

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—Peter Issanchon, Merbein—Kevin Aston, Red Cliffs—Bernadette Gardner*

MILDURA

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Helen & John Hrascenec, Bruno & Michele Mammone, Annunziata DeMaria, Grazia Callipari

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Vincenzo & Grazia DeMaria, Domenico & Joe Mammone

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: June 28th Florence Matheson; 29th Joan Edwards; 30th Josephine Murphy; July 1st Alice Avery, Charlie Sanford; 2nd Moya Petty; 3rd Maria Manno.

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A
28th June 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

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: Fr Paul Jackson SJ (India), Janelle Carney, Bill Antonie, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Teresita Eliquen-Dy (Manila), Melita Suppa, Celia-Dy Dela Tena, Perla Tuionisio, Lily Chung, Lorna Kearney, Sandra McCarthy, Brian Ramsey, Hailey Crossan, Geraldine Brunner, Albis Dy

Merbein: Mary Avery, John Dorman

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

Bulletins are available outside all main Church doors.

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204

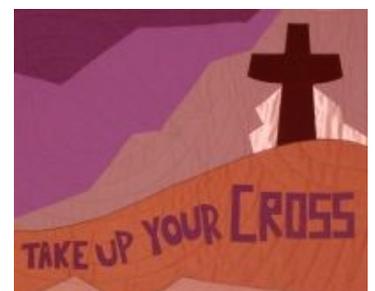
St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

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



Sacred Heart Mildura

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community **Liliana Pileggi** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



MASS UPDATE

Due to the current restrictions Mass at Sacred Heart Church will not commence from the weekend 3rd/4th July as previously stated. However, Sacred Heart Church continues to be opened for personal prayer, funerals and baptisms. Strict guidelines are still in force. Please use the hand sanitiser provided and adhere to the social distancing rules. These are directives we are compelled to follow if we open the Church to the public.

An update will be provided after 13th July. For more information contact Parish Office on 5021 2872.

SUPPORT OUR PARISHES

PLANNED GIVING



The Catholic Development Fund – Ballarat together with CDF Pay have developed an online thanksgiving portal known as CDFpay for Parishes.

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended or reduced, parishes need the financial support of

parishioners more than ever. As the vast majority of our parishioners give physically to our parish in the first and second collection plates, we are encouraging all parishioners to use our new electronic parish thanksgiving program.

You can now use this portal to support our parish in both/either the first and second collections. Electronic thanksgiving offerings can be made as one off payments or you can set up a regular payment. You will receive an electronic receipt for any payments made. Payment link can be found by scrolling down on our webpage or using the below link.

This has only been setup for Mildura at the moment but Merbein & Red Cliffs will be on board very soon.

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

The Sacred Heart Parish Office has a new email address: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Please update your records.

Thank you



SACRED HEART PARISH MILDURA Updated First Eucharist Program 2020

The updated plans for First Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 29th July at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. You have already completed the preparation time over four weeks during First Term

Preparation for First Eucharist will commence on Tuesday 21st July at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church with a parent meeting. Dates for First Eucharist 28th, 29th & 30th August.

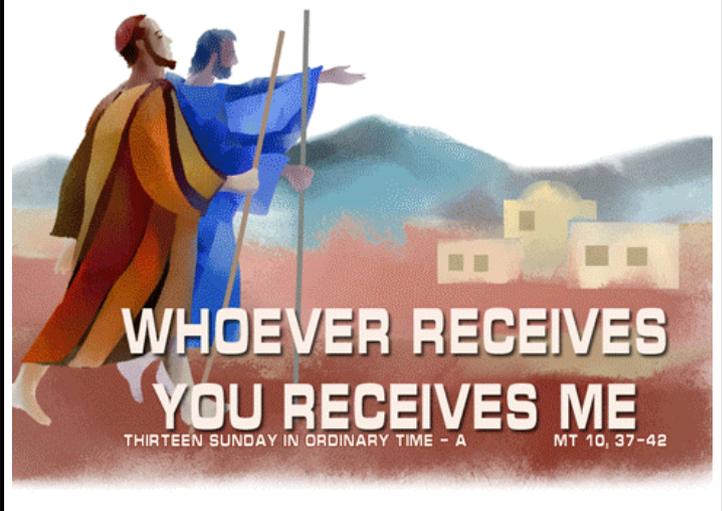
Please note: due to current COVID restrictions times of the ceremonies may change.

GOSPEL REFLECTION—Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

What price are we prepared to pay to create a just, equitable and healthy planetary community? That question is at the heart of today's gospel reading. That was, in essence, the question that Jesus of Nazareth put to his disciples and the question that Matthew put to his community some sixty years after Jesus' death. We seem to be at a turning point in world history, with a climate crisis, a pandemic that has claimed the lives of some 410,000 people and a new consciousness of the discrimination and violence experienced by people of colour. What price are we prepared to pay to change the way we live so that black lives matter to everyone without exception and so that we might meet the needs of everyone within the means of the planet? We might learn from the witness of the hundreds of medical professionals who have died from Covid-19 contracted from their patients. Last week, I spent time with the photos in the Guardian of some of these courageous people and read a list of their names. I wanted to drink in the spirit of generosity that permitted them to take up their respective "crosses" and lay down their lives for suffering others.

