

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newssheet: Week 21

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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: Denis Liddle

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Caterina & Alessandro Piscioneri, Peter & Maria Dran

Sunday 8.30am: Leorn Pickens

Sunday 9am: Peter & Maria Dran

Sunday 5pm: Antonio Carlucci (60th anniversary)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: May 26th; Alma Hamence, Frank Matotek, Antonia & Giuseppe Mammone; 29th Mathew Gadzinki, Maureen Divola; 30th Giuseppe Chiera; June 1st Mary Klaric.

(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

Sixth Sunday of Easter / Year C 25th & 26th May 2019

"Take from my heart all painful anxiety." This is the prayer of the first Sister of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus know that they need not be anxious or afraid "for perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). Today's gospel makes it clear that "love" finds expression in the keeping of God's word.

In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the *Logos* who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God's communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God's word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God's name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and "kept" the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and "our common home" with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God's Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as "advocate" carries a range of meanings. It literally means "one called alongside to help" whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John's gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to "keep the word" of Jesus.

Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace "that the world cannot give." In John's gospel, the "world" is first and foremost the tenting place of God's Word: it is God's creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God's Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew *shalom*: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God's creation. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also "coming to them" since the "Father" will send the Spirit to be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community Jobe Bowden & Jack Ryan, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2019

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

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Tuesday 28th May at 10.30am.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will be lunching at the Gol Gol Hotel on Sunday 26th May at 12.30pm. All welcome to join us. Please let Kit or Jim know your intentions on 50214901.

ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 20th May 7.30pm at 7.30pm, KSC clubrooms. All welcome.

INVITATION FOR HELPERS

Looking for helpers to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 5pm Mass. Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office on 5021 2872 for further information. Support will be provided.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019
27 MAY - 5 JUNE

GROUND
in
TRUTH

WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT PLAQUE

In conjunction with the National Reconciliation week May 27—June 3rd, a plaque has been placed in our Churches embodying the healing and mutual respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Non-Indigenous peoples within the Catholic Church in Australia.

The main logo on the plaque was designed by the Murri Ministry to depict black and white coming together and growing in faith and respect for one another

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: Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Michele Vanni, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, 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 SUNRAYSIA CHURCHES

This weekend is the final Mass Count.

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.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Copies of the Winter Edition 2019 is now available. Wonderful reading.

An impromptu note of thanks to all of our committed volunteers. Your dedication to the works of our Parish community is very much appreciated!

Thank you!

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.



World Communication Day

In Australia, World Communications Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2019. Pope Francis has released his message for World Communications Day 2019. As is the custom, the message was released on January 24, the feast day of St Francis de Sales, the patron saint of journalists. You can access the full message on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

ELECTION IS DONE, NOW TO FOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS

Most comment on the federal election has naturally concentrated on how it was won and lost: how votes were gained here and lost there, how people were consoled or devastated by the result, and how the parties will respond in future elections.

It is time to return to the more important question of what matters for the future good of Australia. This is what governments and political parties are bound by tradition and by their own official rhetoric to serve. This, not electoral success or failure, should govern their actions and our response as citizens to their governance.

The most urgent claims, those by which our grandchildren will judge us, are first that we should pass on to them a habitat in which they can live without anxiety. This demands addressing climate change responsibly. It will require strong leadership endorsed by all parties and shapers of public opinion.

The second priority is to address the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the few to the detriment of others and to the national welfare. This is the legacy of a destructive economic ideology that threatens the cohesion of Australian society.

To respond to these claims will not be easy. Necessary change will involve some people and groups in loss. It will also run against the strong emphasis on the competitive individual which puts under pressure the bonds between individuals and groups everywhere, whether between nations in trade and security, between business and workers, shareholders or between different minority groups. Ultimately, all is reduced to the art of the deal, based on superior power. This mindset, whether expressed in the abuse of power or in attempts to overthrow it, leads to popular mistrust in government and any appeal it might make to a larger, national good.

Because of the strength of this attitude the third priority facing government is to commend and embody the commitment to the common good, meaning that individuals seek their own good in the good of all people. It implies that the demands of individuals and of groups, whether defined by class, age, gender, wealth, race, occupation or anything else, need to be viewed and argued for as contributing to the good of the whole society.

