

# 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     |            |
| 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:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Mary McFadyen

Sunday 5pm: Bruin Michael Callipari, Emma Nesci (30 day Mass)

Friday 5.40pm: Maria Cricelli (30 day Mass)

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Rocco, Rose & Grace Lamattina

### MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: July 25<sup>th</sup> Gwen Jessup, Albert Adolph, 27<sup>th</sup> John Lamshed

*(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

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 20th & 21st July 2019

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus has been affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus has been seen as a less desirable Christian stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things".

In recent times, some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women characters to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other. In other words, the negative judgement of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth.

A more women-friendly voice in the text presents Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women disciples, Martha is a generous host who uses her resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus and who listen to his words, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share Martha's hospitality. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (*periespato*) by many ministerial tasks (*peri pollēn diakonian*), and most leaders or church workers can sympathise with her in this. There is no indication in this description that she is distracted. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus. Coming from the lips of Jesus, the expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's exercise of leadership in the community.

This story is problematic in many ways. It forms part of a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This is in stark contrast with the ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in the gospel of John.

Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### 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.



## Community Life & Outreach

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

To be held on Wednesday 24th July 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL- Whole school Mass

Friday 26th July at 9.15am, Grandparents' Mass celebrating the Feast of Sts Joachim & Anne. All welcome.



### FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

The Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring the Feast Day celebration of St Mary MacKillop on Saturday 10th August with Mass at 6pm followed by entertainment and free pasta and BBQ dinner, from the Sacred Heart Hall.

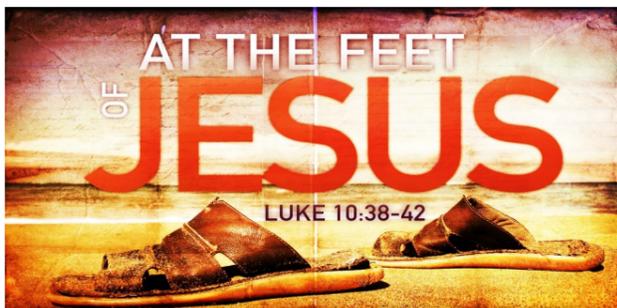
All most welcome to attend.

### MOTHER MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2019

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 18th August. Holy Mass at 9am. Free food and soft drinks will be provided after the mass. All welcome.



Organised by the Kerala Community



### 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:** Tess Kerr, 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

### 100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SWAN HILL

St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill are looking for photos or memorabilia that could feature in displays and publications about their history. If you can help, please contact Kate Quin or the school office, ph. 5033 2541.

### WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS – JULY 30

July 30 marks the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Please consider a donation to our member organisation, Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH), so that it can continue its work with the community towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and globally <https://acrath.org.au/>

### FEAST OF STS JOACHIM AND ANNE 26th July

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names *Joachim* and *Anne* come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.



### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

#### Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #1

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. Find our more at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**PLENARY COUNCIL**

Phase One – Listening and Dialogue

**What did people talk about?**

- A voice in the selection and appointment of bishops • Affordable adult faith formation courses • Baby Boomer generation to listen to young Catholics • Become a Vatican II church • Better communication of what the Church does
- Better implementation of Royal Commission Recommendations • Better interface between parish and school
- Better Plenary Council process • Better preparation and support for married couples • Better selection and formation of candidates to priesthood • Better teachers in Catholic schools • Better use of finances • Care for neighbour
- Care for the environment • Care for the family • Church should adapt to multicultural reality • Communion for all
- Concerns for diminishing parish communities • Creation of small communities/groups within parishes • Cultural Masses
- Defend right-to-life issues • Diocesan Pastoral Council • End celibacy, allow priests to be married • End Clericalism
- End discrimination of LGBTQ • Establish more youth programs • Evangelisation in and of the family • Faith formation for parents • Fight for human rights issues • Focus on Ecumenism • Greater access to Mass and Reconciliation
- Greater connection with and inclusion of Indigenous Australians • Greater focus on Jesus Christ
- Greater focus on permanent deacons • Greater focus on the Word of God • Greater inclusion of all people
- Greater involvement of the laity • Greater leadership from priests • Greater recognition of Eastern Catholic Churches • Greater role for women • Greater trust, faith and hope in God • Hierarchy to listen to the laity
- Importance of Communion services in rural parishes • Inclusion of the divorced and remarried • Laity supporting priests • Lay-led parishes • Lay-led liturgies and Masses • Listen to one another more • Mass to be appealing to youth and children • Modernise Church teachings • More chaplains, youth ministers in Catholic schools • More formation for priests • More transparency and accountability regarding clergy sexual abuse
- More welcoming parishes • New leadership and governance model • New model of Church, diocese, parish
- Ordaining married men to be priests • Ordination of women • Outreach to all the baptised • Outreach to the wider community • Outreach to youth • Overseas priests • Parish pastoral council • Parishes involved in planning for the future • Provide more youth facilities in parishes • Putting Gospel values in action
- Radical change, a new order, inverted pyramid • Restore the Third Rite of Reconciliation • Servant leadership • Share the faith with others • Special care of rural parishes • Stronger parish communities • Support same-sex marriage
- Transparency in governance and decision making • Use social media to engage people • Welcome back priests who have left to marry • Women deacons • Work together in unity • Youth to be involved more



**Plenary Council 2020**  
*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'* sv27

| <b>SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE</b>                      |           |          |            |
|--|-----------|----------|------------|
| Last week's collections  | Mildura   | Merbein  | Red Cliffs |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$1238.15 | \$ 63.85 | \$248.15   |
| <b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT)                           | \$2826.00 | \$229.00 | \$313.50   |
| <b>Loose Plate</b>   | \$ 424.05 | \$ 28.75 | \$ 61.40   |
| <b>The Monaghan Centre</b>   | \$1700.00 |          |            |
| <b>The Shared Table</b>  | \$ 103.50 |          |            |

**Visit by  
Fr Robert McCullock  
SSC**



On the first weekend of August, Fr Robert McCullock will be celebrating the main Masses at Sacred Heart Mildura. His primary intention is to do some promotion for the Columban Mission Society.

However, Fr McCullock has had an extremely interesting history of work among the people of Pakistan over many decades. He has made enormous contributions in the area of health, education and welfare, and has promoted extremely important dialogue between Hindus, Muslims and Christians in Pakistan. In recent years was awarded the Sitara-e-Quaid-Azam from the Governor of Sindh for his services to Pakistan, Pakistan's highest civilian award. This is a huge honor to be bestowed upon a westerner in Pakistan.

The release on bail of a young Pakistani girl Rimsha Misih, fraudulently accused of burning pages of the Koran, was assisted through mediation by Fr McCullock, and marked a turning point in the way government leaders may be willing to protect minorities accused under the country's harsh blasphemy laws.

Fr McCullock has been invited to give a presentation after the 5:00pm Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August for those interested in listening to his fascinating story and his wonderful personal insights into Pakistan and the importance of interreligious dialogue in our world today.

**An Evening with  
Fr Robert McCullock SSC**

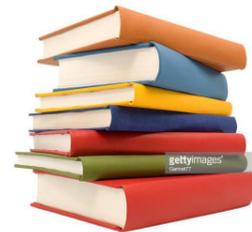
**4<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm – Irymple Pub**  
(following 5:00pm Mass)

**Bookings Essential**

**For catering purposes please phone  
Sacred Heart Parish Office—5021 2872  
by Wednesday 31st July  
Limited places — book early**

**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.



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

**PARISH NEWS:**  
**St. Vincent de Paul** annual winter appeal for non-perishable food items is happening this month so if you are able to bring along any goods within the next few weeks they would be very much appreciated.  
**We welcome** back staff and student to school for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term. We trust and pray that it will be a time of enjoyment, fulfilment and learning.  
**Accommodation required.** If anyone is aware of a house for rent would you please contact the OLSH School (50252258) or the Parish House (50252716).

**SCHOOL NEWS:**  
 This term class masses with the Parish on Thursday mornings at 9.15am will take place on the following days:- August 8<sup>th</sup> Yrs. 3 & 4; August 15<sup>th</sup> Yrs. 1 & 2; August 29<sup>th</sup> Yrs. 5, 6F & 6L. Classes will be holding a shared morning tea after each mass in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend. The school choir will be performing at Chaffey Aged Care on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of July at 2.00pm. Parishioners are most welcome to come along and support the students.

