

# 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: Stefano Mazzeo, Gilia Dichiera, Larry Dichiera

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am: Michael James McGlashan, Lawrence Naray, Mary O'Bryan, Walter Joyce, Frank De Maria  
 Sunday 5pm: Domenico Ficarra, Lawrence Naray  
 Tuesday 6pm: Ilario Dichiera

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Thomas Smith  
 Anniversaries:

### MERBEIN

Recent Death: Larry Dichiera  
 Anniversaries: March 17<sup>th</sup> Cassie Weinert, 18<sup>th</sup> Frank Lowry, Eva Matotek

*(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 of Lent / Year C 16th & 17th March 2019

Last week, the wilderness was a character in the gospel reading. This week, we find a mountain and a cloud featuring in the narrative. These other-than-human characters and the prophets of old (Moses and Elijah) link Luke's story of Jesus to the Israelites' covenant relationship with God. Wilderness, mountain and cloud also remind us that God's Earth is the locus of mystery where human and other-than-human Earth beings are transformed through encounter with the divine. The current ABC series *The Magical Land of Oz* is yet another reminder of this.

For Jesus, the mountain is already a place of encounter with God, a place of prayer. Luke has Jesus spending a night in prayer on an unidentified mountain before he chooses the Twelve. Jesus now takes three of his closest friends up another unidentified mountain where the aspect of his face changes and his clothing becomes dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, "appear" and enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet.

This episode seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he accepts his likely fate: if he continues to challenge oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with this realisation in the wilderness and comes to terms with what it involves on the mountain. The voice of God reaffirms the identity of Jesus and calls for a response: "Listen to him". These words are reminiscent of Moses' instruction to the Israelites: "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet" (Deut 18:15). For Luke, Jesus is the prophet-like-Moses whom they must heed. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" and settle down. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. The tents evoke once more the Israelites' wanderings in the wilderness.

Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of glory. We also need the good sense to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we sometimes experience. If we are to hear the prophet-like-Moses in our times, we have to come to terms with the personal costs involved. Some of us actually need to go alone or together to a mountain top or place of extraordinary beauty to discover again the strength that comes from encountering the divine. I grew up in the shadow of Mt Macedon. I once climbed within view of Everest. Every now and then, I climb Mt Buninyong. At such times, I know the wonder of God revealed in the beauty of the earth itself even as I sense its fragility and susceptibility to destruction.

Veronica Lawson rsm

### PLEASE NOTE:-

**NO Mass Wednesday 20th March**  
**Thursday: 5.40pm instead of 9.15am**

# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

**RCIY**  
Weekly program—Thursday 21st March from 3.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

**RCIA 2018 –2019**  
**The Structure of the Mass**  
Thursday 21st 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.



## Community Life & Outreach

**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.

**OASIS AGED CARE MASS**  
Will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 10.30am. All welcome.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY GATHERING**  
After the 9am Mass this Sunday 17th March, a brunch will be supplied from the Monaghan Centre. Entertainment courtesy from the Irish Dancers with Recorders in Company plus more. All most 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.

**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 held on Wednesday, 10th April, 6pm. All welcome.**



**THANK YOU**  
Dien Brown & Margot Zsiga would like to take this opportunity in thanking you all for your kind words and birthday wishes last Sunday. Special thanks to Fr Michael, Christine Slattery and Barbara Bunting

### 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:** Martin Rogers, Anne-Maree, Whitechurch, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

**Red Cliffs:** Maureen Lee, 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.



### FR ROJAN—BURONGA CHURCH

Fr Rojan—Vincentian priest will once again be in the region from Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April at St Michael's Church Buronga from 6pm—9pm where he will be reciting the Rosary, followed by Holy Mass, Adoration and Healing Prayers. All welcome.

### MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

**Holy Thursday April 18:** 7pm-Mildura & Red Cliffs

**Good Friday April 19:** Way of the Cross 10.30am  
Ceremony 3:00pm-Mildura & Red Cliffs

**Easter Vigil Saturday April 20:** 6.30pm Red Cliffs  
7.30pm Mildura

**Easter Sunday April 21:** 8.30am Irymple  
8am and 10am Mildura  
(no 5pm)  
10am—Red Cliff  
10.30am—Merbein  
12noon—Werrimull



**PROJECT COMPASSION**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
17th March 2019



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.**

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



**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**MURPHY'S LAW:  
THE PM ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

Two rules of thumb came to mind when surveying Prime Minister Morrison's recent excursion to Christmas Island: Murphy's Law and 'Those whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad'.

It was clearly choreographed as part of the pre-election opera to draw public attention to the dramatic act of a strong leader who is prepared to stop boats and keep out asylum seekers. But it was supplanted even on the front page of the Coalition-friendly *Australian* by the story of a National Party insurgency in Queensland.

To add insult to injury, the accompanying photograph showed the Prime Minister enjoying the sunshine on the pier more like a genial American tourist than the Australian Master and Commander. Meanwhile the commentary in the Melbourne *Age* focused its attention on the cost to the taxpayer of the plane that carried Morrison there.

The story told by Morrison at his news conference contained nothing new. In it he claimed that the Medevac Bill, supported by the Labor Party, presents grave dangers to Australia in allowing a host of refugees to come to the Australian mainland. The peril lies in the encouragement given to people smugglers and Australian refugee advocates, and in the likely presence of a number of lawbreakers and possible terrorists among the people transferred.

The Prime Minister expanded on this theme, again in practiced lines. The main reason why many people may come to Christmas Island for treatment is that refugee advocates help them game the system by inventing symptoms and so on. Many of them have a record of unspecified criminal behaviour and so pose a risk to Australian society and the institutions to which they are sent.

If they come to Australia they are enabled to 'get their hooks into the Australian legal system' and so doing might thwart or delay the government's decision to send them back to Nauru. To prevent this from happening, the government has committed many millions of dollars to send a large medical team to Christmas Island, including more than 30 mental health experts, and to build secure riot-proof accommodation to hold people sent there. All this will deter people smugglers and guarantee Australia's territorial integrity.

So far this pitch has failed to excite the punters. Even the mainstream media have drawn attention to the evident inconsistencies in it. If, on examination on Christmas Island, people transferred there proved to need care available only on the mainland, they would have to be sent there anyway. To broadcast fear that Australia's defences against people smugglers are breached would seem to be the best way to encourage them; similarly, to build a centre on Christmas Island, so close to Indonesia, would seem an odd form of deterrence to people smugglers.

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It seems hardly reasonable to panic about the damage a handful of potential criminals among the people transferred might do, when set alongside the far, far larger number of people who appeal for protection after arriving by air. In the light of these and other considerations, the developing consensus is that Morrison's Christmas Island dalliance is an expensive election ad paid for by tax payers.



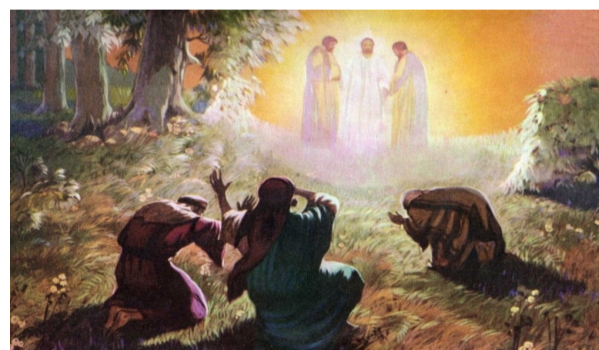
These, of course, are matters of opinion about practicalities. There are, however, much more fundamental objections to Morrison's pitch. Lacking in it, as more generally in the treatment of people seeking protection in Australia, is any attention to the people who may be sent to Christmas Island. They are human beings who sought protection from Australia and were sent to Nauru and Manus Island by the Australian government to avoid its responsibilities to them and to use their harsh treatment to deter others.

Both places were proxies for the Australian government, which retains moral responsibility for their treatment. In the course of their time on Nauru and Manus Island they endured many indignities that are well documented, and the misery caused to them can be gauged by the fact that over 30 mental health workers are being dispatched to Christmas Island in preparation for their arrival. All their suffering was imposed as a means, and an unnecessary means, to the government's end. Such a policy and such treatment are indecent.

What matters is that having long been scourged at the Second Pillar of Australia's policy towards people who come into Australian waters to seek protection (off-shore detention), they are now being ceremonially whipped at the ornamental Third Pillar (the bar from ever coming to Australia). They suffer as did earlier British immigrants dispatched to Port Arthur.

It is surely time now to reject the reasoning behind the restoration of Christmas Island as a threadbare security blanket sodden with the tears of the innocent. Let the sick come to Australia and be treated with respect.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of *Eureka Street*.



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](mailto:taston@sjcnda.vic.edu.au)

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ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MILDURA

**SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE**

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1438.10	\$ 76.05	\$209.60
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2451.70	\$229.00	\$404.00
Loose Plate	\$ 597.55	\$ 14.45	\$ 51.00
The Shared	\$ 212.00		
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 240.00		
Project Compassion	\$ 310.50		\$967.00

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

**BAPTISMS**  
We welcome into our Parish Community Sophie Lewis who will be baptised today.



**LENTEN PROGRAM**  
Ecumenical Group will continue to meet each Monday night at Parish House at 7.30pm. 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL**  
An important agenda item at the Parish Council Meeting last Sunday was the preparation for the Child Safe Audit which will take place in early May. A special meeting for those who have taken on the responsibility of ensuring that all requirements are in order will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 after the 9.00am Mass in the Monaghan Centre (Sacred Heart Church, Mildura).

**EARTH DAY:** In the face of increasing threats to creation, Catholics around the world are standing up together. This Earth Day, we're coming together for the Amazon, where forests and their rich diversity of life are being eradicated. Wherever we live, we're all part of the circle of protection for all creation. This year Earth Day is on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Maybe we could plant a tree as a sign of solidarity with the Amazon people. Any other ideas??

**NO CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
The LLL&L's will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday 22nd March 7pm at the Church. All welcome.

**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 third Lenten Group session on Monday 18th March at Janine Cameron's place. Please contact Janine on 0438 730 976

**CUPPA & TRADING TABLE**  
After Mass next Sunday. Proceeds from the Trading Table this month will go towards Project Compassion.



**PALM SUNDAY**  
Because of the building works going on at St Joseph's School, this year we will need to gather to start Palm Sunday on the lawn in front of the church.  
A reminder to those who make palm crosses to get cracking for this year.

**BOTTLES FOR BAPTISM WATER FOR EASTER**  
Very few who took bottles to bless their homes last year have returned those bottles. Once we have run out of those bottles, which cost 30 cents each, they won't be replaced.

**JOBS FOR HOLY WEEK**  
Forms are at the back of the Church for you to sign up for **READING and for DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION** on the different days of Holy Week. **PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY.** Next week I have to go to the eye-specialist in Melbourne. I would like to have the rosters done and materials ready to collect for next weekend.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C / 23rd & 24th March 2019**

**First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**  
**Responsorial: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11**  
**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
**Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**  
**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**



	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
<b>Leader / Reader</b>		Anita Naray	Cathy McErvale	Christine Slattery	G Schmidt	J Divola M Cavallaro / M Duck	Elvira Iamarino	<b>March 31st</b>
<b>Music</b>		M Guthrie All welcome	S H Choir	M Sullivan M Issanchon		Tongan Choir		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
<b>Offertory</b>		Baptism	Baptism			Volunteer Please	Vicki McCarthy	
<b>Altar Servers</b>		Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Gabriella Strangio	Volunteer Please	<b>April 28th</b>
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>		Maria Cirillo	Jean Rocca	Jacqui Willis	P Riordan	Sebastian Morello	Vicki McCarthy	Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
		Christine Carmichael	Bobby Castillo	Barbara Bunting		Jessica Bertoli	Val McCarthy	
		Ellen Frauenfelder	Talia Faingaanuku	Katrina Groves		Tenzin Bertoli		<b>May 26th</b>
		Jacinda Deacon	Michael Faingaanuku	Judy Hall		M Gibson		Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
		Katy Quinlan	Maureen Speed	Myrna Rodi		A Higham	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b> Kay Wagner Val McCarthy	<b>June 30th</b> Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
		Vince Pileggi	Nancy Fatai	Maree Irvin		P Hill		
		Volunteer please				<b>FLOWERS</b> Volunteers		
<b>Counting Team</b>		<b>TEAM 7</b>	<b>TREVOR AUST 5023 6597</b>			M Adams/L Mayes		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>		As per arrangement			As per arrangement	<b>Volunteers</b>	As per arrangement	