

# 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: Scott Umback

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick & John Donnellon

Sunday 9am: Antunai Muthu (40 day Mass)

Sunday 5pm: Albino Dimasi (5yr anniversary), Giuseppina Caia (30 day mass & 90th birthday remembrance), Delia Cupello (1st year anniversary)

Tuesday 6pm: Betty Drewry (1st year anniversary)

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Diane Pickles

Anniversaries: Tom McGlashan, Hellen Flanagan

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Jean Blyth, Myrtle Clifford, 6<sup>th</sup> Peter Currie, 8<sup>th</sup> Vera Fletcher, 9<sup>th</sup> Antonio Palamara, Betty Fenna.

*(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

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

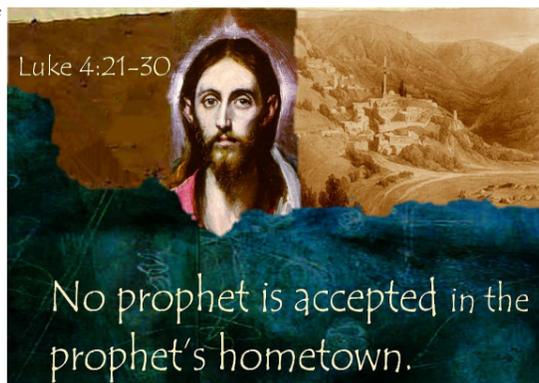
This week's gospel reading continues the story of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. At first he is universally accepted: the people of Nazareth marvel at the gracious words he utters. They identify him as Joseph's son. By the end of the story, however, these same people actually try to kill him. So, what happens in between to cause such a dramatic change of heart? These are religious people, not an unruly street mob. They are friends of the family. They are familiar with their sacred texts and traditions and presumably want to understand them more fully. In fact, they are like many of us who take time out on a weekly basis to come together for worship and prayer.

The people of Nazareth seem to be carrying a sense of exclusive entitlement to God's favour, as well as some deeply entrenched prejudices against the neighbouring Syrians and Phoenicians. Their history is largely one of conflict with neighbours, of struggle for survival, and some are unwilling to relinquish their unhealed local and ethnic grievances. This story is about power and control. When Jesus suggests that God's prophetic and healing power is accessible to and may even be more readily received among foreigners than within Israel, the anger of those who consider themselves "the chosen" knows no bounds: it spills over into violence. They have little patience with the implicit criticism of their attitudes to outsiders and the challenge of his prophetic words.

One of the problems with the narrative is that Jesus seems to be deliberately provoking a negative reaction. There are other problems as well: there is no cliff in Nazareth from which the enraged crowd could cast him to his death, and it is highly unlikely that people of this tiny town of two to four hundred Galilean Jews would resort to murdering one of their own for what they see as a verbal assault. So what is going on? It would seem that the gospel writer is putting elements of later stories about the violent treatment of Jesus and his followers into this episode in order to foreshadow what is to come.

The story thus becomes a microcosm of the gospel as a whole. When the message is comforting, the messenger is well received. When it is less palatable, the messenger is in danger of being attacked or manipulated, more often than not at the hands of people who are basically good people like us. Unchecked assumptions, deep-seated biases, and uncontrolled emotions will function to bring the anointed prophet of the God of Israel to a violent death. This story invites us to check our assumptions and our biases lest we turn to physical, verbal, or emotional violence in the face of a prophetic challenge.

Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

**RCIY**  
First meeting for Candidates and Parents—Tuesday 5th February, 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.

**RCIA 2018 –2019 Team Meeting**  
Thursday 7th February 7pm, Hillman Room.



**1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION & 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST 2019**  
Information Evening Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 7:00pm  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
All families of children in Grade 4 and above due to celebrate First Eucharist in June this year need to attend this evening. Further information regarding **the programs for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist** including Registration Forms can be obtained at the Sacred Heart Parish Office or through Sacred Heart and St. Pauls Primary Schools.



## Community Life & Outreach

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING**  
Tuesday 5th February, 9am at the Parish Office.

**ANOINTING MASS— Please note the change of day.**  
Wednesday 6th February 9.15am. All welcome.

**REGIS TENTH—AGED CARE SERVICE**  
Tuesday 5th February 2pm. All welcome.

**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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
**Slovenia**  
“Come—Everything Is Ready” - is the theme for 2019 and is based on the passage from Luke 14:15-24. At the core of the theme, an invitation—Come; and to enable the response—Everything is ready. Come to praise, thank and proclaim the kingdom of love. All are invited to join us in prayer for the needs of Slovenia and its people, on **Friday 1st March, 10am - Sacred Heart Catholic Church.**



**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.

**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.

### REGIONAL GATHERING

Our first quarterly meeting for 2019 with representatives of the Parishes of Mildura, Red Cliffs, Merbein & Ouyen will be held at this stage on **Sunday 24th February** at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Merbein following the **10.30am Mass**. Please bring a plate to share.



**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**Ash Wednesday March 6**  
**Mass times in coming weeks.**

### BLESSING OF THE RIVERS

**Saturday**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00pm**  
**Junction Park**  
**Wentworth**



### AN INVITATION

All denominations, all faith groups, Aboriginal and other Australian community groups and individuals, are invited to take a small bottle of water (preferably no plastic), for a Blessing of The Rivers ceremony, at the junction of the Murray-Darling rivers.

This action has no political organising body. It is a community action of good will, in good faith.

*Shane Howard*

**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: I will sing of your salvation.**

**SERVICE TO CHURCH, COMMUNITY RECOGNISED WITH HONOURS**

Dozens of people have been honoured with Australia Day Awards for their outstanding contribution to the country through their work in the Church's various ministries. Among the many recognised for their dedication to community were Catholic teachers, priests, religious women, health care workers and social service workers.

Speaking from Darwin on Sunday, Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley, who led the Dioceses of Port Pirie and Darwin, said he was surprised and "a bit overwhelmed" when told he would be made a Member of the Order of Australia, receiving an "AM" post-nominal.

Bishop Hurley said he had received an enormous number of congratulatory calls and was "humbled by the experience". "While it's an enormous honour, it is really an honour to all the people I have worked with over the last 54 years; it really belongs to all those people," he said. "It's been an enormous privilege to have walked with people from different backgrounds and so many cultures. I've learnt so much about myself.

"It seems to me that over time we can maybe get to know the face and maybe know the name, but I think until we know the story we never know the other person. And that's been a great privilege of mine – to have shared so many stories of people's lives, from asylum-seekers to refugees to people in prison and to our Indigenous brothers and sisters, as well as all the families that I have been privileged to have been a part of."

Bishop Hurley was ordained a priest in 1964 and was a bishop for 20 years until his retirement last year. He spent the past 11 years as Bishop of Darwin and has "retired" to Darwin where he is assisting his successor, Bishop Charles Gauci, as he settles into his role. "It's terrific with the new Bishop. We are working together and it is a really lovely way to transition for him and me," he said.

In New South Wales, Fr Kevin Bates SM, parish priest of Hunters Hill, has been recognised for his prolific creation of musical works, as a hymn- and school-song-writer for Australian parishes, schools and retreats.

The Holy Name of Mary parish priest for the past 11 years said receiving the letter announcing he was to receive a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the Church had been a huge surprise leaving him "astonished and honoured". "I had no idea; it's something that I would not have expected at all. The letter asked if I would accept or reject it, and given all the bad press that we are getting in the Church and all the tough times, I thought by accepting it, it might bring people a little bit of joy and lift their spirits."

Originally from Geelong, Fr Bates said upon officially hearing about the recognition, one of his sisters had kindly "plastered it on Facebook" and since then he had received a constant stream of congratulatory messages from parishioners and old friends via Facebook and text. Over the years the accomplished keyboard, guitar and flute player and priest of 47 years has written numerous songs for different prayer groups – so many pieces that he has lost count. "I wouldn't have a clue how many I've written – stacks. You can connect with all ages with music. Music is everyone's language. "Music has been a part of my life all my life. I've

recorded 13 albums. My music has been woven into my ministries."

In Wollongong, Sr Rita Ann Fitt SGS has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her services to secondary education.

The family liaison coordinator for St Mary Star of the Sea College in Wollongong has been leading the school's ministry of compassion, being available to students and their families in good times, but particularly in times of need, working alongside school counsellors and psychologists, as well as with the parents and friends group.

"It (the award) came as a shock I must admit – it's a great privilege and I'm delighted to receive it on behalf of the College and all of my colleagues at work. I'm very aware of all the great work that all my colleagues do and any one of them could have received it," she said.

Sr Rita, 77, has spent the past 56 years in various ministries and 15 in her current role, which she describes as a "joy", connecting college to home. "It's all about people and being there in their time of need, to visit in all times of sickness or death. That has been a real joy to go out and be a compassionate, loving support for families. It makes a big difference to the girls in the college. "It's simple ministry. It's about people first."

Sr Rita, who intends to retire from her role at the end of this year, said receiving the award had made her realise that wherever she had been as part of her mission as a Good Samaritan Sister, compassion was key.

