

# 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: Marie Bennett, Walee Mcrae (sister of Peti Ellett)

ANNIVERSARIES: Matteo Zema

Saturday 6pm: Mario, Giuseppina & Rosario Panetta, Perpetua Escano

Sunday 8.30am: Gladys Lanfranchi (birthday remembrance)

Sunday 9am: Pat Rocca

Sunday 5pm: Maria Carlucci, Jolene Davis

Friday 5.40pm: Iolanda Dimasi (30 day Mass), Jack Quinlan

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: John Goggin, Fr Leo Donnelly AM, Fr Daniel O'Leary

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: January 27<sup>th</sup> Vincenzo Piscioneri; 28<sup>st</sup> Nola Crosbie, Pat Penfold; 30<sup>th</sup> Katherine Nocholl, Kevin Rogers; 31<sup>st</sup> Ruth McKee; Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony Stack, Jacqui McGill.

*(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

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 26th & 27th January 2019

The liturgy for today juxtaposes the introductory verses of Luke's gospel and a passage from the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry that encapsulates and sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel and its author's intentions.

From the first four verses, we know that Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but is endeavouring to provide an orderly account on the basis of reliable eyewitness accounts handed down to the community by "servants" or ministers of the word. We know that Luke's is one of many and not just four gospels. We also learn that the gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, a name that means "lover of God" or "beloved of God". We might guess that Theophilus is Luke's patron, someone who provides the necessary funds to produce this work. He is possibly the early equivalent of an RCIA candidate, one seeking to become a full member of the worshipping community. We know from the grammatical construction that the author is male. And most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. The word translated as "truth" (*asphaleia*) in our lectionary can also mean "certainty" or "assurance". Our English word "asphalt" is derived from the Greek *asphaleia*. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded.

When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue. This programmatic scene sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled prophet. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of God. This event is no exception. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus thus presents himself as the Spirit-filled anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" literally means "shattered". It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war or persecution. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself and the other-than-human inhabitants of our planet suffering the effects of climate change and ecological destruction. If the gospel message is to be well-grounded in our times, the "destitute" and "shattered" of our Earth community must find the "release" of which the gospel speaks.

Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Harvey Brown & Amelia Zara whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



## Community Life & Outreach

### SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will begin year 2019 with a breakfast at the Mildura Workers Club on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. All welcome. Intentions to Denise or Gerry on 50211918.

### JOKE - DREAM

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just had a dream that you gave me the most beautiful diamond necklace. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight." he said with a smile. The woman could hardly think of anything else all day and she couldn't wait for her husband to return home. That evening, the man finally came home with a small package and give it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it excitedly to find a book entitled....."The Meaning of Dreams"

## REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS cont.

### LAUDATO SI' REFLECTION – JANUARY 2019

Monthly Prayer Intention: 'Peace, Salaam, Shalom' - For peace with all creation, rediscover the grandeur of God's gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

This year marks the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Church's World Day of Peace Message on January 1. This year, Pope Francis' theme is "Good Politics is at the Service of Peace" In it he speaks of caring for our common home and rejecting the exploitation of the earth for quick profit. He reminds us that, *Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home.*

### SAVE THE DATE—4TH MARCH 2019

The Sacred Heart Parish is very fortunate to host a Summer Concert at the Sacred Heart Church on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7pm. Further information in the coming weeks.



### 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:** 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

### RCIY Rite of Christian Initiation of Youth

**Who for:** Secondary aged students who have not yet received Baptism, First Eucharist and/or not yet Confirmed

**First Meeting for Candidates and Parents:** Tuesday 5 Feb at 7pm in Monaghan Centre.

Weekly Program will commence week beginning 11 Feb

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday 27 March, 7pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

**Confirmation/First Eucharist at Easter Ceremonies:** Saturday April 20, 2019

For further information contact Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

**Ash Wednesday March 6**

**Mass times in coming weeks.**

### LENTEN PROGRAM 2019 TRUST

**Mildura:** Aileen Curran & Wilma Schmidt—  
Thursdays 10am, Hillman Room.



### PLENARY COUNCIL

Any who wish to contribute to the Agenda for the Plenary Council, an opportunity following Mass next Sunday, February 3, Red Cliffs church. Here is a possible item I have been mulling over for some years:

**Part one.** Celebrating the day when our forebears invaded Sydney Cove is always going to cause offence to indigenous Australians, because it is the day that began to soil their millennia old way of life..

The Commonwealth of Australia was signed into existence on January 1st, 1901, when the six colonies federated. Making January 1 Australia Day will cause much less offence to our Aborigines. It would be a better national day. But it's already a public holiday. Easily overcome - make December 31a public holiday as well.

**Part two.** In 1846, the bishops of the Australasian colonies chose Mary, Help of Christians (May 24) as our patron saint. It has never in my lifetime been a winner. What if the bishops at the Plenary Council chose Mary under another title to be our patron viz. Mary, mother of God. As it happens, The Feast of Mary, mother of God, is celebrated on January 1.

**Part three.** When the new Code of Church Law was promulgated in 1983, the bishops of Australia had to decide which days would be Holy days of Obligation for Australia. The bishops left the job to the Canon (= Church) lawyers. Christmas Day obviously was kept. The Ascension was transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. All Saints' Day was dropped. At least one of Our Lady's feasts had to be a Holy Day of Obligation. We had TWO - Mary Mother of God (January 1) and the Assumption (August 15). The Canon Lawyers decided for the bishops to keep the bleak wintry day (August 15) and to drop from the list Mary, Mother of God. All sorts of things would be enhanced if that decision were reversed. *Flags the priest*

**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

## WHAT A GOOD AUSTRALIA DAY MIGHT LOOK LIKE

There is really not much to say about Australia Day. Few people know exactly what it commemorates. Fewer would mind if it were moved, say, to a less holiday-rich time of the year; no one takes it seriously as an event, but everyone enjoys a day off work. And anyone who follows politics in January grows tired of politicians trying to reap electoral hay from the day with their pontificators and binders.

So rather than talk about the Australia Day that we have, let us reflect on what a good and engaging Australia Day might look like. In the first place, it would be a celebration, politician-free and corporation-free. Lots of local events, parades, barbies, parties, beach cricket, boules and volley ball games, exhibitions, skits, gigs, festivals and good conversations. None of them would bear a sponsor's name or badge; all would open with an acknowledgment of the traditional owners of land.

A good Australia Day would also be inclusive, encouraging each national community of origin, religious, political, and social group to open to others the gift of heritage that they make to Australia. The streets would be lined with stalls offering pie floaters, pasta, hallal and kosher meats, empanadas, fish chowder, boko-boko, rice, chicken korma, falafel wraps, noodles, pupusas, roti, risotto, kimchi, octopus curry, pork pies, bat soup and vegemite sandwiches.

And for sweets, of course pavlovas would be at hand with croissants, baklava, gelato, Anzac biscuits, banana sticky rice, Turkish delight and crostoli. And barristas would rove up and down the streets boasting beans borne from such fabled sources as Lilliput Valley and Brobdingnag Bluffs.

The sound of the didgeridoo would be heard throughout the land. On each street corners buskers would mark out their patch, playing violins, oud, piano accordion, berimbau, ukelele, cláirseach, nyatiti, cello, mouth organ, zither, anklung, daduk, grand piano or recorder singing the love songs and epic poems from the many civilisations that have enriched Australia.

Citizenship ceremonies would be held in municipal parks, attracting new citizens, families and well wishers. On participants' heads will be seen top hats, akoubras, hijab, baseball caps, turbans, yamakas, dreadlocks and shaved pates.

They would come dressed in suits and ties, kimonos, saris, beads and shawls, board shorts and t-shirts, knickerbockers, gakti, and crinolines. On those whose feet were shod would be lace-up shoes, clogs, boots, sandals, mukluk, runners, Ugg boots, slippers and thongs. During the ceremonies, in return for the gift that they and their heritage bring to Australia, the new citizens would receive an Australian shrub to plant and nurture.

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Australia Day would also allow people to hear of the events and people who made Australia, especially the



stories of the people who have lent their names to local streets and towns, and the back stories of all the national groups who have made and sought a home in Australia. It would highlight the catastrophic effects on the first Australians of colonial invasion through imported illnesses, war and dispossession, and the struggles of their descendants for recognition and justice. It would tell of the place of religious faith, ethnic background and of inherited wealth both in connecting and dividing people. It would honour the courage of people forced from their homes by war and poverty, who built a new life in Australia and contributed to Australian prosperity. It would include both the welcome they found in Australia and the prejudice and exclusion that they experienced at the hands of earlier arrivals and of governments. The telling of Australian history would be set within world history.

The day would also focus on great Australians — great in their humanity, their diversity, and in the gift they have been to the nation. They might include such groups as the Afghan camel drivers and Chinese market gardeners, and such individuals as William Barak, Mary Mackillop, Matthew Flinders, Weary Dunlop, Mary Gilmore, Mum Shirl and John Curtin.

Finally, of course, a good Australia Day would also need to find a place in the calendar suitable for bringing people together in celebration. Clearly the anniversary of European settlement and the beginnings of dispossession of the First Australians would not do. Its selection for Australia Day would be as partisan as it would be for a future united Ireland to tie its national day to the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne or of the Easter Uprising.

Perhaps the most appropriate date would be one on which nothing much had ever happened. The great good fortune of Australia since the initial invasion is to have been spared the wars, famines, civil strife and persecutions that have shaped the national days of other lands. A quiet day marked only by domestic histories would be suitable for exuberant celebration and honest reflection.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of *Eureka Street*.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor..."

LUKE 4:18

### SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1349.35	\$ 84.55	\$287.35
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$1353.00	\$265.00	\$496.00
Loose Plate	\$ 546.40	\$ 19.60	\$120.60
Monaghan Centre	\$ 157.00		
The Shared Table	\$ 247.75		

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

There will be no week-day Mass during the month of January.  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month Lay Led Liturgy will be replaced by Mass for January.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February. This is an important Meeting as final preparations for our Parish/School Gathering on February 14<sup>th</sup> will need to be finalised. Full attendance would be appreciated.

**PLENARY COUNCIL – Parish/School Gathering**  
**Please keep February 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 free** to attend this important event. This date was chosen purposely to coincide with the annual school Information Evening on which new families are welcomed and introduced to the school community which this year will include the whole parish community. Our school is a **Parish Primary School** and many of our parishioners attended that school but over the years have lost touch with the school community. This evening will be an opportunity to re-establish connections with our school and to meet the teachers, parents and students and enjoy a meal together and so help to build our Parish Family.



## NO CHANGE TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

**AUSTRALIA DAY**  
Today we will celebrate Australia Day.

**CUPPA & TRADING TABLE**  
Will be held after Mass today. Proceeds from today's Trading Table will go to Catholic Missions.



**LOVELY LENTEN LADIES AND LADS**  
If you would like to join the LLL&L Group an invitation is extended to all for an informal get-together at Di Eagles house on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am. Please bring a plate to share and for further information please contact Di Eagle on 5024 2667.

**BAPTISMS**  
We welcome into our Parish Community Capri Rose who will be baptised today.



**blind imprisoned poor oppressed**

He has anointed me  
to bring good news...

Luke 4:14-21

**exploited sick captives rejected**

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C / 2nd & 3rd February 2019

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19  
Responsorial: Ps 70:1-6, 15-17  
Response: I will sing of our salvation  
Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31—13:13  
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



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	Rosemary Barnes	Peter Maloney	Rosemarie Zalec	G McCracken	K Hawkes M Cavallaro/M Duck	Kevin Aston	
Music	M Guthrie / J Macri	Italian Choir	Lam Duy / J Ljubic J Macri		Guitar		
Offertory		Lyn & Colin Welsh			L Bugno	Vicki McCarthy	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Aidan Ban		
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Cora Howell	Mario Zema	R Barbary	Jamey Monteleone	Kay Wagner	
	Taiana Fatai	Narie Lewis	Josie Zema		Nathan Monteleone	Leon Wagner	
	Margaret McDonald	Renata Byra	Bernadette Avery		Kycen & Ellesciah		
	Paul Kerr	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Andrea Welsh		P Hunt		
	Anita Naray	Sonia Opie	Trish Cirillo		C Markham	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>	
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Philip Opie	Jeena Jose		M Matotek	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
		Catherine McErvale			<b>FLOWERS</b> Volunteers		
Counting Team	TEAM 1	GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918			F & M Dominelli		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	