It implies that all that we do carries with it a social license. The license for drinking coffee in the street involves placing the cup in a bin and not throwing it on the ground. The social license for running a bank involves acting with respect to clients, to the environment and to ethical values. The social license for governing the nation involves respect in human relationships, respect for the rule of law, avoiding conflict of interest, and placing the common good above the good of the party in making decisions.

Social licenses are required because human beings matter: not because they are wealthy, white, liberal or right-thinking, but simply because they are human and because they depend on one another to live human lives. For that reason the fourth priority facing government is to support the most disadvantaged and disregarded in society. In Australia these include especially Indigenous people and those who seek protection from persecution.



In a society based on competition between individuals, the death and destitution of others is of no concern. In their personal lives and attitudes most people realise that this attitude is indecent. They are compassionate. Governments must commend and embody responsibility for responding to human beings as human in all levels of society.

The difficulty of embodying a concern for the common good and respectful relationships in government and Parliament is large. But it is the more necessary because the current conduct of politicians in public debate and in private conduct, and the subjection of good governance to satisfying party political demands, has so deeply eroded confidence in government.

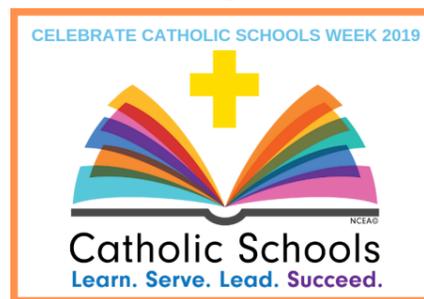
The practice in the recent election of offering huge bribes to crucial electorates and the refusal to increase the scandalously low Newstart undermined any claim to concern for the common good. These things may win a seat for a Party but they further diminish respect for politicians and government.

To meet large challenges always demands personal conversion. That is true of governments as well as of individuals.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of Eureka Street.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

On Friday, May 31 at St Joseph's College Stadium the four Sunraysia Catholic Primary schools along with the Year 8 students of St Joseph College will be celebrating Catholic Education Week with a combined Mass. The theme for 2019 is 'Listen with the ear of your heart.' We are encouraged to live our faith in dialogue with one another and through acts of compassion and kindness.



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1432.40	\$ 81.90	\$253.70
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2609.70	\$229.00	\$278.00
Loose Plate	\$ 617.80	\$ 33.60	\$ 56.10
The Monaghan Centre	\$2298.00		
Project Compassion given to date	\$4817.55	\$535.00	\$6339.75

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!**

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:
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 and parishioners are welcome to come along to any of these events especially the combined Catholic Schools Mass at St Joseph's College Stadium.

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.25th May & Sun 26th 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 22nd May at 10am at LMW Workshop 2. All help welcomed. Contact Bernadette Wells for more information.



THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES OR SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

RED CLIFFS PROJECT COMPASSION 2019
This week: \$75.50 So far: \$6339.75

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

CALENDAR
Sunday June 2. FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
Sunday June 9. Feast of Pentecost, 50th and last day of Eastertime. WE celebrate Confirmation, the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.
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.

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

BAPTISM
We welcome into our faith community Lachlan & Lucy McManus and Francesco Romeo whose Baptism occurs this weekend. 

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS The Ascension of the Lord / 1st & 2nd June 2019

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Responsorial: Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Second Reading: Hebrews: 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53



	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	Katy Quinlan	Narie Lewis	Bill Dolence	M Hoy	D Eagle M Lee / J Lewis	K Wagner	May 26th	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	Italian Choir M Sullivan	Timorese Group		Guitar			
Offertory		Joy Morvell			N Orr	Besgrove Family		
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Group 2	Volunteer Please	June 30th	Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Narie Lewis	Myrna Rodi	W Schmidt	Setefano Mapapalangi	Natalie Besgrove		
	Taiana Fatai	Renata Byra	Maree Irvin		Grace Mapapalangi	Volunteer please		
	Margaret McDonald	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Sue Hermans					
	Paul Kerr	Sonia Opie	Naomi Kennedy		M Monteleone			
	Anita Naray	Philip Opie	Mario Zema		N Morello	CHAFFEY AGED CARE		
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Catherine McErvale	Josie Zema		S Orr		Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
		Elvira Mazza			FLOWERS R Chase			
Counting Team	TEAM 8	TREVOR AUST 5023 6597				L Grivec / A Njegovan		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement		