

# 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	
SATURDAY	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: Joyce Vanner

### Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Carmel Sofi (1 Year Anniversary)  
 Sunday 5pm: Concetta (Connie) Russo (30 day Mass), Sebastian Joseph (7 Yrs)

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Vittoria Pezzaniti, Helen Flanagan

### MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Anniversaries: Feb.16<sup>th</sup> Rosa Maria Longeri;19<sup>th</sup> Margherita Berton; 20<sup>th</sup> Anne Olden; 21<sup>st</sup> Betty Hudson; 22<sup>nd</sup> Alice McCleary, Steve McCarthy.

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

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A 15th & 16th February 2020

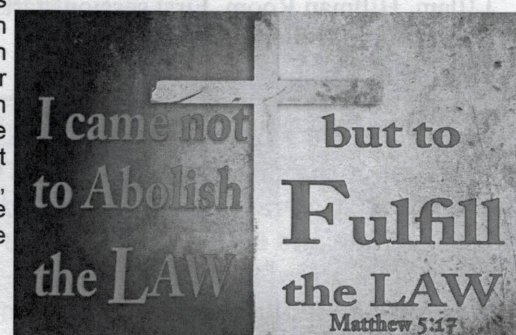
We sometimes forget that Jesus was a faithful Jew who observed the Law handed down within Israel from generation to generation. Today's gospel is from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount in which Jesus, the faithful Jewish teacher, addresses his Jewish disciples and the Jewish crowds who gather to hear his words.

The mission of Jesus is to fulfill the law ("I have come to..."), not to do away with it, and fulfilling the law is a question of "righteousness". The Greek term for righteousness, *dikaio sunē*, translates both the Hebrew *sedeqah* meaning "right relationship" and *mishpat* meaning "justice". The righteousness of the official teachers of the Law, the scribes and Pharisees, their manner of relating to others and their notions of justice, are judged to be quite inadequate for those who are part of God's reign, the kin-dom "of heaven" in Matthew's terminology. The righteousness of Jesus' followers is to "exceed" such minimalist interpretations and expressions of the Law.

Jesus, authentic teacher and interpreter of the Law, offers six examples of the righteousness that "fulfils" the Law. Four of these examples are included in today's reading. What was heard "of old" is contrasted with what Jesus wants to say to his hearers. In the first instance, they all know that the Law forbids murder. They may not have considered the connection between unrestrained anger or murderous thoughts and murder itself. In a series of cascading sentences, Jesus presents a charter for reconciliation and forgiveness. He reminds his audience that true worship demands a forgiving heart expressed in action. He includes a fairly pragmatic reason for settling out of court: you may actually find yourself in prison. There may be an implicit criticism here of the increasingly punitive legal system of the time, a reminder to us of the futility of incarceration for minor crimes.

The second example puts "lustful looking" on a par with adultery. In an age of easy access to internet pornography, this example has a particular resonance: any form of sexual depravity is destructive of right relationship. The third example on divorce is complicated by the exceptive clause, "except in the case of *pomeia*". *Pomeia* referred to any illicit sexual activity. Here it probably means marriages within degrees of kinship prohibited by Jews but not prohibited by Gentiles. The question seems to have arisen as to whether couples in such unions could stay together on becoming Christian. While Jesus presents the ideal (no divorce), we have to put this teaching into a broader context. Writing to the people of Corinth on this subject, Paul allows for exceptions, since "God has called us to peace". The fourth example is about swearing on oath. Righteousness calls for honesty and transparency in every day dealings. If the words we use are congruent with the intentions of our heart, we should not have to invoke God as a witness to the veracity of our claims.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

### 1st RECONCILIATION 2020

For children in Grade 4 and above will be held on Monday 23rd March at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.



### RCIA Sacraments

Thursday 20th February 7pm, Hillman Room.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A new Roster is to be compiled shortly. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or if you need to make any changes from the current roster, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Tuesday 18th March.



### COMMISSIONING MASS

We especially welcome the staff from our parish schools St Paul's and Sacred Heart. We also welcome the staff of St Joseph's College, which serves our wider district so well. Each year we recommission our staff as a sign of the pivotal role they share in handing on the good news of Christ. We thank them once again for their work and pray for them in their special vocation.