Meanwhile, Marist Father Paul Pidcock, has received a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the Catholic Church. Fr Pidcock, who was a part of life at St John's College Woodlawn in Lismore for 55 years until his retirement last year, said he saw the award as a way of affirming the work of teachers and educators.

As a former St John's College Woodlawn student himself, Fr Pidcock was one of seven students in his senior class to join the priesthood. Since then, he has fulfilled several roles as chaplain, member of the college executive council, bursar, teacher, social outreach organiser and prison chaplain at Grafton.

During the past 55 years, Fr Pidcock said the college has seen enormous changes. "With the Second Vatican Council and going from an all-boys boarding college to a co-ed systemic day school, those changes have gone very well," he said. "I've really loved my work and it's been a great joy to work with all the students. The students have been very generous – especially in their volunteering work with St Vincent de Paul and donating blood for Red Cross."

Fr Pidcock, who has now retired to Sydney, also taught at Marist College in Burnie, Tasmania. He is a current committee member of the Father Tony Glynn Australia-Japan Centre at Southern Cross University. "I'm very happy to receive it," he said of the award. "I've just had a pretty normal life being involved with education."

**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.



**SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE**

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1404.70</b>	<b>\$179.15</b>	<b>\$255.95</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b> (includes all EFT)	<b>\$3239.25</b>	<b>\$229.00</b>	<b>\$382.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 597.80</b>	<b>\$ 30.75</b>	<b>\$ 41.50</b>
<b>Monaghan Centre</b>	<b>\$ 157.00</b>		
<b>The Shared Table</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>		

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

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Beginning of Year School Mass will be held on Thursday 7th February at 9.15am. All welcome

**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.

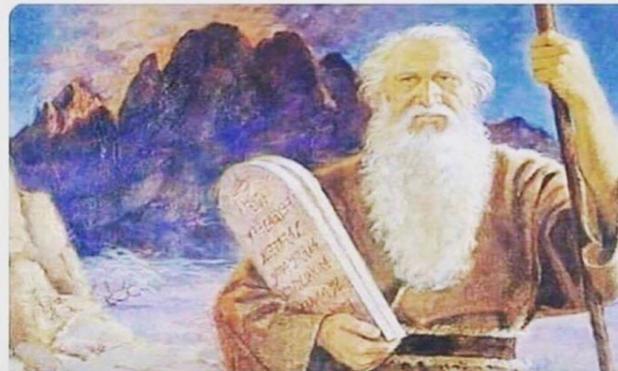
**LAUDATO SI' REFLECTION**  
*"The earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor she groans in travail. This is reflected in the symptoms of the sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life."* In response to this quote from Pope Francis you are invited to a **Blessing of the Rivers** on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the meeting of the Rivers, Junction Park, Wentworth, NSW. For further details see church and school Notice Board.

## SCRIPTURES AT 9.30AM EACH DAY THIS WEEK

**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 4th February at 10.30am. Please bring a plate to share and for further information please contact Di Eagle on 5024 2667.

**POPE AMONG MOSLEMS**  
800 years ago this year Francis of Assisi journeyed to Egypt to visit the Sultan, the head of Sunni Islam. This weekend, Pope Francis is visiting the United Arab Emirates. They are a million Christians in the YUAE, nearly all of them guest workers. Pope Francis will participate in an inter-religious dialogue. Later in February, he is to visit Morocco.

So technically Moses is the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C / 9th & 10th February 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Responsorial: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8  
Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.  
Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



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	Anita Naray	Phil Opie	Sue Hermans	J Keamey	T Lewis D Eagle / T Gardiner	Vernon Knight	
Music	Filipino Community M Issanchon	M Guthrie All Welcome	NO MUSIC		Guitar		
Offertory		Jim O Donnell			Cameron Family	Besgrove Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Gabriella Strangio		
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Elvira Mazza	Clem Carlucci	M Jensen	Sebastian Morello	Pat Sylvia	
	Christine Carmichael	Jill Joslyn	Vittorio Carlucci		Jessica Bertoli	Annette Lemon	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Lisa Cirillo	Christine Slattery		Tenzin Bertoli		
	Jacinda Deacon	Laurie Fry	Jacinta Macri		M Monteleone		
	Katy Quinlan	Judy Webster	Paula Cox		N Morello	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Volunteers	
	Vince Pileggi	Jean Rocca	Jennifer Boord		S Orr		
		Bobby Castillo				FLOWERS Volunteers	
Counting Team	TEAM 2	JOE DE JONG 5023 7802			F & M Dominelli		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Group 3	As per arrangement	