

# 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: Anna Carrazza, Pam Tellefson (Ballarat)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Pietro Marziano, Noreen Arnsden (birthday remembrance) Paolo Scopelliti  
 Sunday 5pm: Bob McKenzie, Pietro Dichiera (30 day mass)  
 Wednesday 9.15am: Peter Mazza, Carmela Cavallaro

### RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> Charles Cook, Rodney Nokes; January 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert McCarthy, Jacque McGill, Jessie Flemming; 4<sup>th</sup> Betty Hillier.

*(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

## Feast of the Holy Family / Year C 29th & 30th December 2018

The time between Christmas and New Year is often family time, a good time to think about what family means. For many, it is a challenge to juggle the various family commitments. We do our best, and trust that everyone will understand the difficult choices that sometimes have to be made. It is now three years since the Synod on the Family in Rome. So much has happened globally since then that we are in danger of letting this significant event pass into history without giving it the ongoing attention it deserves. The Pope's concluding words of concern for "difficult cases and wounded families" merit our attention. For Pope Francis, the Synod was "about bearing witness to everyone that, for the Church, the Gospel continues to be a vital source of eternal newness, against all those who would 'indoctrinate' it in dead stones to be hurled at others." The pope reasserted his constant message that the Church's "first duty is not to hand down condemnations or anathemas, but to proclaim God's mercy."

Today's readings invite us to focus on family relationships. At a very basic level, we are all "children of God" (1 John 3:1), invited to remember the love that God has "lavished on us". In the gospel reading, Luke presents the young Jesus coming with his parents from Nazareth to Jerusalem "as usual" for the great feast of Passover. He is twelve years of age, capable in that culture of making quite serious decisions for himself. He does just that, much to the consternation of his parents, who only become aware after a day's journey that he has remained in Jerusalem and has not joined the extended family group or *synodia* for the return journey to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph are not well pleased. They express their concern but fail to understand his response: he is primarily God's child and must follow God's call first and foremost. This does not preclude obedience to his parents. It does, however, foreshadow the pain involved in parenting this young man whose mission will take him along paths they would never have chosen for him. I expect this will sound familiar to parents of young adults.

As Luke's story unfolds, Joseph fades from the picture. Mary lives in the reflective way we are all called to live, "storing all these things in her heart". Sometimes God's call to children is in tension with parents' wishes or hopes. Children are first of all "children of God". Much as we might want to, we cannot hold on to them. We try to understand their choices, we do everything we can to nurture their uniqueness, and we pray that they too will grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God as responsible members of the whole Earth community.



Veronica Lawson rsm

**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

**WEDDINGS**  
 We congratulate Dy Yan & Josephine Vespucci and Sione He'Ehau and Tongi Tanginoa who were married this weekend.

**ANOINTING MASS—SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
 Thursday 3rd January 9.15am. All welcome

**SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE**  
 Will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.  
 All urgent calls and enquiries to Presbytery 5022 9959.

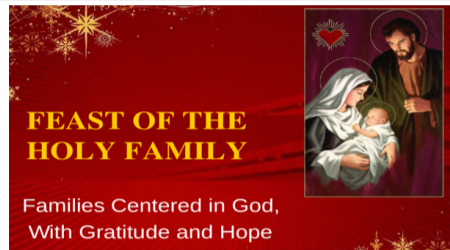


**New Year's Day Mass**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
**9:00am**

**MILDURA PARISH FINANCE**

<b>Last week's collections</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1534.20</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$1513.70</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 702.30</b>
<b>Monaghan Centre</b>	<b>\$ 677.00</b>
<b>Bishop's Christmas Appeal</b>	<b>\$3412.35</b>

**THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS**  
 Sunday, December 30: Feast of the Holy Family  
 Tuesday, January 1, 2019: Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
 Sunday, January 6: Feast of the Epiphany  
 Sunday, January 13: The Baptism of Our Lord. The Season of Christmas is completed by the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus at his Baptism in the River Jordan, to fit him for the mission the Father has entrusted to him.



**MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE**

<b>Last week's collections</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$105.25</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$133.70</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 33.70</b>
<b>Bishop's Christmas Appeal</b>	<b>\$207.55</b>

**RED CLIFFS NEWS**  
**Mass Times For This Week**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9.30am**  
**Thursday 5.30pm.**  
**Tuesday is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Mass in the church at 10.00 am.**

**RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE**

<b>Last week's collections</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$220.65</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$253.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 54.30</b>
<b>Bishops Christmas Appeal</b>	<b>\$239.20</b>

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS** The Epiphany Year C / 5th & 6th January 2019

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**  
**Responsorial: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13**  
**Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**  
**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**



	<b>Werrimull</b> Last Sunday of each month 11am	<b>Sacred Heart</b> Saturday 6.00pm	<b>Sacred Heart</b> Sunday 9:00am	<b>Sacred Heart</b> Sunday 5.00pm	<b>Irymple</b> Sunday 8:30am	<b>Red Cliffs</b> Sunday 10:00am	<b>Merbein</b> Sunday 10:30am	<b>Merbein</b> Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
<b>Leader / Reader</b>		Christine Carmichael	Maureen Speed	Inez Sullivan	G Schmidt	M Bell M Lee / J Lewis	Josephine O'Connor	
<b>Music</b>		Margaret Hammond	Italian Choir	NO MUSIC		Guitar		
<b>Offertory</b>		Baptism	Baptism			M Suppa	Besgrove Family	
<b>Altar Servers</b>		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Thomas Dowling	Volunteer please	
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>		Anne-Maree Greville	Lisa Cirillo	Josie Zema	Malcolm Hoy	Liam Dowling	Vicki McCarthy	
		Taiana Fatai	Laurie Fry	Bernadette Avery		Amber Foster	Val McCarthy	
		Margaret McDonald	Judy Webster	Andrea Welsh		Sumah Foster		
		Paul Kerr	Jean Rocca	Trish Cirillo		G Brizzi		
		Anita Naray	Bobby Castillo	Jeena Jose		L Bugno	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>	
		Ryan O'Callaghan	Ross Tongue	Clem Carlucci		J Cameron	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
		Talia Faingaanuku				<b>FLOWERS</b> Volunteers		
<b>Counting Team</b>		<b>TEAM 7</b>	<b>HELEN KAY 0429 135 053</b>			G & S Warman		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>		As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	