Today's gospel reading brings to a close the so-called missionary discourse in which Jesus instructs his disciples on what it means to be a disciple. While some of the nuances of those instructions are lost in translation, Jesus' words to the disciples can still speak to us as contemporary disciples. In following the way of Jesus and living the gospel of truth and justice and compassion, we can be faced with excruciating choices. We cannot always satisfy family if we want to be true to what we believe or if we want to expose injustice and dishonesty: there is often a deeper commitment that transcends the bonds of family relationship. We may even be called to relinquish, for the sake of a greater good, work that we love or income on which we depend. In other words, there is deep suffering in the way of discipleship, suffering that comes from being true to a mission that brings life to others despite the cost to ourselves.

Taking up the cross is a powerful metaphor for being willing to endure whatever hardships are involved in realising the vision of God's empire as opposed to the brutal empire of "Rome". God's empire finds expression in our times in every attempt to enshrine just policies and practices in law. It finds expression in every attempt to free the most marginalised from the impact of unjust policies and practices. Words are not enough: we are to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life, a life characterised by hospitality or welcome and attention to the vulnerable. A cup of cold water for "the little ones" becomes the emblem of discipleship and in our post-industrial times the little ones include all God's thirsty creatures, human and other-than-human.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it's in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

New Assembly Dates announced: Have you heard the news? We've locked in our new dates for the Plenary Council Assembly 1 and 2!. Read the full media release here: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/dates-locked-in-for-plenary-council-assemblies/#more-8501>

Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of July (you can start in June, of course), we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Missionary & Evangelising?** *'Mission' is God's initiative and proceeds from the Trinity, whose love overflows in creation and redemption. The Word and Spirit are present and active in the unfolding of the universe and in all human history, as evidenced in the goodness and truth found in all cultures and societies. The incarnate Son of God through his life, ministry, death and resurrection revealed God to us and redeemed us in a unique and unsurpassable way through his paschal sacrifice. His evangelising activity gave birth to the Church which is the visible manifestation of the Gospel command to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19).* Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au. [Read the discernment paper](#) [Visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page](#).

Sea Sunday Appeal – July 12

Sunday, July 12, 2020 is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously. Go to bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2, 2020

Planning for the second issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2020 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2020 theme of *Plenary Council 2020 / Ecology & Sustainability*. We are hoping to gather stories and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. Given the recent COVID-19 restrictions, there have been many new and exciting initiatives developed to continue our connections with each other and we believe it is important to share these experiences with those in our diocesan community.

The timeline for issue 2 has been changed and we hope to have this issue delivered in the week beginning **August 24 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, July 17**. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (NOT inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au. A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications.

The distribution of ODC issue 1 had been delayed, as we rely on the staff of the diocesan offices and Catholic Education Office for delivery. We will endeavour to begin distribution at the beginning of term 3, pending any further government restrictions. *Jane & Julie for the ODC Editorial Committee*

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants on Saturday, July 31. The aim of the program is to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. This is a free event. For the event program and registration information go to www.catholicmengathering.com.au.

FEAST DAYS OF THE COMING WEEK

Monday 29th June—Feast Day of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles



Friday 3rd July—Feast Day of St Thomas, Apostle



Second Reading - Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



SACRED HEART CHURCH

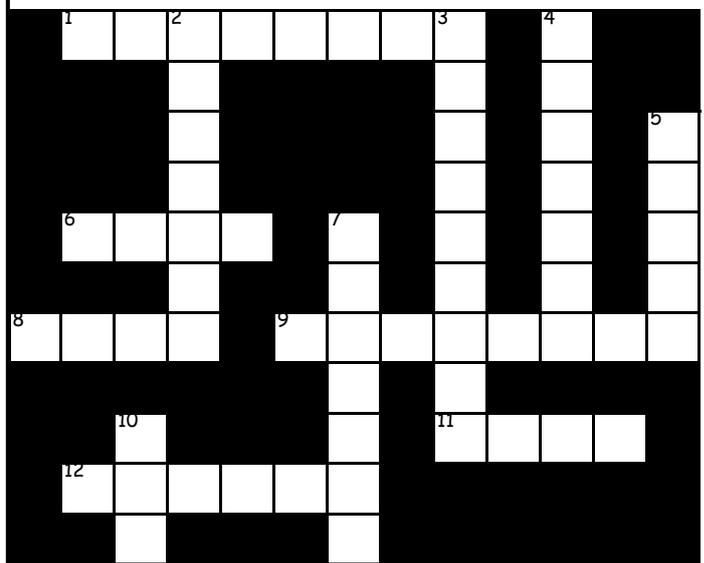
STREAMING from 5:30pm Saturdays continues
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpujOBwu7YYU-LzjhmqE_VQ

Or go to the Parish Website: Sacred Heart Parish Mildura
Please pass on this information to family and friends.

We continue to make available via streaming our Masses to those who are able access them via internet. We are very grateful to Rob Klarich for this initiative. **For those without internet or Foxtel, there is a Mass telecast each Sunday morning on channel 10 at 6:00am**, although it is not necessarily the Mass of the particular Sunday that its telecast.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Anyone who welcomes you,
welcomes me Mt 10:40-42



Across

- 1: to be given a reward
- 6: nice, kind
- 8: alike
- 9: a person who follows
- 11: Jesus said, "anyone who welcomes me welcomes the Father who _____ me"
- 12: the opposite of boastful

Down

- 2: a warm greeting
- 3: Jesus' followers
- 4: the first gospel is the Gospel of _____
- 5: you might drink this when you are thirsty
- 7: a holy person and messenger of God
- 10: something you drink from