

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—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:
 (30 DAY Mass—Nicola Alicastro will be held on Friday 15th March 5.40pm)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: Helen Grivec, Una Khan, Elvie McGlynn
 Friday 5.40pm: Giuseppe Mammone (1st year anniversary)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Frank Waight
 Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:
 Anniversaries: March 3rd John Jessup, Frank Sylvia, March 4th Cosimo Ierace

(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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 2nd & 3rd March 2019

"Everyone who is *fully qualified* will be like the teacher," says the Lukan Jesus. What might it mean to become "fully qualified" for discipleship? For Jesus, being fully qualified in the ways of discipleship is not so much a matter of acquiring book knowledge as it is a question of being like the teacher. This is not to discount the importance of acquiring a deep knowledge of the tradition. Jesus certainly knew his own tradition well. Luke presents him as literate, as capable of reading from the sacred scriptures in the Nazareth synagogue and of interpreting the prophetic texts for the assembled congregation. In today's gospel selection, Luke also presents Jesus as familiar with the secular wisdom of his age. The sayings about the blind leading the blind and the log and speck have clear parallels in ancient literature. Jesus' closest followers were educated business people with an appreciation of and commitment to their traditions. They were fully qualified in the sense that they had the personal resources to make a difference in the lives of those on the edge.

The primary qualification for the disciple is, however, to be "like the teacher". Jesus wants his followers to live out in their lives the pattern of his life of attentiveness to the pain of the world, his life of compassion and justice and mercy. Seeing with clarity (without a log in one's eye) is at the heart of the gospel way of life he proclaims. This theme of seeing permeates Luke's writings. Seeing and understanding one's own self is part of that, as is the capacity to see and to understand the rhythm of the forms of life that constitute one's habitat. The recurrence of agricultural images in Jesus' sayings is quite remarkable. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, a Jewish village in Lower Galilee, home to vines and olive trees, to goats and sheep and some four hundred human inhabitants. From early childhood, Jesus saw the processes involved in ensuring that the vines produced grapes. He knew the importance of the water from the spring for nurturing the grain crops in the valley close to his home. He knew that brambles and thorns did not yield any edible fruit. It would seem that being "like the teacher" includes closeness to and appreciation of the natural world.

Finally, to be a disciple is to be a "good person" and good persons are those who produce "good treasure" out of the abundance of their hearts. In the Jewish tradition, the heart was the seat of wisdom and knowledge as well as the seat of emotions. In 1 Kings 12:3, for instance, God is said to give Solomon a wise and discerning heart/mind. The Hebrew word for heart (*lev*) is often translated into English as "mind". Heart and mind are as one. So it must be for us as disciples.

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

RCIY
Weekly program —Thursday 7th March from 3.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

RCIA 2018 –2019
Lent Rites
Thursday 7th March 7pm, Hillman Room.



1st RECONCILIATION
For children in Grade 4 and above will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY
In the future to be held during the 5pm Mass Sunday afternoon. Anyone interested in assisting Loretta as a Catechist can contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.

Community Life & Outreach

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING
Will be held on Tuesday 5th March 9am at the Sacred Heart Parish Office meeting room.

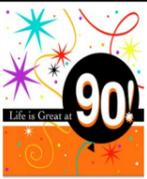
ANointing MASS
Will be held on Thursday at 9.15am. All welcome

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP
Will be having dinner at the Red Cliffs Club on Sunday 17th March at 6.00pm. Please let Clive or Lyn know your intentions on 50211422. All welcome to join us.

LENT 2019
Available now, Project Compassion Envelopes—at each church entrance.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2019 TRUST
Mildura Group 1: Leaders—Aileen Curran & Wilma Schmidt— Thursday's 10am, Hillman Room. First session starts Thursday 7th March.
Mildura Group 2: Leader—Janet Hill—Friday's 10am. Phone Janet 0438 234 765. First session starts on Friday 15th March.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Two of our faithful parishioners, Dien Brown and Margot Zsiga turn 90 this month. We will be having a shared cuppa after the 9am Mass next Sunday, March 10th to celebrate with them, and wish them well.



ADVANCE NOTICE
ST PATRICK'S DAY GATHERING
After the 9am Mass on Sunday 17th March, a brunch will be supplied from the Monaghan Centre. Entertainment courtesy from the Irish Dancer with recorders in company plus more. All most welcome.



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: Clair Lang, Michele Vanni, Sandra McCarthy, Jean Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Merbein: Gilia Dichiera, Martin Rogers, Anne-Maree Whitechurch, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

Red Cliffs: Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Jean Lanigan, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Tuesday March 5th - 6pm Ouyen
- 7pm Mildura (please note change of time)

Wednesday March 6th - 9.15am Merbein
- 10am Combined Primary schools Sacred Heart & St Pauls—Mildura
- 10am Red Cliffs
- 5.40pm Evening Mass Mildura



CONCERTO—SACRED HEART CHURCH
The Sacred Heart Parish is very fortunate to host a Summer Concert at the Sacred Heart Church on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7pm. For comfort you can bring a cushion. The Kammer Philharmonie Koln presents: A concerto for Violin, Strings, Bass & Obe. Please see flyers.
Tickets available at:
Mildura Visitor Information and Booking Centre, 180—190 Deakin Ave or phone: 5018 8380 or 1800 039 043 or tickets at the door one hour prior to the concert from 6pm (cash sales only).
Tickets: \$40.00 adults, \$35.00 concession and \$30.00 students or children under 16.



