

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newssheet: Week 25

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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: Chris Bogemann

Saturday 6pm: Maria Scarfo (1yr anniversary), Alfredo Scarfo, Francesco & Domenica Gattuso, Joe, Giuseppe & Rosa-Maria Mandica, Peter & Maria Dran, Helen & John Hrascenec

Sunday 8.30am: Jan Piscioneri (1 yr anniversary)

Sunday 9am: Peter & Maria Dran

Sunday 5pm: Maria Matulin, Paul Sheahan

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Filippo (Phillip) Pezzano

Anniversaries: Girolima Napoli (30 day Mass)

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: June 23rd Edith Holmes; 26th Flo Bell, Bill Chandler; 27th Brian Asdown, Jim McSwain; 28th Florence Matheson

(Only immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ / Year C 22nd & 23rd June 2019

The gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's kin-dom and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied.

The second part of the story is full of eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a "desert" place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. "Send them away" is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Jesus. Rather, he says, "You give them something to eat". When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone. They gather up the broken pieces, just as we must remember to gather up the pieces that so often go to waste.

Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. In the celebration of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer simply the sum of its material parts, precious as they are. The restored flag is housed in a special place and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian history, it has taken on a meaning other than the goodness of the materiality of fabric and thread. In the celebration of Eucharist, the God-given gifts of bread and wine likewise become more than their material parts. They are life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. Recognition of another level of meaning does not discount the integrity and goodness of the underlying material reality, but rather affirms it.

Sharing in Eucharist means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, sometimes simply by sharing our resources or our left-over pieces with others in need. Finally, it is important to remember that the healing is the prelude to the sharing of the bread. We are called to ensure there is a place at the table for those so often excluded from community by disability, ill-health or any kind of prejudice.

Veronica Lawson rsm



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

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



FIRST EUCHARIST 2019
We congratulate the children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Many thanks to parents who have assisted in their preparation as well as members of the Parish Sacramental Team and teachers.

RCIA 2019 –2020
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.



PLEASE NOTE:
There will be **NO MASS** on Wednesday 26th June AND **NO 5.40PM MASS** on Friday 28th June.



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
Mass will be celebrated this Friday at 11.30am in the church with the children of Sacred Heart Primary school. All welcome—please note as above **no** 5.40pm Mass

Community Life & Outreach

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING
Wednesday 26th June 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL
The members of the Sacred Heart Conference of St Vincent de Paul are very grateful to all those who contributed so generously to their Winter Appeal.



SACRED HEART PRAYER & DISCUSSION GROUP
This newly formed group meet weekly on Thursday mornings at 10am in the Hillman Room, Sacred Heart Presbytery. For further information please contact Wilma on 5021 4953.



ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE
Thank you to all who helped prepare, organise and participate in our annual Feast of St Anthony. A great time was had by all.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROSTERS
A new roster for Eucharistic Ministers will be provided shortly. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or wish to change your day and time on the roster, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 50212872 by Friday, 28th June.

CHAIRS
The Sacred Heart Church now have chairs on the right hand side of the Sacristy for people who have difficulty sitting in the pews and coming forward at the time of Communion. You are invited to use these chairs.

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: Joan Edwards, Martin Rogers, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

Red Cliffs: Gwen O'Connor, 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



SOCIETA DANTE ALIGHIERI
Presents CALABRIANS TALK

The Dante Society have a researcher from England who is looking at Calabrians and is going to give a talk about it on Tuesday, 25th June 7.30pm at the Mildura Workings Man's Club. For further information please see the flyers at each Church entrance.



WERRIMULL BUS TRIP

Our next bus trip to Werrimull will be held on Sunday 30th June at 11am. We currently have 6 people booked in for the bus is you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE
Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (29th June). Bishop Paul Bird would be grateful if this could be arrange for the weekend 29th & 30th June. He is aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention as through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

FRESH FOOD FOR FOCOLARE YOUTH VISIT
There will be a group of 40-50 young people and their leaders from the Focolare Community visiting Mildura from Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th July. To help keep costs down for the families, any donations of fresh food would be greatly appreciated. They would be grateful for any supply of tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, bananas, apples, oranges and mandarins, or for any fresh produce that might be in supply on your fruit tree/vegie patch. If you think you will be able to help out, please let Fr James know. Any donations can be left in the Monaghan centre over the weekend of July 6th/7th and Fr James will be able to pass it on to the group.

