

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newssheet: Week 32

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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

5:00PM

WERRIMULL 11:00AM (LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

MILDURA

Recent Deaths: Catherine Anne Frankcom (daughter of Dick & Pat Nolan), May Gordon (Brisbane)

Anniversaries: All deceased members of the Tran Family, Maria Cricelli

Sunday 9am: Betty & Gordon Menhennitt, Toody McGlashan (10 year anniversary)

Sunday 5pm: Stan Balog

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Marie Morcom, Eileen Barlow (mother of Sr Pam Barlow)

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

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Aug.12th Karl Sarbo; 15th Frank Aston; 16th Annunziata Monteleone; 17th Alice Wagner, Giuseppe Capogreco.

(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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 10th & 11th August 2019

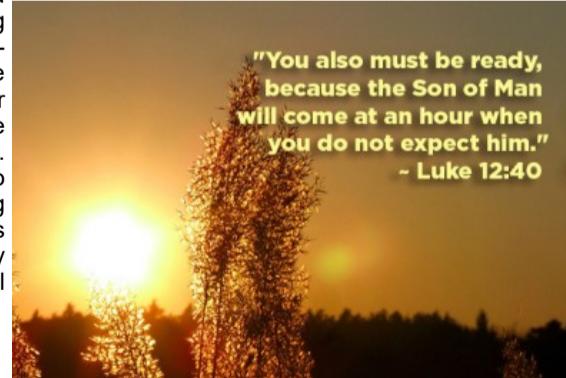
The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a "little flock". He tells them that there is no need for fear. God, their "father", has delighted in giving them "the kingdom" and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (*eleēmosunē*). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. In this problematic passage, the Lukan Jesus is engaging his hearers' experience of slavery in order to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave enjoys a relative happiness in comparison with the fate of the other slaves.

The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have been met with scepticism by its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is just not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.

The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. These verses are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.

Veronica Lawson rsm

"You also must be ready,
because the Son of Man
will come at an hour when
you do not expect him."
~ Luke 12:40



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish community
Isla Cavallo & Keyan Kuttige whose Baptism
occurs this weekend.

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 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: Lorna Kearney, Tess Kerr, Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Sandra McCarthy, Albin 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: Gwen O'Connor, Maureen Lee, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Reynaldo Chan, Albin, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone

Community Life & Outreach

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Next meeting to be held on Monday 12th August 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th August 7.30am, Parish Office.

SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on Tuesday 13th August 2pm in the Hillman room. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting this Tuesday at the Presbytery after the 6:00pm Mass.

REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS

To be held on Thursday 15th August at 2pm. All welcome.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Are having a spud bake lunch at Lyn & Colin Welsh 16 Westside Blv on Sunday August 25th at 12.0 clock. Please bring a sweet to share and let Lyn or Colin your intentions on 50231356. All welcome to join us.

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

The Parish Community expresses gratitude to The Knights of the Southern Cross for their preparation and organization of our special feast this weekend. We are fortunate to have this annual commitment from the Knights. Thank you.

Fr Michael



THANK YOU

To the St Anthony Committee for their kind and generous donation of \$1700 which has gone towards the Monaghan Centre loan.



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

THE SHARED TABLE

We are now into the fourteenth year of The Shared Table project and I am happy to report that we have been able to forward just in excess of \$18,145 to Peru over the past twelve months. Another wonderful effort.

In a recent email from Sr Mary, she writes... "Thanks for forwarding this cheque of \$4,245. This month we will be using some of the money to buy a small stainless steel table for our Production Workshop which will be much more hygienic. The workshop is in the main church in the parish and a group of 3 women teach other women to bake bread, cakes, biscuits etc., which they can then bake in their homes to produce an income. It is especially good for the younger women, many of whom are single mothers." So you can be assured that your financial support makes a real difference to the families and members of Fr Mick's former parish on the outskirts of Lima.

Once again, a big thank you for your continued generosity.

God bless, Helen McBrearty,
Fundraising Co-ordinator The Shared Table

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Our Communion to the Sick list continues to grow in all parishes. If you have a family member who is house bound, in hospital or aged care and they would like to receive communion. We will organise a short training session for new ministers after a weekend Mass. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 or see Fr James.

SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA today after 9am Mass

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.



Cuppa in the Monaghan Centre as well.
All welcome.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #5

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in [action and to recognise Jesus](#). Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT - Sacred Heart Church

Fr. Rojan George VC
of the Vincentian Retreat Centre

Mon 28th October: 6.30pm—9.00 pm,

Tues 29th October: 6.30 pm—9.00 pm

Wed 30th October : 6.30pm—9.00 pm

Jer 17:14 Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise

All welcome to one or all sessions.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Pope Francis' Intention for August:

FAMILIES, SCHOOLS OF HUMAN GROWTH

Andrew Hamilton SJ

Pope Francis' Intention for August is that families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly 'schools of true human growth'.

When I was at school I wondered if I could ever be a good parent. I thought I would never know enough to teach my child how to walk, talk, pray and read. I imagined that all teaching was like that done at school – teacher knew everything and had to explain it in words the student would understand.

Of course, not all teaching is like that. Small children learn by imitation, doing what they see others do. That is true also of the most important thing in life – learning how to live. We learn from the example of those we love and admire.

That is why Pope Francis calls families schools of true human growth, both for children and adults. We learn from one another's example, are inspired by our young children's innocence just as they are by our experience, and learn from the encouragement we receive in our experiences of success and failure, of sin and forgiveness, of experiment and reflection, of foolishness and wisdom.

In families, too, we learn to negotiate. As little children everything is about ourselves. We gradually learn that we need to persuade others if we are to get what we want. As time goes on, we find we want to please people because we love them. We gradually learn the complex grammar of relationships. We see that in order to get our way on one thing we often need to give way on another, that the greatest gift we receive comes in the gift we make of ourselves, and that if we accept gifts from others they will often be more delighted than if we had given them a gift.

Families, too, are the place where we learn the language of faith. In many Catholic families children first learn to pray at home, come to believe in a God who loves them, and make Jesus and Mary their friends. But the deeper learning takes place not through words but through what the family does. Faith is part of living together. If we pray together as a family, go to church together, have religious art around us, and associate with God the deep, wordless experiences we have of beauty and of mystery, and if the life of Jesus becomes vivid in our childhood, our faith will be deeply rooted.

Our family experience also shapes the way we imagine God and church. Our parents provide our earliest and most enduring images of what God is like. When we first say the *Our Father* the face of God that we see is likely to be that of our own father or mother. If we hear that Jesus is our brother, he will be like our own brother. The way we see the church and its liturgy will also be coloured by the ways in which we celebrate events in our own close and extended family.

No family is perfect, of course, and we all need to forget some lessons we learned in our families, just as our own children will have things to forget. Schools and families are made up of human beings from whom we will often learn what God is not like, as well as what God is like. Above all, our families introduce us to the real world in which we live and teach us how to live generously within it.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1350.40	\$195.70	\$292.35
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$3620.85	\$269.00	\$325.75
Loose Plate	\$ 520.45	\$ 43.55	\$ 68.10
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 36.25		

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

*Statement by Fr David Ranson—Diocesan Administrator
On the NSW Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019
6 August 2019*

Given that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 is currently being debated in the NSW Parliament, I wish to convey my strongest personal opposition to the proposed legislation in its current form. In so doing, I record also the formal objection of the Catholic community of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

The decriminalisation of abortion is one matter. The social factors in which the practice of abortion flourishes are complex and require our careful attention. The response to these requires a great deal of consideration in light of the often-difficult circumstances in which the decision for an abortion is made. However, the killing of life, with the liberal possibility allowed for in the proposed legislation, cannot make ours a more human society. If with legal sanction we kill those who are most vulnerable, either at the beginning or at the end of their life, we rob ourselves of our human dignity which is best demonstrated in a quality of care exercised even in the face of life's demand and challenge. Such an option represents a gross failure of social imagination and public moral leadership.