**SUSTAINABILITY NEWS**  
 July 2019 has been declared **NO PLASTIC MONTH** everyone is invited to refrain from using plastic especially plastic bags and purchasing goods that are packaged in plastic. Keep plastic bags from polluting our oceans and harming marine wildlife.  
**Did you know?**  
 A large screen TV turned on for 6 hours a day can generate half a tonne of greenhouse gas a year. That's about the same amount as running a fridge for a whole year. Remember to turn appliances off when not in use.  
**National Tree Day** – An opportunity to help counteract the greenhouse gases!!  
**Event:** Free tree giveaway for community and schools.  
**When:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9 am – 1.00pm (or until trees go)  
**Where:** Woolworths, Langtree Avenue – Lime Ave. car park entrance.  
**Site Contact:** Greening Mildura

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
 Mon, Wed: 9.30am, Tues, Thurs 5.30pm, Friday midday Grandparents' Mass, Sat 9am

**CALENDAR**  
**Sunday 28th July:** Parish AGM. All welcome. Any agenda items please see Carmel Russo.  
**Sunday 28th July:** Cuppa and trading table. Don't forget items for the Trading Table. Proceeds this month will go to The Pope's Collection.

**ST MARY MCKILLOP**  
 Our junior grades will lead us in celebrating St Mary McKillop on Sunday August 4.

**YOUTH-LED MASS**  
 Our next youth-led Mass will be on Sunday, August 11

**GWEN O'CONNOR, MY SISTER**  
 On Monday last, a cancer specialist told Gwen that her time left on this earth is likely to be weeks rather than months. I told you earlier that I'd leave here after Sunday August 4, and return before Sunday October 6. The beginning date still stands. I am looking forward to celebrating Mary McKillop with preps and Grade ones and all of you. However, if things become more urgent with Gwen, I'll have to leave earlier. As regards when I return here, that's up in the air. I may be back well before October 6, and possibly go away again. Gwen doesn't want me nursing her in her final illness, and that's very understandable. PJF



## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 27th & 28th July 2019

**First Reading:** Book of Genesis 18:20-32  
**Responsorial:** Ps 137:1-3, 6-8  
**Response:** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.  
**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14  
**Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13



| Werrimull<br>Last Sunday of<br>each month 1:00am | Sacred Heart<br>Saturday 6pm  | Sacred Heart<br>Sunday 9am                  | Sacred Heart<br>Sunday 5pm | Irymple<br>Sunday 8:30am | Red Cliffs<br>Sunday 10:00am       | Merbein<br>Sunday 10:30am  | Merbein<br>Lay Led Assembly<br>Last Sunday of the month |
|--|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Leader / Reader                                  | Rosemary Barnes               | Talia Fainga'anuku                          | Rosemarie Zalec            | M Smith                  | J Divola<br>C Markham/M Monteleone | Janine Dannatt             |   |
| Music  | Filipino Group<br>M Issanchon | M Guthrie / B Lewis<br>J O'Bryan/B Prescott | Youth Group<br>M Sullivan  |                          | Tongan Choir                       |                            |   |
| Offertory  | Baptism                       | Louise Belej                                |                            |                          | Cameron Family                     |                            |   |
| Altar Servers                                    | Volunteer please              | Volunteer please                            | Volunteer please           |                          | GROUP 1                            | Volunteer Please           |   |
| Eucharist Ministers                              | Anne-Maree Greville           | Greg Johnston                               | Katrina Groves             | W Smith                  | M Monteleone                       | Sr Carmel Setford          |   |
|  | Taiana Fatai                  | Gina Raiti                                  | Judy Hall                  |                          | N Morello                          | Vi Barling                 |   |
|  | Margaret McDonald             | Anna Vartuli                                | Myrna Rodi                 | OASIS AGED CARE          | S Orr                              |                            |   |
|  | Paul Kerr                     | Sara Visona                                 | Maree Irvin                | K Knight                 | CUPPA'S                            |                            |   |
|  | Anita Naray                   | Juliet Cresp                                | Sue Hermans                |                          | D Eagle                            | CHAFFEY AGED CARE          |   |
|  | Ryan O'Callaghan              | Louise Belej                                | Naomi Kennedy              | LAY LITURGY LEADERS      | M Matotek                          | Kay Wagner<br>Val McCarthy |   |
|  | Nancy Leonardis               |   |                            |                          | FLOWERS<br>Volunteer               |                            |   |
| Counting Team                                    | TEAM 6                        | JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939                     |                            |                          | P Hunt / B Pitt                    |                            |   |
| Church Cleaning                                  | As per arrangement            |   |                            | As per arrangement       | C Dichiera                         | As per arrangement         |   |