

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 41

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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: Gino Resta (60th birthday remembrance)
 Sunday 8.30am: Anna Andrsek
 Sunday 9am: Grazia Macri, Mary Giraldi, Francesco De Maria
 Friday 5.40pm: Zacharias Thomas (30th anniversary), Des
 Drewry

RED CLIFFS

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

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: 13th Oct Shirley Young, 15th Barbara O'Day, 16th
 Domenico Zappia, 17th Julian McGowan

*(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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 12th & 13th October 2019

Every day we hear news of race riots, ethnic violence and discrimination somewhere in our world, often quite close to us. Even those who do not resort to violence can tend to be suspicious of those who have different origins and different ways from them. The worst atrocities are frequently perpetrated between those who have differing understandings of the same faith. We have seen elements of this in the protracted Syrian conflict, even if religion is only one component of the conflict. We are seeing, there as elsewhere, the end product of a failure to recognize the shared humanity of all people.

Today's gospel story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone. It continues last week's focus on the saving power of faith. Just four Greek words make up the most telling sentence in the story: "And he was Samaritan!" A new element has entered into the narrative: faith is not the sole preserve of the Jewish people. A despised half-Jew can have faith, faith buried deep within and actively at work like the life in the mustard seed.


Jesus is approached by ten lepers in a village in border territory. All have been excluded from participation in village life on account of their skin disease. All beg for inclusion, expressed in terms of mercy (*eleos*). All follow the prescription of the Law of Moses to show themselves to the priests (Leviticus 13-14). All are declared "clean". Only one turns back, praises God in the market place, falls at Jesus' feet and thanks him. Readers do not know to this point whether the village and its inhabitants are Galilean or Samaritan. They only know that the village is situated in the region between Galilee and Samaria. Now the shocking truth is revealed: one is a Samaritan, doubly marginalised as a "foreigner" or "stranger" and it is this one alone that gives thanks to Jesus and honour to God. This one alone receives the now familiar affirmation: "your faith has saved you". Jesus tells the Samaritan to rise up and continue on his way, on his journey of faith. The other nine are healed, presumably because they too have some limited faith. They have nonetheless forgotten the source of their healing and abandoned the journey to life. One measure of our faith is our capacity to acknowledge and to celebrate the source of our well-being when life is good and we have no felt need for healing. A more telling measure is our capacity to say a simple word of thanks to all those who mediate to us the goodness of a compassionate and merciful God, whatever our circumstances. We might also take time this week to focus on and give thanks for the wonderful diversity of life in our world, diversity within the other-than-human as well as within the human community.

Veronica Lawson rsm

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES OF MASS TIMES
 SACRED HEART CHURCH THIS WEEK
 NO MASS: Tuesday or Wednesday
 Thursday 5.40pm**


Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy



BAPTISM
We welcome into our Parish community **Minnie McQuinn, Oliver Roberts, Eleni Santos, Jensen Corrie and John De Luca** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS
We congratulate **Gaetano Napoli & Jade Bennett** who were married this weekend.

RCIA 2019 –2020
Our next program officially begins on the 24th October 7pm in the Hillman Room.

ADVANCE NOTICE
TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER MASS 9.15AM


READER ROSTER
A new Reader Roster will be available shortly. If you would like to be a reader or would like to make any changes please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Tuesday 22nd October.

Community Life & Outreach

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
Will meet on Monday 14th October 7pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE SERVICE
Will be held on Thursday 24th October 2pm. All welcome.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP
Meet weekly every Thursday at 10am in the Hillman room, Sacred Heart Presbytery. All welcome.



SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP
will be having lunch at Bun-Mi 852 Fifteenth St Mildura (what used to be the pet shop) on Sunday 27th October at 12 o'clock. Please let Elaine or Frank know your intentions for booking on 0422069117. All welcome to join us.



MONTH OF OCTOBER MISSION MONTH
Lets make a special effort next Sunday
SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA
this Sunday after 9am Mass

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

MANY THANKS
Tess Kerr wishes to thank all the people who have prayed for her, as she has prayed for them—God Bless.

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: Peter Speed, Theresita Vy (Manila), Lorna Kearney, Dien Brown, Clair Lang, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Merbein: Martin Rogers, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

Red Cliffs: Maureen Lee, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Reynaldo Chan, Albis Dy, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O'Connor, Joe Mammone

STEWARDSHIP—(Sacred Heart Parish only - please check boxed envelope number)



Could the following parishioners who have the actual envelope numbers: **36, 56, 65 and 141** please call into the Sacred Heart Parish Office as soon as possible as there has been a mix up of envelopes and funds need to be allocated appropriately. Apologies for this error.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT FORMATION

Our Confirmation Program commenced officially on Wednesday evening.
As part of the program we have 2 presentations for parents. These evenings are open to all parishioners who would like to participate in these evenings as well. Please feel welcome to join us.

Monday 21st October 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fr Elio Capra
Christian Initiation and living the Gospel

Wednesday 30th October 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church
Sr Karon Donellon rsm
Family matters and issues facing young Christians

ADVENT BOOK PRAYER & REFLECTION THE WAY

If you would like to have a copy please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Thursday 31st October so that an order can be placed.

PLENARY COUNCIL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT

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

Copies of each Theme are now available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for those who attended the meetings so that groups can chose which Theme they will be discerning for the process to begin.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**ANNUAL PARISH FINANCE REPORT
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Thank you once again to all those currently contributing to our Parish Stewardship Program, and to those who through their community activities continue to contribute towards the Monaghan Centre debt.

Whilst parish finances are healthy enough at this point of time, our immediate concern is the fact that very few of our younger families contribute (2% of our school families participate in the Stewardship Program.)

If the Parish is to survive financially into the future, we need to creatively investigate alternative sources of income. We presently own a vacant block and a residential block on Langtree Pde. The house brings in a modest rent, but these blocks need to be developed into units through which we could supplement our Parish income.

The Presbytery needs some repairs and some renovation, although this need not be an immediate project at this stage. Perhaps in the further we may need to think about relocating the priests to Langtree Pde and leasing the Presbytery to Centacare or a similar group through whom we could offer social welfare and community assistance whilst at the same time generating some income for the Parish.

Presently we have 376 parishioners committed to the Parish Stewardship Program—to this date, \$188,544 has been pledged and \$188,200 has been received (99.82%) The Monaghan Centre loan at the end of September 2019 stands at \$34,000—this is a great credit to the Parish.

We have done some paving and landscaping on the East side of the Church along the walk way towards the car park at a cost of just over \$7000. As well as this, over the next 12 months or so, we need to consider some restumping beneath the Church and perhaps recarpeting the interior and heating.

Many thanks to all who support our Parish financially and through other forms of assistance either by way of ministry or of maintenance.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE October 2019

MORAL DANGERS OF THE PM'S PENTECOSTALISM

Eureka Street

When I was a child and was asked 'How are you?', only once did I reply, 'I am good'. I still remember the rebuke from my Auntie Ivy, who explained that it is not for me to judge if I am 'good'; better to opt to be 'well'. She would be cross were a prime minister to go around asking 'how good' we are, for to affirm this was regarded by her generation as quite improper.

I now recognize that the reluctance to affirm human goodness was a residual expression of a form of civic Protestantism (to borrow historian Richard Ely's instructive phrase) whose cultural reach extended beyond the pews.

Protestantism began with a forlorn view of human nature. Why were all the Catholic shortcuts to heaven, from pilgrimage to penance, just another road to hell? Because the consequences of the 'original sin', that infamous slip-up in the Garden of Eden, ensured every human endeavor was corrupted. For Calvin and Luther, it was because no one could be even a tiny bit 'good' in God's eyes, that grace alone was the means to salvation.

Catholics, thanks largely to the genius of Aquinas, had a more nuanced view of original sin; but as any baby boomer Catholic school child can affirm, they also were in no doubt about the damning consequences of the Fall.

During the 19th century, evangelicals succumbed to the lures

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1350.05	\$ 83.60	\$271.05
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$3247.25	\$264.00	\$265.75
Loose Plate	\$ 603.50	\$ 37.25	\$ 73.65

of free market economics' emphasis on individual choice. Nevertheless, until the mid-20th century it was still assumed to be rude to proclaim one's personal goodness.

Given the barbarity associated with seeing vulnerable babies, children, women and the poor as inherently sinful, the reduced emphasis on original sin in contemporary Christianity is largely a welcome relief. But the cost of change was also considerable. As Martin Luther King, Reinhold Niebuhr and many other thinkers have recognized, human frailty is a surer foundation for equality than human goodness.

Why did the Calvinistic colonizers of America feel able to rise up against the King? Not because they thought of themselves as 'good' (that was a mistake of French revolutionaries) but because they knew the monarch to be a sinner like them, no better in God's eyes than his most rebellious subject. Why could Christianity, the crudely exploited creed of the elite, still come to be a paradoxically liberating ideology for slaves and indigenous peoples? Because the ultimate implication of oppressed people being born as sinners was that their oppressors were too.

Human history reveals that human beings are attracted by ideologies and leaders that externalize evil. The most common short cut to a sense of belonging is to deny the darkness in our own hearts by emphasizing the wickedness of others — be they communist, Muslim, prisoner, drug dealer, Catholic, Protestant, black, or just plain different. Western Christians have succumbed to this temptation as much as any group (usually accompanied by a theology linking the scapegoated group with the devil and his demons) but this was always difficult to reconcile with their belief in original sin.

I have previously argued that the greatest danger of Scott Morrison's brand of Pentecostalism is the inherent division it constructs between 'them' and 'us'. The head of the Australian Christian Lobby, Martyn Iles, responded by pointing out that no Christian can say they are better than anyone else because we are all fallen creatures. Iles, brought up in an old-fashioned branch of the Brethren that clung to teaching long abandoned in consumerist evangelical churches, was right in his reformation theology but wrong to assume this was shared by the Prime Minister.

For most Pentecostals, the consequences of original sin are a problem only for those who have not yet been saved by Christ and thus remain subject to Satan's power. Sanctified, rewarded, affirmed and uplifted, modern Pentecostal worship is a 'feel good/are good' experience. 'How good' are you? In Morrison's Horizons Church, they already know the answer. Praise God!

The moral danger of hype about how good we are is such that the next time our PM asks, I suggest we answer him. Good manners, respect and humility require we do as Auntie Ivy would and respond: 'Mr Morrison, no one is good. But, please God, may they be well.'

James Boyce is the author of Born Bad: Original Sin and the Making of the Western World.



**MOVE-IT PROGRAM FOR
OVER 65s**

COME AND TRY DAY

Monday November 11

10 am- 1PM

MODIFIED GOLF

EXERCISE

WALKING TOUR

CART TOUR

HISTORY TOUR IN CART

FLORA AND FAUNA TOUR

BBQ

CHAT

FUN



For further information contact:
David Gardiner 50234255 or
Pat Riordan 0429437663

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

PARISH NEWS:

Parish Council Meeting will take place immediately after Mass today.

The next stage of discernment for the Plenary Council will be presented to you on Sunday 20th October and the sharing of inspiration and ideas will take place at the reflection time at our Lay-led assembly on October 27th. We all need to take part in this Plenary Council to discern what the Spirit is asking of us here in Merbein.

As October is traditionally known as Mission Month let us take to heart the words of Pope Francis **“In this extraordinary missionary month, let us pray that the Holy Spirit engender new missionary spring in the Church”.**

SCHOOL NEWS:

In Term four we will be working on many different aspects about Catholic Missions. At school we are going to be immersed in some activities to experience what poverty is like. Mission Week will run from the 11th - 15th of November. Students will be given the opportunity to feel what it is like to have no footwear, wear clothing that is not their choice and doesn't fit correctly and even what it is like to live on rations in a refugee camp. As a school we have decided that we need to go beyond just raising money for Catholic Missions but also give the students some understanding of why. More information will come out in Term Three in regards to these immersion experiences.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS: While the Season of Creation comes to its formal conclusion on Friday, 4th October, you are invited to join the Sisters of Mercy in their commitment to stand with the displaced people of our world and model a world of welcome and inclusion. And to actively engage in the protection of our Common Home and witness to the sacredness of all creation.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Unit 9—Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9.30am, Tues, Thur:5.30pm

CALENDAR

Sunday 13 October: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Monday 14 October: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Prayer Service 11am Low Care—Cottages. All welcome.

Wednesday 15 October: Parish Council meeting 7pm—Gathering Area—Church

Sunday 3 November: Remembrance Day Mass

Sunday 24th November: First Eucharist

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA, today 13th October

A very warm welcome to and thank you to Fr Adriano Pittarello, who helped with the Mission Masses during the past week and who helped us celebrate today's wonderful Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

All are invited to stay on for the Procession, straight after Mass and for food and entertainment afterwards.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th & 20th October 2019

First Reading: Book of Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial: Ps 120

Response: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: St Paul to Timothy 3:14—4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



	Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 11am	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
Leader / Reader		Rosemary Barnes	Peter Issanchon	Peter Hammond	J Kearney	J Cameron M Lee / J Lewis	Frances Sabo
Music		Sacred Heart School	Tongan Choir M Guthrie	Lam Duy J Ljubic		Guitar	
Offertory			L & C Welsh			Cameron Family	Elis Family
Altar Servers		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		GROUP 1 S Mapapalangi	Volunteer please
Eucharist Ministers		Anne Maree Greville	Rose Op't Hoog	Katrinia Groves	M Jensen	C Cavallaro	Kay Wagner
		Taiana Fatai	Rini Op't Hoog	Judy Hall		M Cavallaro	Narelle Gallagher
		Margaret McDonald	Cora Howell	Myrna Rodi	OASIS AGED CARE	J Divola	LAY-LED LEADERS October 27th Sr Carmel Setford Frances Sabo
		Paul Kerr	Narie Lewis	Maree Irvin	K Knight	CUPPA'S	
		Anita Naray	Renata Byra	Sue Hermans			CHAFFEY AGED CARE Pat Sylvia
		Ryan O'Callaghan	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Naomi Kennedy	LAY LITURGY LEADERS	FLOWERS Volunteers	
Counting Team		TEAM 8	TREVOR AUST 5023 6597			C Russo / T Gardiner	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning		As per arrangement				Volunteers	As per arrangement