The widening of the scope of the practice of abortion, which the proposed legislation suggests, is unacceptable. A woman certainly has rights of her own body, as does a man. But both also have responsibility to protect the body of the separate life entrusted to them. That independent life is not of such little value that it can be arbitrarily extinguished often with the price of silent, life-long trauma of women who feel pressured to terminate their pregnancy and the life of the child they carry. Rights can never be promoted without responsibility. And what greater responsibility do we have than to care for life?

In raising this objection, I implore the NSW Government to commit both to increasing those social services that will genuinely assist women who find themselves with an unwanted pregnancy, and to raising sustained awareness about such services. Our own Catholic social service agencies are present and ready to assist in this enterprise. I urge the Members of the NSW Parliament to vote in such a way that the rights of all are genuinely protected.

PLENARY COUNCIL – the next step

The six themes for the Plenary Council invite us, the People of God, to consider how we are called to be a Christ centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform

We are invited to organise ***Listening & Discernment Groups*** coordinated by Parish Leaders with the aim of prayerfully reflecting on each of these themes. These Parish Leaders will receive information and direction through ***Formation Sessions*** to be held in Mildura on the **19th and 20th of August**.

In the coming weeks, some of you will be approached to lead these groups, and to attend one of the above mentioned formation sessions. My suggestion is that we form at least 6 groups (12 would be even better) who will take one of the themes each as their particular focus. The groups might choose to meet only once, or they may decide that more than one meeting is necessary – that will be the decision of each group.

I invite you to generously consider your commitment if you are approached to lead a group.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

**Edition 58—July 2019 is now available.
Don't forget to get a copy.**

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

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place during the month of August commencing on Thursday August 8th from 7-8 pm and continue at the same time each Thursday until 29th August when the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated. These meetings will take place in the Church. Families are also asked to attend Mass at 10.30am on Sundays August 11th, 18th, 25th so that the children can continue with their preparation. Families with a child in Grade 4 or higher who would like their child to participate are asked to contact the School or Parish House to request an enrolment form. These children will then be able to take part in the Sacramental Programs next year when they will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

REGIONAL GATHERING

Immediately after the 10.30am Mass today, the Regional Council Meeting will take place at Merbein. This date coincides with our Parish Council Meeting so we will have a combined Parish Council/Regional Meeting. A special welcome to representatives from Mildura, Red Cliffs, Irymple and Ouyen. This meeting will take place in the Multi-purpose room at the school.

SCHOOL NEWS

This term class Masses with the Parish on Thursday mornings at 9.15am will take place on the following days:- August 15th Yrs. 1& 2; August 29th 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.

Mindful Monday. At the beginning of week five, we are introducing 'Mindful Monday' to the OLSH students. A 'Mindful Monday' session will run each Monday morning, and will give all students the opportunity to practice mindfulness before they start their school week.

The following video 'Introduction to Mindfulness', provides an overview of mindfulness and explains the associated benefits:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sceq4mtZhjI>

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 17th & 18th August 2019

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial: Ps 39:2-4, 18

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53



Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 11am	Sacred Heart Satur- day 6pm	Sacred Heart Sun- day 9am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am
Leader / Reader	Gary Huxtable	Jim O'Brien	Vince Muscatello	K Modoo	T Lewis M Cavallaro / M Duck	Lorraine Olden
Music	Singing Group M Sullivan	Indian Feast of Mother Mary/Independence Day	Timorese Group		Guitar	
Offertory		C & P McEvale			Lewis Family	Besgrove Family
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP Lay Led Liturgy	Volunteer Please
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Sonia Opie	Wendy Finn	Mal Hoy		Evaine Kremor
	Christine Carmichael	Philip Opie	Tony Finn			Natalie Besgrove
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Elvira Mazza	Bill Dolence	OASIS AGED CARE		
	Jacinda Deacon	Jill Joslyn	Jacqui Willis	M Jensen	CUPPA'S	
	Katy Quinlan	Lisa Cirillo	Barbara Bunting			CHAFFEY AGED CARE
	Vince Pileggi	Laurie Fry	Volunteer please	LAY LITURGY LEADERS		Pat Sylvia
		Judy Webster		D Knight V Petrolo	FLOWERS D Eagle	
Counting Team	TEAM 9	GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993			G Brizzi /A Ziguras	
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement