

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: Rowena Thorpe, Edward Carmody (Leongatha)
 ANNIVERSARIES:
 Saturday 6pm: Maria Piscioneri (1yr anniversary), Andrew & Mary Matulin
 Sunday 9am:
 Sunday 5pm: Cath Groves Byrne, Nadia Wolczek, Anna Pytel, Murray Surace (25yr anniversary), Sarah Leonardis
 Friday 5.40pm: Victor Prasad

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Mary O'Leary
 Anniversaries: Angela Gilardi (30 day Mass), Dominic Circosta

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: January 20th Guiseppe Manno, 21st Steve Panuccio, 24th George Russell, 25th Joseph Olden.

(Only immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)

Our Parish Schools

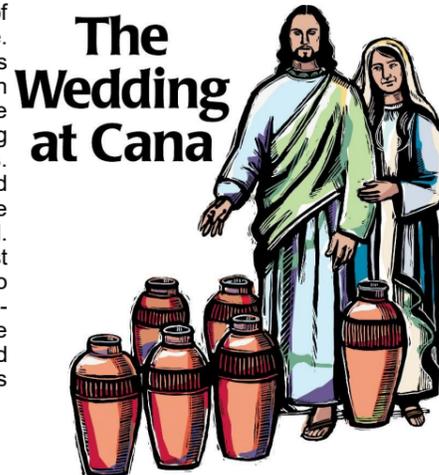
Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204
 St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567
 OLSH Merbein Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258
 St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Principal: Mark Gibson 5024 1654
 St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura
 Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 19th & 20th January 2019

Today's liturgy invites us to take a detour into the Fourth Gospel and into a marriage scene that the evangelist John places at the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry. Marriage imagery appears from time to time in Israel's prophetic tradition, sometimes in quite confronting or alienating ways, especially in Hosea where God is imaged as male and Israel as God's faithless female spouse. In the first reading from the post-exilic prophecy of Third Isaiah, Jerusalem is the bride, once alienated from God and then fully reconciled with and embraced by God who is named as its "builder". Imaging God, who is neither male nor female, as faithful male and Earth or any facet of the Earth community as unfaithful female is problematic and calls for our critique.

The link between the Isaian passage and the marriage at Cana is fairly tenuous, although the juxtaposition of the two readings in the context of today's liturgy invites us to consider the intimate relationship that our Earth and its inhabitants enjoy with God, its "builder" or creator. God's delight is in Earth and in the Earth community, not simply in one city and one people of the Earth. The focus in the gospel story is less on the marriage, however, than on the symbolism of the abundance of wine at the marriage feast. The 8th century BCE prophet Amos had looked to a future time when the mountains would drip sweet wine, and the hills flow with it, a time when God would restore the fortunes of God's people (Amos 9:13-15). An abundance of good food and the best of wines is the image of future salvation deployed by another 8th century prophet, Isaiah (Isaiah 25). Today's gospel suggests that these prophetic dreams come to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. Those who listen to his word and follow his instructions become agents of an extraordinary transformation. This "sign" reminds us to rejoice in the life-giving nourishment we receive every day from the God-given fruits of the earth.

The mother of Jesus features significantly in the Cana story. She is attentive to the integrity of the celebration and lets her son know when the wine gives out. This provides the opportunity for Jesus to speak of his "hour": it has not yet come. Jesus addresses his mother as "Woman". He will address her in precisely the same way when the "hour" of his death and handing over of the Spirit finally comes. This "woman" believes in him and invites the servants at the marriage feast to obey his word. While Jesus performs this first "sign" that leads his disciples to faith, the role played by this faith-filled woman casts her in the role of "witness to the light" and proclaimer of the Word that brings life.



Veronica Lawson rsm

Sacred Heart Mildura

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

Australia Day Mass
Saturday 26th of January 9:30am

REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

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



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 23rd January 7.30pm,
Monaghan Centre—Sacred Heart Church.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2019 TRUST

If you would like to order a book/s for Lent, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Thursday 24th January. Order will be processed on Friday.

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

If you are wanting to organise/host or be part of a group please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office.



WANTED:

COLES MINI SHOP COLLECTABLES

If you have any Coles Mini shop collectables and you no longer want them I am looking for as many as I can get to use with my VCE Accounting students in 2019. Please drop them in at the College front office. They do not need to be completed sets. I will take as many as you have. So if your children have lost interest in them, I will put them to good use. Thanks Paula Cox SJC



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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS MUST BE FREE TO TEACH THEIR DOCTRINE

A Christian school must be guaranteed the freedom to teach what Jesus taught – respectfully, reasonably and counter culturally – writes **Fr Frank Brennan SJ**. Source: *Eureka Street*.

When Parliament resumes next month, one outstanding item of business will be Senator Penny Wong's private member's bill dealing with the ability of religious schools to "discriminate" against students on sexuality on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. Next Monday is the last day for the receipt of submissions to the parliamentary committee considering the bill.



I support Wong's bill subject to one proviso. I agree with her that religious schools should not be able to discriminate against students on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

But I think religious schools should remain free to teach their doctrine respectfully and reasonably. And the law should make that perfectly clear. We all need to concede that some religious teachings can be confronting and upsetting. But it is not for the state to rewrite the Bible or Koran.

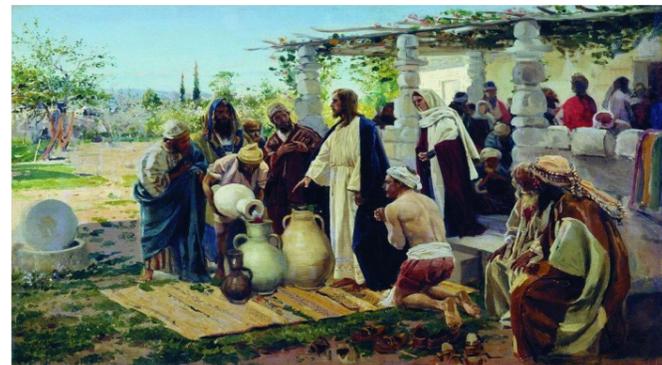
Let's consider an example that has nothing to do with sexuality. Jesus was fearless in his condemnation of wealth: "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Church schools have to remain free to teach this doctrine even to the wealthiest children privileged to attend private schools with high fees. This doctrine can be taught respectfully and reasonably even though it is in stark contrast to the lifestyle of many of these students and their families.

So too, the teaching of Jesus about marriage and divorce. Yes, there is a large number of students from blended families who have experienced divorce, and there will be an increasing number of students from families with same sex married parents. Jesus' teaching on divorce has been countercultural for a long time; so now, his teaching on marriage.

A Christian school must be guaranteed the freedom to teach what Jesus taught, respectfully, reasonably and counterculturally – respectfully because the dignity of all persons must be affirmed, reasonably because a school has a fundamental educational purpose, and counterculturally because many of the things Jesus taught will never appear in the political manifestos of the Liberal Party or the Labor Party.

(Religious freedom in schools Eureka Street)



This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

THE DARLING'S DEAD FISH OF LATE CAPITALISM

[Humans of Late Capitalism](#) (HOLC) is a social media account that plays on the massively popular [Humans of New York](#) (HONY) phenomenon to starkly highlight the reality of what it is like to live on our planet today. Its darkly humorous images serve as an ironic critique of our society and, particularly, our economic system.

Over the last few weeks, Australia has produced two symbolic images that fit well into the HOLC narrative: a [massive fish kill in Menindee lakes on the Darling River and Walgett](#), the town with two rivers and no water.

Water is critical to life on this planet. And yet clean water supplies are dwindling due to the impact of human activity, while demand continues to increase. The [United Nations](#) has estimated that 'by 2050, at least one-in-four people is likely to live in countries affected by chronic or recurring shortages of freshwater'.

It is certainly true that population growth and drought (partly caused by climate change) have contributed to this problem, but there is actually plenty of water to meet all of our needs. The main issues we have are systematic inequality of access and a (related) pattern of terrible regulation.

Poor regulation of water has long been an issue, but in the 1990s there was a strong global push for water governance reform through liberalisation. Australia introduced market-based water governance reforms in 1994, when the Council of Australian Governments agreed to unbundle water rights from land in order to enable them to be traded separately on the market. The stated theory behind this approach was that the market would enable water to be valued 'appropriately' and this would increase efficiency and reduce water waste.

A key benefit asserted to justify treating water as an economic good is that the market will encourage 'high-value' water use to be prioritised. But, as the fish of the Darling River and the people of Walgett are experiencing this summer, the problem with commodifying water is that its social and environment values are not naturally reflected in the market.

While industry may place a high economic value on water and be willing (and able) to pay for it, the rest of us (including the fish and the river itself) cannot compete.

Chile was a pioneer in these water governance reforms and introduced water markets in the early 1980s. In a 2006 review of the effects, [UNDP](#) found these reforms 'predictably gave rise to speculation and water monopolies' and that as a result 'water rights have become more concentrated in the hands of large commercial farmers and urban water traders'. They found a similar problem with the environment, as 'water scarcity prices did not reflect the costs of environmental damage related to overuse for a familiar reason: environmental externalities are not adequately priced in free markets'.

Research has found a similar pattern in Australia, with water trading widening the gap between small- and large-scale farmers and resulting in less water being allocated to the environment.

The results experienced in Australia and Chile are often described as 'market distortions', but closer examination reveals that the market is largely operating as intended.

David Harvey calls this process 'accumulation by dispossession' and that is an accurate description of what has happened to water in Australia.

When asked about the recent fish deaths in Menindee lakes, Federal Agriculture Minister David Littleproud [blamed the drought](#). But the Darling River and Walgett's Barwon River have not run dry due to drought alone. [Excessive upstream diversions](#) have been a major factor. And where does this diverted water go? 'High value' uses such as massive corporate [cotton farms](#).

When it was put to Minister Littleproud that these irrigators have been diverting too much water, he responded, '[No one is taking more than they deserve](#).'

And there you have it. Water markets were never intended to ensure sustainability or equity. The commodification of water has always been designed to enable the (economically) 'deserving' to accumulate water rights at the expense of everyone else — including the environment. And now we humans of late capitalism are reaping what our political masters have sown: a world without water.

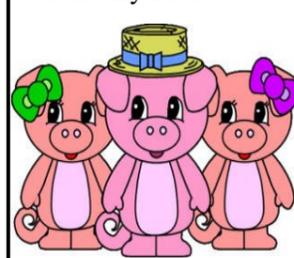
I wonder what kind of ironic images we can post to Instagram about this?

Dr Cristy Clark is a lecturer at the Southern Cross University School of Law and Justice. Her research focuses on the intersection of human rights, neoliberalism, activism and the environment, and particularly on the human right to water.



THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

One day a first grade teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home. She read, "...and so the pig went up to the name with the wheel barrow full of straw and said, "Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?"



The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that man said?" One little boy raised his hand and said, "I think he said 'Holy Sh*t! A talking pig!'"

The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1289.45	\$ 81.05	\$214.60
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$1521.60	\$234.00	\$896.00
Loose Plate	\$ 691.25	\$ 42.10	\$ 174.85

FROM WATER INTO WINE

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 4th Sunday of the month Lay Led Liturgy will be replaced by Mass for January.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

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 52nd 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.*

I am the Bride
that God
rejoices over

Isaiah 62:5

NO CHANGE TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

AUSTRALIA DAY

As usual, St Joseph's Parish, Red Cliffs, will celebrate the Australia Day on the Sunday 27th January 10am.

CUPPA & TRADING TABLE

Will be held after Mass next Sunday.
Don't forget to bring items for the Trading Table.
A huge thank you to those who have kindly offered to help organise this monthly event. If you are still wanting to help out in some way please contact Di Eagle on 5024 2667.

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.

This, the first of his signs,
Jesus did at Cana in Galilee,
and manifested his glory.
And his disciples
believed in him.
John 2:11



PLENARY COUNCIL

Ash Wednesday, March 6, is the cut-off point for receiving submissions for the Council's Agenda. Straight after Mass on Sunday, February 3, those who wish to give of their wisdom can sit down with us to a cuppa and a simple biscuit (top quality, supplied by me) and we'll talk and listen to one another and see what we come up with. I will send any resulting submissions to the Council on our behalf. Flags the Priest

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

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

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
Responsorial: Ps 18:8-10, 15
Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



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	Peter Issanchon	Peter Hammond	P Riordan	D Eagle M Bell / J Cameron	Elvira Iamariino	
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	SH Choir M Fainga'anuku	Youth Group M Sullivan		Tongan Choir		
Offertory	Baptism	Baptism			G Brizzi	Lemon Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Ella Briggs	Volunteer please	
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Katrina groves	D Knight	Katie Hawkes	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Christine Carmichael	Maria Scopacasa	Judy Hall		Christian Marcuzzo	Margo Farnsworth	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Susan Lewis	Myrna Rodi		Kycen & Ellesciah Romeo		
	Jacinda Deacon	Minda Wright	Maree Irvin				
	Katy Quinlan	Rose Op't Hoog	Sue Hermans			CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Rini Op't Hoog	Naomi Kennedy			Kay Wagner Val McCarthy	
		Volunteer please			FLOWERS Volunteers		
Counting Team	TEAM 10	BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099			G & S Warman		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Cleaners	As per arrangement	