ADVANCE NOTICE—SAVE THE DATE
STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP
During 2019 Workshops will be held to help plan for our Diocesan Education Community 2020—2024
Fr Michael is strongly encouraging teaching staff, parents and parishioners attend one of the two Workshops to be held in the Monaghan Centre on Tuesday 27th August from 4.30pm—6.00pm or 7.00pm—8.30pm.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**BOOK REVIEW:
NO FRIEND BUT THE MOUNTAINS**

Behrouz Boochani, (writing from Manus Prison) Picador Australia.

The end of Refugee Week and noisy election campaigns is a good time for silent reflection on where our nation is going, which qualities in it we can celebrate and which might move us to shame. It is helpful to see ourselves through the eyes of a courageous observer.

We could not find a more helpful observer than Behrouz Boochani, the author of *No Friend but the Mountains*. He is a Kurdish refugee who has been imprisoned on Manus Island for many years. A journalist and a writer of great power he sent the text of his book in text messages to friends in Australia, and then worked with his translator and others to write this book. It will surely be remembered as a great work of Australian literature as well as an account of what it means to be a refugee.

His description of his two attempts to reach Christmas Island by boat display a rare gift for captivating storytelling, the mastery of language needed to make the reader hear the storm and feel drenched by the waves, the cosmic themes of sea, storm and fate, and a detailed attention to the way individuals responded to this crisis.

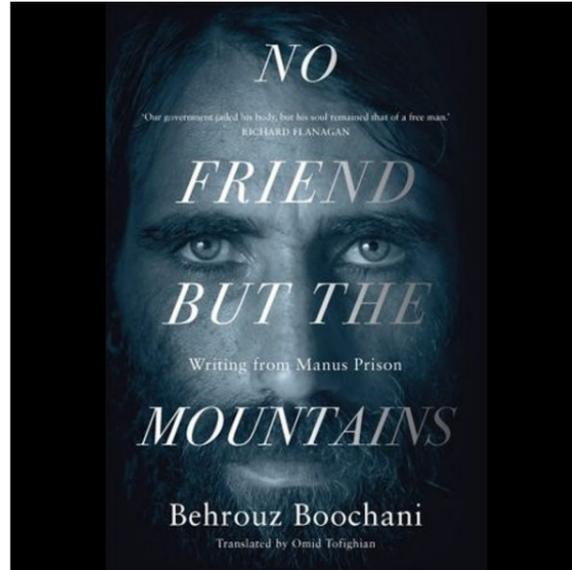
Most of the book describes life on Manus Island, a life of endurance within a prison, in which there are no events. Space is fenced in and time has no past or meaningful future. He explores character by noticing and reflecting on his own and others' response to the dehumanising forces at work in the storms at sea and especially in the prison.

He shows in harrowing detail the experience of being of imprisoned: the effects of heat and overcrowding, of the pervasive stink of sweat and latrines ankle deep in urine, of hunger caused by inadequate and poor food, of the reduction of people to numbers, of the long queues for everything, of the hierarchy in the prison of Government representatives in Australia, unseen officials, officers watching and officers in direct contact with the refugees, ancillary nursing and catering staff, the local PNG officers and the refugees themselves, and the combination of arbitrary changes of regulations and processes and of the refusal of officers to take responsibility for any decision to vary regulations. In the most shameful example, this led to a son repeatedly and fatally being prevented from telephoning his dying father.

These features of Manus Island were not accidental. He correctly sees this hell as the intended outcome of a policy that sent people unwanted in Australia to the prison in order that their suffering would deter other people from coming by boat. The penal system was designed to turn people into sheep, terrified by any rumour, malleable to every command, and unable to take responsibility.

When reflecting on the mechanisms by which the prisoners' behaviour and feelings are controlled, Boochani presents a system in which all the relationships of one person with another, with the natural and built environment, and with time are controlled in such a way that freedom is excluded, humiliation, dependence, competition between people and self-disgust are fomented, power is exercised hierarchically and arbitrarily, and regulations are made by unnamed people at a distance from the people to whom they apply. But this book is not simply an account of inhumanity. It is the story of a brave man who realised that freedom had to be found through endurance and inner resistance. Although Boochani is not religious, Christians will recognise in his at times lyrical prose and in his determination not to be mastered by this Australia-made hell the quality of the early martyrs.

Any Australian reader will also be moved also by shame that our Governments sought our comfort by such brutal means. It is up to us say to our Government, 'Never again' and 'Bring them here'.



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Feast of Corpus Christi originated in 1246 when Robert de Torote, bishop of Liège, ordered the festival celebrated in his diocese. He was persuaded to initiate the feast by St. Juliana, prioress of Mont Cornillon near Liège (1222–58), who had experienced a vision. It did not spread until 1261, when Jacques Pantaléon, formerly archdeacon of Liège, became pope as Urban IV.

In 1264 he ordered the whole church to observe the feast. Urban's order was confirmed by Pope Clement V at the Council of Vienne in 1311–12. By the mid-14th century the festival was generally accepted, and in the 15th century it became, in effect, one of the principal feasts of the church.

The procession became the feast's most prominent feature and was a pageant in which sovereigns and princes took part, as well as magistrates and members of guilds. In the 15th century the procession was customarily followed by the performance by guild members of miracle plays and mystery plays. After the doctrine of transubstantiation was rejected during the Reformation, the festival was suppressed in Protestant churches.

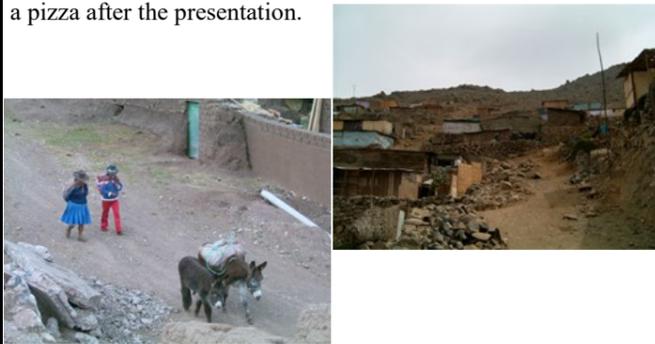
PERU MISSION IMMERSION

Fr. Michael, Ryan O'Callaghan, Chris Carmichael, Ronica Vergara and Marion Guthrie, invite you to come along and hear about our recent experiences visiting the people and projects we have supported in Peru.

The evening will be held in the Monaghan Centre on Friday, 12th July at 6.30pm.

Presentation Time -Approximately: 90 minutes.

We invite you to stay and share a pizza after the presentation.



| SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Last week's collections | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
| 1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$1535.75 | \$164.00 | \$169.45 |
| 2 nd Collection (includes all EFT) | \$2758.40 | \$544.00 | \$308.60 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 629.75 | \$ 79.95 | \$ 40.80 |
| The Monaghan Centre | \$ 152.00 | | \$ |

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

CONGRATULATIONS
 Congratulations to Kaleb Binding, Zane Breewel, Scarlet Caia, Austin and Juliet Goldsmith, Ryder Minniti, Luca Pediglieri, and Zachary Pollock, who have faithfully completed their preparation and will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist today. Elsie Jenkins has also completed her preparation and will receive the Sacraments on a date to be decided. Special thanks to the parents and sponsors who have supported the children and attended the preparation sessions. Many thanks to Janine Dannett for her organisation of the program; the prayer partners and Fr. James and Michael Breewel who conducted the lessons. Special thanks to the school staff for conducting the Children's Liturgy each Sunday; to Mia for designing and printing the programs and certificates; to James Canavan for preparing the Liturgy for today and Narelle and the staff in general for their cooperation and support.; Fr. Michael for his faithfulness and support of this community and not forgetting Nancy Prevedello for providing the celebratory cake.
A very big THANKYOU to all

SCHOOL NEWS: Student Leaders Fundraiser – Blanket Drive
 It's getting cold outside!! Do you have some blankets you can donate? This year OLSH Primary School is holding a blanket drive. These blankets will be donated to our local St Vincent de Paul organisation. This is a good time to go through those linen cupboards, so dig deep!! Please make sure blankets are in reasonable condition.

PARISH NEWS
 To add to the Blanket Drive, St. Vincent de Paul annual winter appeal for non-perishable food items is also happening this month so if you are able to bring along any goods within the next few weeks they would be very much appreciated. Next Sunday after our Layed we are celebrating a significant Birthday of a Merbein Parish Community member. Some food to share by way of celebration would be appreciated. Thank you!

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS—Did you know?
 By 2021 Australians could save more than \$600 million on our water and energy bills just by using more water efficient appliances and products. The amount of water we can save by then is about 800,000 mega litres which is more than the whole of Sydney Harbour.

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Mon: 10am, Tues, Thur:5.30pm, Wed: 9.30am Fri: 10am, Sat: 9am

30 Day Mass: Mrs Girolima Napoli—today

CALENDAR
Sunday June 23. Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Grades 4-5 will lead our Mass. Cuppa after Mass
Friday June 28: Our Mass for the poor 10am.

CUPPA AND TRADING TABLE-after Mass today.
 Proceeds from the trading table this month will go to Vinnies Winter Appeal. Envelopes for Vinnies Winter Appeal are on the seats today.



VISION STATEMENT—BALLARAT DIOCESE
 The Ballarat Diocese is inviting all Parishes to be part of a process of consultation for a Diocesan Vision Statement. For Red Cliffs this will occur on Sunday 23rd June after Mass—We are asked to submit summary words or phrases by Monday 15th July 2019.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: FRIDAY, JUNE 28
 Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Our Mass for the Poor is at 10.00 am in the Church. The children will bring with them to this Mass groceries for Vinnies winter appeal.

SAINTS THIS WEEK
 Monday: The Birthday of John the Baptist
 Saturday: Feast of Ss Peter & Paul

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: Today's feast provides me with the opportunities to remind Lay Ministers of a couple of things.
THE CUPS: NEVER dry the inside of the Cup before it has been rinsed with water.
THE PLATE: The earliest name for Mass was (it's in the Acts of the Apostles) the Breaking of Bread. That is why, at Sunday Mass, we use a big host that can be divided into more than 20 pieces. ALWAYS GIVE THESE PIECES FIRST TO THE PEOPLE. Only when these have run out do we give the small round hosts to the people.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 29th & 30th June 2019

First Reading: 1st Book of Kings 19:16, 19-21
Responsorial: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11
Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



| 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 |
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| Leader / Reader | Christine Carmichael | Philip Opie | Inez Sullivan | P Riordan | J Vines M Cavallaro / M Duck | Sr Carmel Setford | June 30th |
| Music | NO MUSIC | M Guthrie/B Lewis/ J O'Bryan/B Prescott | Youth Group M Sullivan | | Guitar | | Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford |
| Offertory | | Baptism | | | M Adams | Wagner Family | |
| Altar Servers | Volunteer please | Volunteer please | Volunteer please | | Group 2 | | |
| Eucharist Ministers | Anne-Maree Greville | Giuseppe Scopacasa | Judy hall | D Knight | C Cavallaro | Kay Wagner | |
| | Taiana Fatai | Maria Scopacasa | Myrna Rodi | | M Cavallaro | Leon Wagner | |
| | Margaret McDonald | Susan Lewis | Maree Irvin | OASIS AGED CARE | J Divola | | |
| | Paul Kerr | Minda Wright | Sue Hermans | M Duck | CUPPA'S | | |
| | Anita Naray | Rose Op't Hoog | Naomi Kennedy | | | CHAFFEY AGED CARE | |
| | Ryan O'Callaghan | Volunteer please | Mario Zema | LAY LITURGY LEADERS | | Vi Barling | |
| | Volunteer please | | | | FLOWERS Volunteer | | |
| Counting Team | TEAM 2 | JOE DEJONG 5023 7802 | | | L Grivec / A Njegovan | Margo Farnsworth | |
| Church Cleaning | As per arrangement | | | As per arrangement | C Dichiera | As per arrangement | |