PLENARY COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS
Wednesday March 6th is the final day for submissions to the Plenary Council 2020. If you require help submitting online, you are most welcome to contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office for any assistance that is needed.

WERRIMULL BUS TRIP
The next Werrimull Bus Trip will be held on Sunday 31st March.
To make a booking please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Honoring the accomplishments of women.

One of the great gifts the last fifty years has brought is the number of women who have described the world from a woman's perspective. They have made the experiences and concerns of women central, have told the stories of previously neglected women and have encouraged other women to tell and treasure their stories.

For that reason a month dedicated to women's history, originated in the United States, is something to be celebrated, not only by women, but by everyone because it represents a much richer picture than history told only by men. Our human world is really a network of interlocking relationships connecting people with one another and with the world, our home. Those relationships link us to past and future generations as well as to the present.

The infinite network of relationships we call our world and our history can be seen from as many different perspectives as there are people. Our experiences and connections colour the stories that we tell. Historians gather stories and try to find larger patterns in them.

Seen from this perspective it is odd that history has been for so long told from the perspective of mainly powerful men. It is important for a society to remember stories told from different perspectives, and particularly from those of women who form half the world's population. But also from those of women, men, immigrants, widows, farmers, bankers, Muslims, Catholics, atheists and people in other groups. Together they represent our society and enrich our connection to it. Women's history is especially important because it has so long been neglected. History was been told from the perspective of mainly powerful men.

At Jesuit Social Services we have been gathering the stories of the women and men who share in our programs, stories of hardship, resilience, making connections. They put a human face on things often described from the perspective of people securely employed and advantaged in many ways. It is important for vulnerably young people to offer their perspectives and for them to be heard and gathered in the histories of our time.

Women's history is especially important in the Catholic Church. There men have made most of the decisions about building churches, shaping parish life and dealing with crises. Histories have generally focused on men's roles. Women's history, of course, has been kept and told within female religious congregations.

If history is built up out of stories that represent all the relationships that make up the church, however, too many stories have been neglected. We need only to think of the place that housekeepers and parish secretaries have played in making for harmonious parishes, the way in which female sacristans, organists and cleaners have enabled encouraging liturgy to take place, the mothers who have accompanied their children as they prepared for sacraments, the elderly women who keep weekday Masses alive, and all the women who feel excluded from the church.

The preparations for the Plenary Council have involved much story telling. It is to be hoped that these stories will be reflected in the submissions made, and will find expression later in the gathering of stories into histories of the Catholic Church stories written by women and including women's experience.

WHAT'S HAPPENING—MILDURA ARTS CENTRE

Friday—15th March from 5pm—Twilight

Free outdoor event. Live music, entertainment, kids activities, food & drink available. No BYO alcohol. Final Twilight until September 2019.

Thursday 21st March 1pm & 7.30pm

Seven acrobats & 30 metres of rope By A Thread

Sunday 24th March 3pm—Jazz Sunday

Enjoy an afternoon of jazz in a relaxed atmosphere—Free entry.

For further information please contact the Mildura Arts Centre 199 Cureton Avenue Mildura or phone 5018 8330 Or visit MilduraArtsCentre/com.au

Please see flyers in the Main Entrance of the Church.

A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

I write firstly to thank people who have offered their support during these recent days. The sentencing of Cardinal George Pell has been an enormous shock to us all, and something that will continue to cause pain, disappointment and incredulity.

We know that he has declared himself to be innocent of the charges, and so we must simply wait for the law to take its course.

Whilst personally I find it extremely difficult to accept that he would be guilty of the charges, particularly in the light of the circumstances in which they are said to have occurred, we must not simply dismiss the victim's claims as outright lies. To do so would be damaging and particularly detrimental toward the victims of clergy sexual abuse, many of whom were never believed in the past.

I am particularly conscious of all the good people who continue to participate in our Parish Communities and who work so hard in our Schools and other Parish bodies. Be assured that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I invite us also to be particularly mindful of our Pope who deserves our prayers at this time. He has committed himself bravely to the promotion of a genuine openness to the Spirit in these times of change and transformation, even in the face of opposition from people within the Church who I believe are fearful of his vision and his quest for transparency.

Fr. Michael

OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Can you hold your applause for another 10 years.

The quaint village of Oberammergau is located about 60 miles southwest of Munich, Germany. Surrounded by majestic mountains and picturesque meadows, this peaceful, unspoiled village is well-known not only for its Passion Play, but also for the warm hospitality its residents extend to visitors from around the world. It is for this reason we are proud to offer the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020.

The world famous Oberammergau Passion Play is performed by the locals just once a decade. In 1634, the Black Plague devastated Europe's population. Oberammergau remained untouched until a homesick villager returned one night, unknowingly bringing with him the dreaded plague. Almost 100 villagers died as a result. Frightened survivors vowed that if God saved them from the plague, they would re-enact the agony and crucifixion of Christ every 10 year. From then on, there were no further deaths from the plague-an the villagers have fulfilled their pledge ever since.

In 2020, the Passion Play will run from May through October with daily performance (except Mondays & Wednesday). The play is from 2.30pm to 10.30pm and included a 3-hour intermission for dinner. The play portrays the Passion of Christ-from His entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection. The play usually consists of 2,000 actors, singers, musicians and technicians—all of whom are residents of Oberammergau.

Maureen Smith will be in the Monaghan Centre after the 9am Mass this Sunday, 3rd March for anyone who is interested in a 12 day tour from Wednesday 24th June to Sunday 5th July, 2020.

SUNRAYZIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1384.50	\$ 64.10	\$240.75
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$7711.25	\$239.00	\$318.75
Loose Plate	\$ 604.95	\$ 6.15	\$185.30

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

LENTEN PROGRAM

It has been decided to use the Program prepared by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong entitled 'Trust'. Ecumenical group to meet on Monday night at Parish House—beginning Monday 4th March at 7.00pm. The Program will also be offered on Thursday morning after Parish Mass for those who are interested and who do not like coming out at night. Beginning after 9.15am Mass on Ash Wednesday and from then on each Thursday after 9.15am.

PLENARY COUNCIL The Ballarat Diocesan enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au is now available on line. Among items of interest you will find a message from Bishop Paul reminding us that your submissions to the Plenary Council must be in by Ash Wednesday – 6th March. Submissions will need to be made on line to: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. Another item of interest in the enews is a report on the Blessing of the Rivers including some photos.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Today March 3rd the staff from our Parish Primary School - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School - are present to take part in a Commissioning Ceremony. Another way of making the connection between Parish and School. There will be a cuppa after Mass as a sign of Parish welcome and also an opportunity for parishioners to meet the staff. All welcome to stay after Mass and have a chat.

SUNRAYZIA THERESIAN GROUP

We are a group of women who meet at the Merbein Parish House on the 1st Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Our motto is "Women in support of women, reaching out with Gospel values". The format of our meetings is 1) Meet & Greet; 2) General Business & Correspondence; 3) Prayer & Reflection; 4) Guest Speaker; 5) Supper. New members are welcome. Contact Val McCarthy 0428252658 or just arrive on the night. Our next meeting will be March 4th.

**NO CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK
EXCEPT MONDAY—7PM CHURCH AND
WEDNESDAY—10AM CHURCH**

MONTH'S MIND MASSES

30th Day Mass for Giuseppe D'Anna, Monday evening, March 4 at 7.00 pm
30th Day Mass for Vittoria Pezzaniti Wednesday evening, March 13 at 7.00 pm

LENT IN RED CLIFFS

A reminder that in Lent we have a special entrance rite for Sunday Mass. There is no Gloria or Creed. After Communion we have a short Project Compassion film. There are no bells, and - except at weddings and funerals - no flowers.

LENT 2019

Envelopes and boxes for Project Compassion are available today. The slogan for this year is GIVE LENT 100%. Wednesday March 6 is Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday we do not eat meat, and we fast. FASTING for Catholics is very mild - One full meal, two light meals, no eating between meals. ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT RED CLIFFS is at 10.00 am.

LLL&L GROUP

Will commence their first Lenten Group—Trust—session on Monday 4th March at Janine Cameron's place. For further information please contact Janine on 0438 730 976



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 1st Sunday of Lent Year C / 9th & 10th March 2019

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Responsorial: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 1:00am	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	Mary Jackson	Sonia Opie	Bill Dolence	J Kearney	M Bell J Vines /Volunteer	Jeanette Ellis	
Music	Filipino Community	M Guthrie	NO MUSIC		Guitar		
Offertory	Baptism	Baptism			N Orr	Ellis Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Ella Briggs/Jai Grayling	Volunteer Please	
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Rose Op't Hoog	Jeena Jose	M Jensen	Katie Hawkes	Janine Dannatt	
	Christine Carmichael	Rini Op't Hoog	Clem Carlucci		Christian Marcuzzo	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Cora Howell	Vittorio Carlucci		Rustyn McCarthy		
	Jacinda Deacon	Narie Lewis	Christine Slattery		C Cavallaro		
	Katy Quinlan	Renata Byra	Jacinta Macri		M Cavallaro	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Paula Cox		J Divola	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Sonia Opie				FLOWERS Volunteers		
Counting Team	TEAM 6	JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939			M Adams/L Mayes		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	