

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

WERRIMULL 11:00AM (LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

MILDURA

Recent Deaths:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Giuseppe Mamone (1yr anniversary)
 Sunday 5pm: Leo Timpano, Natale Mamone, Emma Deluca, Sino Kurian
 Friday 5.40pm: Nicola Alicastro—30 day Mass,
 Dr Joseph Scopelliti

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone,
 Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone, Giuseppe D'Anna

MERBEIN

Recent Death: Fr Denis Edwards (Adelaide)

Anniversaries: March 13th Mary Week; 15th Ilario Mazza, Keith
 Flenley.

(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

1st Sunday of Lent / Year C 9th & 10th March 2019

Lent is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the "wilderness" or "desert place" and grappling with the mysteries of life. While deserts are often depicted as uninhabited or desolate regions, anyone who has spent time in such places knows that the desert supports a rich diversity of other-than-human life. Human retreat to the wilderness can be an opportunity to encounter God in the unfamiliar and to understand oneself in relation to the other-than-human. It can reveal to us our capacities for right relationship with God, with each other, and with the Earth. Right relationship resides in "power-with" rather than "power-over".

In Israel's story, the wilderness is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness...testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deuteronomy 8:2). Jesus is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many human beings before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the Greek *peirazein* than the usual "tempted"].

The three-fold drama of the testing of Jesus in the wilderness is about the proper exercise of power and about trust in a loving God. In refusing to turn the stones of the wilderness into bread in order to satisfy his own hunger, the Lukan Jesus demonstrates that he is not prepared to exercise power over the other-than-human Earth, even if he had the capacity to work such magic. By refusing to accept the "glory of all the kingdoms of the world", he shows that power over the human communities of the Earth is not "of God" and that worship belongs to God alone. Finally, in refusing to cast himself from the parapet of Israel's holiest shrine, the Jerusalem Temple, he makes it clear that he is not prepared to test the power of God to rescue him from a self-inflicted death or to use God's holy place to such ends. The Lukan Jesus passes the tests that the people Israel failed in the wilderness of Sinai. Adelaide priest, Michael Trainor, in a wonderfully sensitive reading of Luke's gospel, detects three ecological ethical principles in today's gospel reading: 1) Earth is to be cared for and treated respectfully, not ravaged through greed; 2) All ecological and environmental engagement is grounded in and enhanced by one's communion with God; and 3) Earth's resources are to be respected by all and not usurped as a means of power and control by one over another (*About Earth's Child* 2012, pages 107-109). These principles derive from the story as a whole with its three-fold testing and from Jesus' three-fold response to these tests.

THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

[LUKE 4:1-13]

Veronica Lawson rsm



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Evie Brice, Nicholas Caminiti & Emilia Nocera whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate Nicholas Atkinson & Anna Buffon who were married this weekend.

RCIY

Weekly program —Thursday 14th March from 3.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

RCIA 2018 –2019

Eucharist

Thursday 14th 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

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Monthly meeting will be held Monday 11th March 2019, 7.30pm, KSC Clubroom.

SACRED HEART FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 12th March 7.30am, Parish Office.

PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 12th March 10am. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH SOCIAL LADIES GROUP

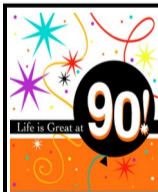
Will meet on Tuesday 12th March 2pm, Hillman room. All welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Will be held after the 6pm Mass on Tuesday 12th March, in the Hillman room.

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.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

After the 9am Mass today, we will be having a shared cuppa in the Monaghan Centre, to celebrate the 90th birthdays this month of two of our faithful parishioners, Dien Brown and Margot Zsiga. Please stay to join in and wish them well.

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: Fr Patrick Flanagan, Max Slatter, 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

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.

OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Can you hold your applause for another 10 years? If you are interested in a 12 day tour visiting UK, Italy and Oberammergau—12 days travelling from **Wednesday 24th June to Sunday 5th July, 2020.** Please contact Maureen Smith 0408 147 382.

Community Life & Outreach



SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA

after the 9am Mass this Sunday

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.

CUPPA

All are invited to stay on for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday for: **Community & Conversation.** All most welcome.

MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances

Stations of the Cross

Friday from 6.30pm Tongan Community
All welcome.

Lenten Communal celebration of Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, 10th April, 6pm. All welcome.



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.

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.



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

PRAYERS OF CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION

Eureka Street 06 March 2019

Novelist E. M. Forster famously instructed people to 'only connect'. These days most of us spend large parts of our lives in an effort to obey him, but in ways he never dreamed of. He would be mightily amazed to know that many people have to make a conscious and disciplined effort to do without their iPhones for a day, let alone for a longer period.

I've recently been reading, however, about people who disconnect in radical ways, or else manage a balancing act between connection with society and disconnection. The recently deceased Sister Wendy Beckett was one such. From 1970 onwards, she lived in a caravan at the enclosed Carmelite monastery at Quidenham in Norfolk. Solitude and contemplation were the main focuses of her life, but she was also possessed of a formidable intellect and a passionate interest in art.

It was super-cook and devout Catholic Delia Smith who discovered her art notes and made sure the *Catholic Herald* knew about them. From there the BBC took an interest, and Sister Wendy became a star presenter of masterpieces and lesser-known works. She was also a natural for the telly: One-take Wendy, they called her.

But she always believed her time was for God, so her usual routine consisted of a 6pm bedtime, so she could wake at 1am, which she considered the best time for prayer and contemplation. She also believed that God is 'a total mystery'.

Contemporary with Sister Wendy is Brother Harold Palmer, who has lived on a hill in Northumberland, known as Shepherd's Law, since 1971. Like Sister Wendy, Brother Harold began his seclusion in a caravan; since then, however, donations have enabled the building of four monastic cells and a church. Nor has Brother Harold completely withdrawn from society, as he has visitors every couple of weeks and also possesses a mobile phone.

But it is a hard life, contending with the bitter winters and engaging in spiritual warfare, which he says he often feels as a heavy weight that he simply keeps carrying.

Brother Harold began his formal religious life as an Anglican friar, but converted to Catholicism in the 1990s. For many years his aim has been to heal the divisions in Christianity: he sees himself as sitting on the divide between Catholic and Anglican. Healing can take place, he believes, through prayer, and so he spends many hours both by day and by night in the recitation of offices, which are a combination of Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox prayers.

This dedicated man has influenced many people, including Father George Guivre, for 15 years Superior of the Anglican Community of the Resurrection, which was established in West Yorkshire in 1892. He says he owes the writing of his book, *Company of Voices*, to the example of Brother Harold, who taught him that prayer didn't necessarily have to be a personal, emotional experience: it is simply work, in that you keep on at the daily services regardless of your inclination. The discipline, he argues, eventually sets you free.

Sometimes just listening is a discipline as well. 'A Prayer of Intercession that lasts 35 minutes is simply too much for

flesh and blood to endure,' complained my paternal grandfather of an enthusiastic Presbyterian minister;

much later I heard a devout Anglican thank God that her flock was spared the practice of extemporaneous prayer. My radically evangelical maternal grandmother attended a prayer meeting twice a week for many years, little caring that my mother writhed with embarrassment every time Nana prayed aloud.

As well as intercession there are other kinds of prayer, of course: praise, blessing, thanksgiving, and petition. And I suppose prayer means different things to different people. Although I was brought up to say my prayers at bedtime, I no longer do this in any formal way. Instead I go through a kind of mental checklist: children, grandchildren, other family, friends, especially those with problems of any kind, the world.

Recently certain politicians have joined this list, for I devoutly wish they would mend their ways. The irony is that several of them claim to be practising Christians, but their actions and their lack of compassion suggest they have become disconnected from both God and humanity. They, of all people, need to think on the examples of Sister Wendy and Brother Harold.

Gillian Bouras is an expatriate Australian writer who has written several books, stories and articles, many of them dealing with her experiences as an Australian woman in Greece.



Enrol now for 2020

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MILDURA

OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019 | 4PM-7PM

MERCY CAMPUS TOURS
CNR RIVERSIDE AVENUE & ELEVENTH STREET

ENRIGHT CAMPUS TOURS
154 TWELFTH STREET

PLEASE REPORT TO RECEPTION ON ARRIVAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE
ON 5018 8000 OR EMAIL: taston@sjcnda.vic.edu.au

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PROJECT COMPASSION FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10th March 2019

Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1242.10	\$ 97.95	\$272.05
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2123.00	\$214.00	\$243.00
Loose Plate	\$ 658.25	\$ 20.05	\$ 48.05

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

LENTEN PROGRAM

Ecumenical Group will continue to meet each Monday night at Parish House at 7.30pm. The Program will also be offered on Thursday morning after Parish Mass. All welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Lent is a time to reflect on our faith and values such as love, generosity, peace and justice. Everyone is invited to pick up envelopes and join in the journey for Project Compassion. Caritas Australia is the major fund-raising body of the Catholic Church and monies raised through Project Compassion are used to help people, in the poorest of countries, to help themselves. **Please be generous in your giving this year.**

SCHOOL NEWS

The Easter Raffle is one of the major fund-raising events for the school. Tickets are available on the table at the back of the church. Please show your support for our school by buying a ticket.

There have been major works taking place on improvements to the School Playground. The senior section is almost completed and the junior section is not far behind. Inspection is most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be our usual monthly meeting immediately after Mass today. An important agenda item will be the Child Safe Audit in May, especially 'Working With Children' checks.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Please make sure you collect your copy today and if you know of someone who no longer is able to come to Mass please reach out to them and drop in a copy – an excuse for a chat!

NO CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK EXCEPT FOR MONDAY'S MASS AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH.

MONTH'S MIND MASSES

30th Day Mass for Vittoria Pezzaniti Wednesday evening, March 13 at 7.00 pm.

Red Cliffs will celebrate St Patrick's Day on Saturday March 16th at 9.30am.

Sunday March 17th will be 2nd Sunday of Lent.

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 and **NO ALLELUIAS.**

LENT 2019

Envelopes and boxes for Project Compassion are available today. The slogan for this year is GIVE LENT 100%.

LLL&L GROUP

Will have their second Lenten Group session —Trust 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 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C / 16th & 17th March 2019

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Responsorial: Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14
Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-41
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36



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	Talia Fainga'anuku	Barbara Bunting	M Hoy	J Cameron M Bell / J Cameron	Elena Nemtsas	March 31st
Music	M Sullivan Singing Group	Tongan Choir	Lam Duy J Ljubic		Guitar		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
Offertory		Mary Gobbo			M Matotek	Nemtsas Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Aidan Ban	Volunteer Please	April 28th
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Phillip Opie	Jennifer Boord	J Kearney	Jamey Monteleone	Vi Barling	Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Taiana Fatai	Catherine McErvale	Reni Cheriyan		Kycen Romeo	Margo Farnsworth	
	Margaret McDonald	Elvira mazza	Wendy Finn		Ellesciah Romeo		May 26th
	Paul Kerr	Jill Joslyn	Tony Finn		M Dominelli		Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Anita Naray	Lisa Cirillo	Melanie Ransome		D Eagle	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Laurie Fry	Bill Dolence		T Gardiner	Pat Sylvia	June 30th
		Judy Webster			FLOWERS Volunteers		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
Counting Team	TEAM 6	HELEN KAY 0429 135 053			M Adams/L Mayes		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Group 4	As per arrangement	