

# 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: John Williams

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

Tuesday 6pm:

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Giuseppe D'Anna

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone

### MERBEIN

Recent Death: Maria Scali

Anniversaries: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Rita Bowring, 13<sup>th</sup> Maurice Wilson, 15<sup>th</sup> Christopher Matotek, 16<sup>th</sup> Rosa Maria Longeri.

*(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

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

The gospel reading opens with Jesus by the lake shore looking for a little space from the people who are pressing around him to hear "the word of God". For the gospel writer, the word of Jesus *is* the word of God. The listener/reader has been gradually prepared, in the baptism scene and in the episode in the Nazareth synagogue, to receive this momentous truth. Jesus is the anointed of God who brings good news/God's word to the destitute. The gospel narrative assumes that the crowd by the lake receives his teaching as God's word.

Jesus sees two empty boats and gets into the one that belongs to Simon Peter. The implication is that Jesus knows Peter since he feels free to get into Peter's boat and ask him to move the boat out from the shore. Having gained the distance he needs, Jesus sits down and teaches the crowd from the boat. God's word thus comes to the people from the potentially regenerative waters of the lake. Simon no doubt has one ear on Jesus' teaching as he and his despondent business partners clean the nets and pack up ready to go home without any fish. They have fished all night without a single catch.

Evoking the creation story of Genesis where God's spirit moves over the face of the deep, Jesus invites Simon and his companions to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch, even though there is little likelihood of a catch. Simon Peter hesitates, noting that they have laboured without success all night. He nonetheless follows Jesus' instructions. The dramatic result of his attending to Jesus' word brings Simon to his knees: he acknowledges his limitations, his "sinfulness" in gospel terms. Jesus then commissions him to engage fearlessly in a new mission of reaching out beyond his present business enterprise in order to "catch people". This commission is not to be understood as a recruitment drive for the reign of God movement. As the gospel story unfolds we discover that it is, rather, a mission to bring the vulnerable safely to shore where they can know the compassion and justice and the "hospitality" of God.

While Peter and his companions are said to "leave everything" and "follow" Jesus, the subsequent narrative makes it clear that they do not abandon their fishing activities. They simply re-centre their lives on the following of Jesus. In other words, they undertake to live out in their lives the pattern of Jesus' life amid the ordinary concerns of daily life. The previous chapter has provided glimpses of that pattern: bringing good news to the destitute, release to the shattered, healing to the sick and the broken. In our times, we are beginning to realise that the "shattered" includes the despoiled Earth and its often polluted waters

Veronica Lawson rsm



Will you also leave everything to follow Jesus?

# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### RCIY

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

### RCIA 2018 –2019 Models of Church

Thursday 14th February 7pm, Hillman Room.



### 1st RECONCILIATION & 1st EUCHARIST 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.

### 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

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Mildura Branch monthly meeting will be held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

### SACRED HEART PARISH FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday 12th February 7.30am, Sacred Heart Parish Office.

### SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 12th February at 2pm in the Hillman room. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February following the 6pm Mass, Hillman Room.

**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

### REGIONAL GATHERING

The Regional Council Meeting of representatives of the Parishes of Merbein, Mildura, Ouyen and Red Cliffs will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of February at Merbein following the 10:30am Mass.

Please bring a plate to share.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**Tuesday March 5th - 6pm Mildura  
- 6pm Ouyen**

**Wednesday March 6th - 9.15am Merbein  
- 9.30am Red Cliffs  
- 10am Combined Primary schools Sacred Heart & St Pauls—Mildura  
- 5.40pm Evening Mass Mildura**



### 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*

If anyone is interested in transport by bus please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office asap 5021 2872.

**This Weekend's Responsorial Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

**BANKS REMAIN PROTECTED SPECIES**

Eureka Street

Kenneth Hayne's royal commission into the financial sector has named, shamed and excoriated banks, regulators, insurance companies and other financial services businesses to the extent that you would think they are now extremely vulnerable and universally unloved. That would be a mistake.

None of this recent history changes the fact that the big banks are a protected species. Unlike many other major institutions subject to royal commission enquiries recently, including trade unions, churches, and the aged care industry, they are insulated from the most drastic government action.

Banks have a lot going for them in conventional terms, including making large political donations, using professional lobbying and maintaining influential networks, but that is ultimately not enough to protect them. Their power stems from the pivotal place they occupy in the economy. This makes them the best example there is of the power of business in politics.

What is good for the big banks is reputedly good for the economy. That is why they were protected by being given special status during the Global Financial Crisis. That is why it was so hard to bring them to account by calling a royal commission. It took several years of hard political struggle despite a crescendo of across-the-board criticism before the royal commission was eventually called by the Turnbull government against its wishes.

Labor will never stop reminding Scott Morrison, then Treasurer, that he voted against holding a royal commission 26 times. Even then the royal commission was time limited to about a year, compared to the five years for the Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse RC, in a way which helped to restrict the time available to hear from those 'survivors' damaged by bank mistreatment. There could have been even more emotion generated than there was by revelations of greed, ineptitude and fees for no service.

This is the context in which the Hayne Report was released on Monday. It means that speculation that the banking industry is 'about to change forever' is probably mistaken. There has been too much talk of the industry 'bracing' itself. Yet already there have been warnings to the political class from commentators that this industry is so important that politics must be put aside in dealing with the report.

The ball is now in the hands of the government and the opposition as an election looms and a change of government is likely. Already several themes have emerged. One is the financial hardship that has already developed by stricter bank lending to home buyers and small business. In the context of falling house prices this issue touches homes.

This theme also includes the share prices of the big banks; any falls caused by government regulation will impact on the superannuation policies held by millions of Australians.

Another is the desire by both sides of politics to be tough on the banks and superannuation businesses by implementing all of Hayne's recommendations. The government has been willing to wield the big stick by being tough on energy companies but does this willingness transfer to the banks?

The Treasurer indicated the government's inclination to implement all the recommendations, but the Prime Minister has urged caution on wider economic grounds. If the government's response is timid, Morrison will have to defend that caution by arguing that, as the reputedly better economic manager of the two parties, the government should be trusted on the issue.

But Morrison risks a voter backlash given the government's vulnerability to the charge that it never wanted the royal commission anyway. Bill Shorten will certainly adopt such a line of attack. Labor can afford to be bolder and tougher in terms of both the industry and the regulatory agencies in an attempt to capitalise on voter disquiet. Beyond the immediate electoral consequences it must be remembered that the reputation with the Australian community of the banks and financial institutions will take many years to recover. Where cultural deficiencies are involved, as revealed by the royal commission, the task of bank executives and board members will be to lead from the front. Yet their appearances before the RC showed that some of them just didn't get it. Customers must be constantly vigilant and not rely on any government to solve their problems.

*John Warhurst is an Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the Australian National University.*

**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.

The Kammer Philharmonie Koln presents: A concerto for Violin, Strings, Bass & Obe. Please see flyers.

**Tickets available at:**

Mildura Visitor Information and Booking Centre, 180—190 Deakin Ave or phone: 5018 8380 or 1800 039 043 or tickets at the door one hour prior to the concert from 6pm (cash sales only).

Tickets: \$40.00 adults  
\$35.00 concession  
\$30.00 students or children under 16



**SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE**

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1409.55</b>	<b>\$ 52.20</b>	<b>\$235.25</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT)	<b>\$2965.75</b>	<b>\$184.00</b>	<b>\$348.75</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 653.55</b>	<b>\$ 54.00</b>	<b>\$ 42.70</b>
<b>Monaghan Centre</b>	<b>\$ 297.00</b>		

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

## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Meeting will be today immediately after Mass. 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.

## SCHOOL NEWS

The opening of the school year Mass was celebrated last Thursday. Congratulations to the school captains who received their badgers and to the whole school community for their wonderful participation and singing. Congratulations also to our school community who are taking the care of our environment seriously by having "Rubbish Free Wednesdays". Students build an understanding of the effect food choices have on our health and the health of our environment. Less rubbish to landfill leads to an improvement of our environment. Fruit and vegetable scraps (e.g. apple cores and banana skins) will be composted at school through our compost bins, worm farms and chickens. At OLSH we are committed to reducing our impact on the environment.

**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 9.30AM MONDAY—THURSDAY  
FRIDAY 9.15AM MASS IN THE CHURCH  
SATURDAY 9.30AM MASS**

Thanks to all who took part in our Plenary Council discussions last Sunday.

## ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Beginning of Year School Mass will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15 am. All welcome

Do not be afraid;  
from now on you will be  
catching men.

Luke 5:10



## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C / 16th & 17th February 2019

**First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8**  
**Responsorial: Ps 1:1-4**  
**Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord**  
**Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26**



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	Christine Carmichael	Rose Op't Hoog	Tony Finn	M Duck	C Russo A Higham / P Hunt	Lorraine Olden	
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	M Sullivan	M Hammond J Macri / J Ljubic		Guitar		
Offertory		Cathy McErvale			C Cavallaro	Phelan Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Thomas Dowling	Volunteer Please	
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Ross Tongue	Reni Cheriyan	P Riordan	Liam Dowling	Janine Dannatt	
	Taiana Fatai	Talia Faingaanuku	Wendy Finn		Amber Foster	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Margaret McDonald	Michael Faingaanuku	Tony Finn		Sumah Foster		
	Paul Kerr	Maureen Speed	Melanie Ransome		B Pitt		
	Anita Naray	Nancy Fatai	Bill Dolence		C Russo	<b>CHAFFEY AGED CARE</b>	
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Peter O'Donnell	Jacqui Willis		J Strangio	Pat Sylvia Annette Lemon	
		Greg Johnston			<b>FLOWERS Volunteers</b>		
Counting Team	<b>TEAM 3</b>	<b>PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531</b>			F & M Dominelli		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	<b>Volunteers</b>	As per arrangement	