

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities

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Newsheet: Week 10



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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	
SATURDAY	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: Jozefa (Josie) Kennedy, Arnold Jago, Joy Nash, Ilario (Larry) Piscioneri, Ilario Dichiera

Anniversaries:

Sunday 9am: Helen Grivec, Elvie McGlynn, Una Khan, Leonila Rosell—40 day Mass and Elezer Peligrino (Philippines)

Sunday 5pm: Giuseppe Mammone

Tuesday 6pm: Emma Deluca (5 year anniversary)

Friday 5.4-pm: Gilia Dichiera (1 year anniversary)

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Joe Cufari

Anniversaries: Tom Smith (1 year anniversary), Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza, Francesco & Maria Antonia and Adrianna Tassone

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Nicolina Dimasi Ierace (1 year anniversary), Cosimo Ierace, March 13<sup>th</sup> Mary Weeks, Rosalind McDonald; 14<sup>th</sup> Colleen Piscioneri  
(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

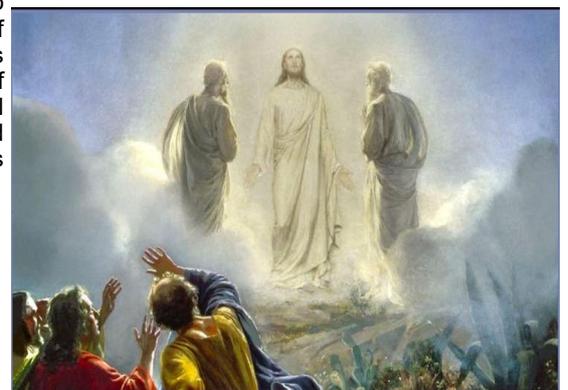
## 2nd Sunday of Lent / Year A 7th & 8th March 2020

Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we follow Jesus and three of his companions to a high mountain, eventually a cloud-covered mountain. Both wilderness and mountain link Matthew's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old. Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The world we inhabit has an integrity of its own that has not always been acknowledged in our tradition. It is, in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in addition, the place of human-divine encounter and the place of human encounter with the other-than-human material world. Attention to habitat can lead us to a clearer understanding of our own place in the scheme of things and to ever deeper understandings of our relationship with God

The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus has struggled with that realisation in the wilderness, at the outset of his ministry. On the mountain top, he comes to terms with what that involves. The disciples see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God, as are all who follow in the way of discipleship.

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We need the good sense to listen and to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the moments of glory, and come to terms with the personal cost of being faithful to the gospel mission of justice and compassion with all its painful demands.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community **Oakie Murrell, Brylee Noble and Amelia Dimasi** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A new Roster is to be compiled shortly. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or if you need to make any changes from the current roster, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Tuesday 18th March.

### 1st RECONCILIATION 2020

For children in Grade 4 and above will be held on Monday 23rd March at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.



### 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:** Vincenzo Pileggi, Brian Weightman, 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:** Sr. Grace, Frank Chandler, Mary Avery, John Dorman

**Red Cliffs:** 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

**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 8th March 2020



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## Community Life & Outreach

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Monthly meeting will be held Monday March 9th 2020 at 7.30pm. Please note a BBQ tea will be held at 6.30pm prior to the meeting.

### MILDURA FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday 10th March 7.30am Sacred Heart Office.

### PRINCES COURT AGED CARE SERVICE

Tuesday 10th March 10am. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 10th March after 6pm Mass in the Hillman room.

### KSC CRUSADE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 9.15am.

### ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in the KSC clubrooms. All welcome.



### SHARED TABLE MARKET STALL & CUPPA after 9am Mass this Sunday

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

### LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS 2020

**Mildura Group 1:** Leader —Janet Hill— Wednesday's 10am—11am. First session starts February 26th. For further details phone Janet Hill 0438 234 765.

**Mildura Group 2:** Leaders: Aileen Curran & Wilma Schmidt— Thursday's 10am, Hillman Room. First session starts Thursday 27th February.



### MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

**Project Compassion**—envelope packs at church entrances

### Stations of the Cross

Sacred Hear Church Friday from 6.30pm Tongan Community. All welcome.

### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Monday 16th March, 7pm Monaghan Centre Fr Elio Capra— topic Sacrament of Reconciliation. All welcome
- RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE— See notice opposite

### SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020 SEND OFF / FAREWELL FOR FR MICHAEL

All parishioners are invited to a farewell gathering for Fr Michael which will be held at Sacred Heart Church after the 5pm Mass on Sunday 22nd March.

A plate to share would be greatly appreciated. Donations will be taken up and can be left at the Parish Office or collected on the day.

If you are able to help with any planning please contact Lyn Welsh on 0448 231 350 or the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

### WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our first Werrimull Bus trip for 2020, will be held on Sunday 29th March. If you would like to attend Mass followed by lunch at the pub please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



### 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

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**PALM SUNDAY**

4th & 5th April: All parishioners are encouraged to wear a **SPLASH of red** for all our Palm Sunday Masses.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES**

**Holy Thursday:**

Mildura 7pm

Red Cliffs: 7pm

**Good Friday:**

Way of the Cross 10.30am

Mildura: Ceremony 3pm

Red Cliffs: Stations of the Cross 3pm



**EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY**

**Red Cliffs:** 6.30pm

**Mildura:** 7.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Mildura:** 8am and 10am

(No 5pm Mass)

**Red Cliffs:** 10am

**Werrimull:** 12 noon

**Irymple:** 8.30am

**Merbein:** 10.30am

**STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2020**

*“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” GENESIS 12:1*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God call us to be faithful.”

As once again we acknowledge the generous ongoing support of all who participate in the Parish Stewardship Program (Planned Giving), parishioners are reminded that preparations for our renewal program are due to commence mid-May with the actual Program taking place in July – August. **A Parish Team Meeting will be held Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.**

There will be more information about the Program over the next couple of months.

**CORONAVIRUS & LITURGICAL PRACTICES**

According to Diocesan Directives, until further notice ***communion is not to be received on the tongue and receiving from the chalice will cease.***

**SUSTAINABILITY NEWS** Did you know? About 4 billion gallons of water is used every day on Earth and 20% of the world’s population does not have access to safe drinking water. If the present consumption patterns continue, 2 out of every 3 people will live in water-stressed conditions by the year 2025. Please take care of our precious water source.

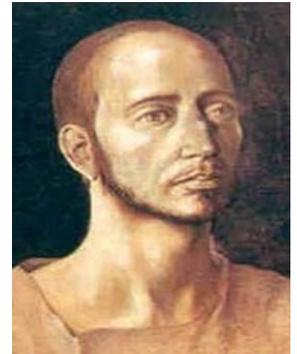
**SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE**

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1536.60	\$ 97.70	\$332.05
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2182.05	\$486.00	\$271.00
Loose Plate	\$ 556.05	\$ 49.05	\$ 47.35

**PARISH RETREAT**

Inner Peace in Divine Love

The First Spiritual Exercises



As given by St Ignatius Loyola and adapted by Michael Hansen SJ

**20 April – 16 May 2020**

Guided Spiritual Conversation each week in small groups

**What are the First Spiritual Exercises?**

The 'First Spiritual Exercises' are a set of prayer exercises, structured in a four week program, with a particular dynamic by St Ignatius. They are built around personal prayer at home and guided spiritual conversation in a small group.

**What is expected of me?**

This program is over four weeks during your daily life.

The weekly commitment is to prayer on four days, Monday to Thursday. These days are chosen because family and home commitments usually increase Friday to Sunday. So, exercise over four days and break for the next three days but include the Sunday Eucharist with its small weekend exercise. This will allow the seeds of the past week's exercises to sleep in you and germinate.

Participants pray the First Exercises individually at home during the week. The Exercises are simple and easy to follow.

In addition, participants meet weekly in small groups through the period of the First Spiritual Exercises with a guide, who leads the process of prayer, listening, sharing and discernment.

**How do I register to participate?**

Contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Registrations close the end of March**

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

## PARISH NEWS

**Lenten Program:** The Lenten program will continue on Monday 9th March (tomorrow) at 7.30pm at the Parish House. It is one of the few opportunities we have to reflect upon and share our faith and hopefully grow in our understanding of what it means to be an active Christian in today's world. All Welcome

**Project Compassion Envelopes: Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help: End Poverty, Promote Justice, Uphold dignity. Let's Go Further, Together.**

**Anniversary Mass** for Larry Dichiera will be celebrated on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. This will be followed by the **Thesians March Meeting** at 7.00pm. Fr Mick will be sharing what he will be doing in Peru and ways in which the Parish and Thesians can support him in his work. All welcome to come and join in a shared tea bringing a shared plate.

**St Joseph's Church Nullawil Final Mass** All are welcome to attend the Final Mass at St. Joseph's Church Nullawil on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 12.30pm. A light luncheon will follow. For further information please contact Kaylene James, ph. 0428 935270.

## Listen to Him!

### Matthew 17:1-9

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Invitation To Assist:** This year during Catholic Education Week, OLSH will be acknowledging National Reconciliation Week. We would like to extend a warm invitation to our Indigenous families and other interested people to assist in the planning and implementation of what will be a great day of celebration during Twilight school. If you, or someone you know would be willing to help out, we would be interested in hearing from you. We have planned to meet next Tuesday 10th March at 3pm in the meeting room at OLSH. We really hope to see you there! If you would like more information, please contact the school.

**Easter Raffle Books** are available at the back of the church. Please support our school in this important fund-raiser.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat: 9.30am Tue, Thur: 5.30pm**

## BAPTISM GOSPELS

For the next three Sundays we have the John's Baptism Gospels. I have booklets done out so that everybody can take part in reading them, as we do with reading the Passion on Palm Sunday.

## FORGIVENESS MASS

Usually I celebrate our Lent Forgiveness Mass on the 5th Sunday of Lent. It fits well there in Years B & C. However, in Year A, because of the Baptism Gospels on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent, it doesn't fit so well. So I'm going to celebrate our Forgiveness Mass on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, that is, today. As a sign of re-committing ourselves to Christ we come forward and place our hands on the book of the Gospels.

## PLENARY COUNCIL

On Sunday 15th March after Mass we will be conducting our Discernment session. Please bring a small plate to share. For further information contact Di Eagle 5024 2667.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

1. Stations for adults. These will be held on Friday, March 20 at 7.00 pm
2. Stations for young people. For the last 2 years, due to lack of interest, these have not been held. They will be on Friday, March 27 at 7.00 pm. Being 83 years young, I will lead them myself. Hopefully, other young people will join me. *PJF*

## Sunday, March 22: Youth Mass

## RED CLIFFS PARISH FARWELL TO FR MICK McKINNON

Father Michael will be heading off to work as a missionary in Cusco, Peru, straight after Easter. He will celebrate a farewell Mass in Red Cliffs on Sunday, March 29.

## PALM SUNDAY

April 5 is Palm Sunday. We need volunteers to make Palm crosses for us. This year, the Palm Sunday will assemble in front of the school. If you have a look you will see that getting across from the School to the church is going to be much easier.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS / 3rd Sunday of Lent 14th & 15th March 2020

**First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

**Responsorial: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9**

**Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Second Reading: St Pauls to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

**Gospel: John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-43**



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	Anita Naray	Phil Opie	Barb Bunting	M Smith	D Eagle M Bell / J Cameron	Jeanette Ellis
Music	M Sullivan Singing Group	Tongan Choir M Guthrie	M Hammond J Macri / J Ljubic		Guitar	
Offertory		Mary Gobbo			M Matotek	Ellis Family
Children's Liturgy		Jo Campbell Bianca Niutta				
Altar Servers	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please		GROUP 8 T Dowling	Volunteer Please
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Sonia Opie	Mario Zema	W Smith	T Gardiner	Sr Carmel Setford
	Christine Carmichael	Philip Opie	Josie Zema		M Gibson	Adam Lawrence
	Jacinda Deacon	Elvira Mazza	Bernadette Avery	OASIS AGED CARE	A Higham	CHAFFEY AGED CARE
	Katy Quinlan	Jill Joslyn	Trish Cirillo	M Hoy	CUPPA'S	Pat Sylvia
	Vince Pileggi	Lisa Cirillo	Jeena Jose		March 22nd D Eagle	
		Laurie Fry	Christine Slattery	LAY LEADERS	M Matotek	LAY LEADERS 29th March Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Judy Webster		P Riordan M Petrolo	FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team	TEAM 9	GEORGE DOLENCE 5021 2099			M Adams / L Mayes	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement