	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
	Elvira Mazza				Bethany Divola		
Counting Team	TEAM 10	BRIAN GROGAN - 5021 2099			P Hunt & B Pitt		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Cleaner	As per arrangement	