

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

5th Sunday of Lent Year B 17th & 18th March 2018

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass Roster will be listed under
Parish Heading

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY		10am	
TUESDAY	6:00pm	5:30pm	
WEDNESDAY	9:15am	6.30pm	
THURSDAY	9:15am	5:30pm	9:15am
FRIDAY	5:40pm	9:30am	
SATURDAY	9:30am	9:30am	

RECENT DEATHS: Giuseppe Mammone,
 Mary Kutty Mankuzhikkary - (India - Fr George's mother),
 Joseph Antony - (India -brother of Mary Joseph)

ANNIVERSARIES:

MILDURA

Saturday 6:00pm: Lawrence Naray
 Sunday 9:00am: Mary O'Bryan, Michael Coppola
 Sunday 5:00pm
 Friday 5.40pm: Domenico Ficarra, Natale Mammone, Leo Timpano

RED CLIFFS

Wednesday 6.30pm: Frank Dichiera (one year anniversary)

MERBEIN

18th March: Frank Lowry, Eva Matotek

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

Today's gospel tells us that among those who go up to Jerusalem to worship at the feast of Passover are some "Greeks". The reference is probably to a group known in the early church as "God-fearers", although that designation is found only in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. These people were a bit like RCIA candidates in relation to Judaism. They were certainly interested in Judaism and, because of their active interest in the Jewish faith and traditions, were possibly better informed about many of the Jewish traditions than those who had been members of the Jewish community all their lives. God-fearers seem to have been among the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to join the early Christian Jewish movement, i.e. the Jews who accepted Jesus as Messiah (or Christ).

For Jesus, the arrival of these God-fearing Greeks signals his "hour". Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus has insisted that his "hour" had not yet come. Now that his message receives global acknowledgement, or in the words of the Pharisees, now that "the world has gone after him" (John 20:19), he can announce that the hour of his glorification has come. Characteristically, Jesus uses a potent agricultural image to capture the transformative nature of his imminent death: like the grain of wheat, he must go into the earth and die in order to bear fruit. The same is true for his followers: to be concerned only with self-preservation is to "lose" one's life; to give one's life is to "keep it for eternal life".

Although the language is more explicit in John, the grain of wheat image echoes some aspects of the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34). Jeremiah presents the God of Israel as One who forgives and who is even prepared to forget the sins of the past. The people will be God's garden: the seed planted within them is God's Law. They will be God's own billboard: the law of forgiveness and mercy will be written in their hearts. John uses the "eternal life" metaphor in much the same way as the other gospel writers use the "reign of God" or "kin-dom" image. To keep one's life for "eternal life" has to do with living God's transformative vision for creation in the present so that it might one day be fully realised.

In John's gospel, Jesus' death is also his being lifted up in glory. The moment of his death becomes the moment of drawing "all" to himself. The "all" includes all people, but is not restricted to the human community. It also allows for an ecological interpretation: in his death and exaltation, Jesus gathers the whole Earth community into the mystery of God's redemptive and transforming love.

Veronica Lawson rsm

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12: 24





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.

Brian O'Brien, Paul & Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



RCIA

We continue to pray for Karina, Trudi, Jodie, Casey & Breanna, who will be presented with the Lord's Prayer this Sunday

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION will be held on Wednesday 21st March at 6pm. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

Volunteers are needed for our Holy Week Masses. Please place your name on the list provided at the back of the church if you are available. Many thanks Fr Michael

PLEASE NOTE

Change of Mass time on Thursday 22nd March from 9.15am to 6pm

YOUTH MASS—PALM SUNDAY 5PM

Music Practice will be held on Saturday 24th March 1pm at the home of Meg Sullivan 7 Rose Street, Mildura. If you know of any young people who would like to be involved please invite them along. Pizzas after the Mass.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

OASIS AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 21st March at 10.30am. All welcome

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will be lunching at Woodies Gem Shop on Sunday 18th March. Please let Jean Rocca know your intentions for booking purposes 50237561. All Welcome.



SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL ST. PATRICK'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

MARCH 23rd from 4pm
Featuring live music with
OLD MELBOURNE ROAD
Come and enjoy the fun and music!

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

Rosary: Monday 5:00pm
Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am
Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6:30pm
Devotions and Exposition: Friday 3:00pm
Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room
Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

REGIONAL EVENTS

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ditosa in Mozambique is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, aged 12, thanks to Caritas Australia's support, Ditosa has now graduated from school with plans for university.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.



A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR COPY OF AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS—Autumn Edition 2018. Great reading.

MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart Church

Monday 5pm or Friday after the 5.40pm Mass. All welcome.

EASTER DATES

Palm Sunday—25th March
Holy Thursday—29th March
Good Friday—30th March
Easter Vigil—31st March
Easter Sunday—1st April



MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: Mildura 7pm
Red Cliffs 7pm

Good Friday: Way of the Cross 10.30am
Ceremony 3:00pm—Mildura & Red Cliffs

Easter Vigil Saturday

Mildura: 7.30pm
Red Cliffs: 6.30pm
Easter Sunday
Irymple: 8:30am
Mildura: 8am and 10am
(No 5pm Mass)

Red Cliffs: 10am
Merbein: 10.30am
Werrimull: 12noon



MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1449.40
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1437.00
Loose Plate	\$ 554.80
Project Compassion	\$ 706.80
The Shared Table	\$ 317.25



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.

Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Paul & Diane Lanigan, Heather McWilliams, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone, Albis Dy, Joe Cufari, Brother Dan Geary MSC

St. Joseph's Red Cliffs

MEETINGS: Parish Council—Wednesday 21st March 7.30pm—St Joseph Primary School Hall.
St Vincent de Paul—Thursday 22nd March 7.30pm, School Hall

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE will be held after church today.
Proceeds from the Trading Table this month will go towards the Holy Land Appeal.

MONDAY 19th March is the Feast Day of St Joseph.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS
Are now available for your to collection. Your Planned Giving Receipt is from 3/9/2017 to 31/1/2018. Should there be any discrepancies please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office 5021 2872.

SINGING PRACTICE FOR EASTER
We will have our singing practice for Easter on Tuesday 20th March from 7pm in the Church.

WATER OF BAPTISM
The bottles filled with the Water of Baptism that you took home last Easter need to be returned. Once our supply of these bottles is exhausted, you are going to have to BYO bottles and fill them from the Font yourselves. *PJF*

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION Weather permitting, we assemble near the front entrance to St Joseph's School. If the weather is inclement, the children assemble in the church foyer; the rest assemble in the church.

HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT: THE ALTAR OF REPOSE
It is a centuries-old custom on Holy Thursday Night to have a watch at the Altar of Repose (here this is in the foyer of the church) from the end of Mass, people taking it in turns to watch with Christ in his Agony in the Garden, until midnight. Here it is only until 10.00 pm. There is a form for you to sign to spend some time at the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday night this year. *PJF*

A SICK PARISHIONER AT COLIGNAN
Helen Ackland's husband Bill, who is not a Catholic, used to drive Helen to Mass in Red Cliffs every Sunday. It meant a lot to Helen, and Bill was glad to do it. Because of failing eyesight, Bill is no longer able to drive - although this may be reviewed. I have driven to Colignan several time to bring Communion to Helen. I am hoping some others may volunteer to share this task with me. They live on the corner of Kulkyne Way & Gibbs Rd in Colignan. It is relatively easy to find, because there is a well-worn Australian Flag always flying outside their place. *PJF*

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$238.90
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$227.00
Loose Plate	\$ 46.80
Project Compassion	\$165.25



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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.

Kit Coogan, Peter Willcock, Betty Green, Joan Appleby, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Alison Olden, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein

Vision & Mission Statement
We are a welcoming Catholic Community committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily life. We do this by:

- *Coming together regularly to worship God;*
- *Witnessing to Gospel values in our daily lives;*
- *Nurturing the growth & development of our faith;*
- *Caring for all in our Community;*
- *Taking responsibility for our Parish.*

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Will take place after Lay Led today.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation will commence on April 19th at 7pm in the school library. Please contact the school PH. 50252258 to enrol if you would like your child to take part.

ARE YOU BUYING CHOCOLATES FOR EASTER?
Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."
Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly – please.
What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, in Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces FairTrade Easter chocolate.
ACTION: If there is slavery-free chocolate in your supermarket buy it and commend the shop manager. Remember it must have one of these three symbols on the wrapper.

PALM SUNDY PROCESSION– We assembly in the Church Foyer.
Holy Thursday—7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Mildura
Good Friday—Ceremony 3pm—Merbein

SCHOOL NEWS
Easter Raffle tickets to be returned before 26th March. Raffle drawn on 29th March at assembly. Items that can be donated include: Easter eggs, Easter bunnies, packets of eggs, Easter gift bags & chocolates. Please keep in mind the above notice re: Free Trade Chocolates.



MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 89.35
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$162.00
Loose Plate	\$ 32.50
Project Compassion	\$ 43.20

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B 17th & 18th March 2018

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12
Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9
Gospel: Jn 12:2-30



Werrimull Last Sunday of month 11:00am	Sacred Heart Saturday 6:00pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 9:00am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5:00pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader Reader	Christine Carmichael	Mary Jackson	Inez Sullivan	M Smith	M Matotek	Lorraine Olden	March 18th
Music	M Hammond All welcome	Tongan Choir M Guthrie			Guitar		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
Offertory		Mary Gobbo			G Brizzi	Lay Led	
Altar Servers	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer			Lay Led	April 29th
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Judy Webster	Maree Irvin	W Smith		Vi Barling	Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Taiana Fatai	Jean Rocca	Sue Hermans			Margo Farnsworth	
	Margret McDonald	Bobby Castillo	Naomi Kennedy				June 24th
	Trish McNamara	Ross Tongue	Mario Zema				Sr Carmel Setford Annette Lemon
	Paul Kerr	Talia Fainganuku	Josie Zema		M Divola	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Anita Naray	Michael Fainganuku	Volunteer Please		M Dominelli	Pat Sylvia Annette Lemon	July 29th
	Maureen Speed			D Eagle		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino	
Counting Team	Team 5	JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759			M Adams/L Mayes		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	

Palm Sunday—The Passion of the Lord Year B 24th & 25th March 2018

First Reading: Isa 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Mk 1:39



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Leader Reader	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	J Kearney	C Russo	N Prevedello	April 29th
Music	M Guthrie	M Guthrie All welcome	Youth		Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory		Louise Belej			L Burgno	L Olden/V Barling	
Altar Servers	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer			Amos Jenkins	May 27th
Eucharist Ministers	Margaret Sheahan	Peter O'Donnell	Trish Cirillo	R Hill		Vicki	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Maria Cirillo	Greg Johnston	Jeena Jose			Val McCarthy	
	Christine Carmichael	Gina Raiti	Joyce Ribarita				June 24th
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Anna Vartuli	Clem Carlucci				Sr Carmel Setford Annette lemon
	Jacinda Deacon	Sara Visona	Vittorio Carlucci		As per list	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Katy Quinlan	Juliet Cresp	Christine Slattery		As per list	Kay Wagner	July 29th
	Louise Belej			As per list		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino	
Counting Team	Team 6	JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939			M Adams/L Mayes		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	M. Mapalangi	As per arrangement	

The Sunraysia Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.