### Early notice for ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 26TH LITURGY ROSTER FOR SACRED HEART CHURCH

Tuesday 25th 6pm Mass  
Wednesday 26th 9am Liturgy with St Joseph's College  
10:30am Mass with SH and St Paul's  
6pm Mass

## Community Life & Outreach

### REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE SERVICE

Will be held on Thursday 20th February at 2pm. All welcome.

### LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS 2020

**Mildura Group 1:** Leader —Janet Hill—Wednesday's 10am—11am. First session starts February 26th. For further details phone Janet Hill 0438 234 765.  
**Mildura Group 2:** Leaders: Aileen Curran & Wilma Schmidt— Thursday's 10am, Hillman Room. First session starts Thursday 27th February.

### Be Opened

A journey to new life



### 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:** Brian Weightman, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Teresita Eliquen-Dy (Manila), Melita Suppa, Celia-Dy Dela Tena, Perla Tuionisio, Lily Chumg, Lorna Kearney, Dien Brown, Sandra McCarthy, Brian Ramsey, Hailey Crossan, Geraldine Brunner, Albis Dy

**Merbein:** Sr. Grace, Frank Chandler, Mary Avery, John Dorman

**Red Cliffs:** Martin Cameron, Maureen Lee, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Reynaldo Chan, Albis Dy, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O'Connor

*If you wish, you can keep the commandments, To behave faithfully is in your power.*

### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Monday 16th March, 7pm Sacred Heart Church  
Fr Elio Capra— topic Sacrament of Reconciliation. All welcome

**RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE**— See notice opposite

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—Zimbabwe

**"Rise—Take Your Mat and Walk"** - is the theme for 2020 and is based on the passage from Luke 14:15-24. All are invited to join in prayer for the needs of Zimbabwe and its people, on **Friday 6th March, 10am at Church of Christ, Mildura.**



### REGIONAL GATHERING

The Regional Council Meeting of representatives of the Parishes of Merbein, Mildura, Ouyen and Red Cliffs will be held on **Sunday 1st March** at Merbein following the 10:30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

### MEMORYWALK: GET ACTIVE, BEAT DEMENTIA

1 in 56 Australians are living with dementia. Together as a community, we get active and step up to make a difference. We have a distance to suit you whether you walk, jog or run. Help us raise over \$1.3 million to support people living with dementia. Join the Mildura event organised for Sunday 1 March from 7:00am at Nowingi Place. Courses set for 2km, 5km or 9km. For more information please visit: [memorywalk.com.au/Mildura](http://memorywalk.com.au/Mildura)

### SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	RedCliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1455.10	\$ 111.85	\$227.25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2102.20	\$150.00	\$241.00
Loose Plate	\$ 543.45	\$ 62.85	\$ 83.80

### 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

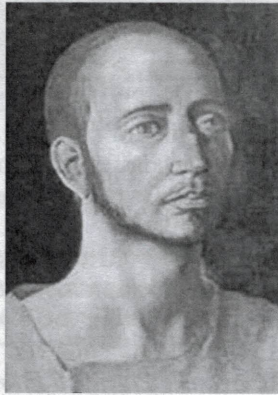
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

**Christian Meditation:** Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room

# PARISH RETREAT

Inner Peace in Divine Love

The First Spiritual Exercises



As given by St Ignatius Loyola and adapted by Michael Hansen SJ

20 April – 16 May 2020

Guided Spiritual Conversation each week in small groups

## What are the First Spiritual Exercises?

The 'First Spiritual Exercises' are a set of prayer exercises, structured in a four week program, with a particular dynamic by St Ignatius. They are built around personal prayer at home and guided spiritual conversation in a small group.

## What is expected of me?

This program is over four weeks during your daily life.

The weekly commitment is to prayer on four days, Monday to Thursday. These days are chosen because family and home commitments usually increase Friday to Sunday. So, exercise over four days and break for the next three days but include the Sunday Eucharist with its small weekend exercise. This will allow the seeds of the past week's exercises to sleep in you and germinate.

Participants pray the First Exercises individually at home during the week. The Exercises are simple and easy to follow.

In addition, participants meet weekly in small groups through the period of the First Spiritual Exercises with a guide, who leads the process of prayer, listening, sharing and discernment.

## How do I register to participate?

Contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Registrations close the end of March**

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

## PARISH NEWS

**Parish Council Report:** Thanks was extended to the school for the fantastic way in which the families of OLSH provided gifts for our Christmas Giving Tree. Vinnies were most appreciative. Sr. Carmel extends special thanks for the congratulations and goodies she received on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee – A combined celebration with the other Sisters who have also reached 60 years of profession will take place later in the year in Ballarat. Sr. Carmel informed the Council that she will be finishing her time in Merbein around mid-year. Hopefully this will give the Parish Community time to discuss the implication of this decision.

**Lenten Program:** Lenten Program: Anyone interested in taking part in the Lenten Program will be very welcome to join the Ecumenical group which will commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the Parish House. It is one of the few opportunities we have to reflect upon and share our faith and hopefully grow in our understanding of what it means to be an active Christian in today's world. All Welcome

**SCHOOL NEWS:** Last Thursday the first school Mass for the year was celebrated. It was great to see many parents and friends join the school community. During the celebration the Student Leaders for this year were announced. They are Year 3: Lauren Reed & Eamon Breewel. Year 4: Alla-Shaye Stevens & Bailey Gourlay. Year 5: Lily Pullham & Will Beard. Year 6: Bella Wilson & Shylah Stevens. Congratulations to these students – we are looking forward to great things!

## BAPTISM

Welcome to **Miles & Montgomery Cadmore** who enter our faith community through Baptism weekend.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass: Mon, Fri & Sat 9.30am Tue, Wed, Thurs 5.30pm

## CALENDAR

**Wednesday 26 Feb:** Ash Wednesday Mass 10am  
**Friday 6 Mar:** World Day of Prayer 7pm

## CUPPA & TRADING TABLE

Please join us for a CUPPA and Trading Table after Mass next Sunday. Proceeds this month go to CATHOLIC MISSION.



## RED CLIFFS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

The meeting of parents to launch our program will be held on Wednesday 19th February at 7pm in the school Library. The classes will commence at 9.00 am on Sunday, February 23.

As I need to order books for the program, if any of you know of children at State Schools, Year 4 or above, please have them get in touch with me as soon as possible on 5024-1966. If I don't answer, ask them to leave a clear message for me. *Fr Patrick J Flanagan*

## ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we do not eat meat, and we fast (one full meal, 2 very light meals; no eating between meals).

Our Mass for Ash Wednesday will be at 10.00 am (Feb 26). This will be also the beginning of year Mass for St Joseph's School.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS / 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd & 23rd February 2020

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
 Responsorial: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
 Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.  
 Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



	Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 11am	Sacred Heart Saturday 6pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 9am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am
Leader / Reader	Katy Quinlan	Nicholas Mataele	Bill Dolence	G McCracken	T Hawkes M Lee / J Lewis	Elvira Iamarino	
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	Singing Group M Sullivan	Youth Group		Tongan Choir		
Offertory	Baptism				F Dominelli	Iamarino Family	
Children's Liturgy		To start March 2020					
Altar Servers	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please		GROUP 5 G Strangio	Volunteer Please	
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Greg Johnston	Clem Carlucci	K Knight	J Vines	Sr Carmel Setford	
	Taiana Fatai	Gina Raiti	Vittorio Carlucci		Volunteer	Casey Stoetzer	
	Margaret McDonald	Anna Vartuli	Jacinta Macri	M Duck	Volunteer	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Paul Kerr	Sara Visona	Paula Cox		CUPPA'S	Kay Wagner Val McCarthy	
	Anita Naray	Juliet Cresp	Jennifer Boord		23rd February C Cavallaro		
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Louise Belej	Volunteer please	LAY LEADERS	M Cavallaro	LAY LEADERS	
		Nancy Leonardis			FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team	TEAM 6	JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939			F & M Dominelli	As per arrangement	
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement				Cleaner	As per arrangement	