

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: Ilario (Larry) Manno

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Stefano Mazzeo (30 day Mass), Graciano Pancho, Paulina Cabog

Sunday 8.30am: All souls in purgatory

Sunday 5pm: Francesca Pelle (40th anniversary)

Tuesday 6pm: Joyce Ribarits (1st year anniversary)

RED CLIFFS

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

MERBEIN

Recent Death: Larry Manno

Anniversaries: Ilario (Larry) Dichiera—30 day Mass

April 16th Kathleen Briggs, Henry McMillan, 19th Katerina Stefan, Saverio Primarino, 20th John Dineen

(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

Palm Sunday / Year C 13th & 14th April 2019

Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective.

There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable to my mind is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. Another is his capacity to reach out to others: to "turn towards" the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning, and to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. In Luke's gospel, Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life.


It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism or mistreatment of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes more courage than most of us can muster to name unjust treatment for what it is, to truly forgive, to retain our peace of mind in such circumstances, and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh, founder and director of Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND) and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we might pray for the grace to act, like these Palestinian and Israeli women, with the dignity of the Lukan Jesus and thus circumvent the cycles of violence in our own contexts.




Veronica Lawson rsm

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

WEDDINGS
 We congratulate Trent Walker & Alison Callahan and Giuseppe Cufari & Raquel Gooch who were married this weekend.

RCIA 2018 –2019
 We continue to pray, especially during this RCIA week for Rebecca, Pauline and Christina 


SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING HOLY WEEK
 Tuesday—following 6pm Mass
 Wednesday—6pm—6.30pm

Community Life & Outreach

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
 Tuesday 16th April 7.30am, Parish Office. 
REGIS ONTARIO AGED CARE MASS
 Tuesday 16th April 2pm. All welcome.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2019 TRUST
Mildura Group 1: Leaders—Aileen Curran & Wilma Schmidt— Thursday's 10am, Hillman Room.
Mildura Group 2: Leader—Janet Hill—Friday's 10am. Phone Janet 0438 234 765.


MAKING THE MOST OF LENT
Project Compassion—envelope packs at church entrances.

PALM CROSSES
 Thank you to Teresa Parente, Paula Cox, Ken Knight, Mick Oliver and students of St Joseph's College for organising and making of the Palm Crosses.

FLOWERS WANTED—HOLY WEEK
 Flowers are needed for the Altar of Repose on Thursday and Easter Saturday. Please bring flowers to the church on Thursday or Saturday morning. Sr Helen also requires help with the Altar of Repose on Thursday from 2pm and Easter Saturday from 10am.

READERS
A new roster is due soon.
 If you would like to make any changes to the current roster, or would like to become a Reader, please contact the Parish office by 18th April.


FOUND ON CHURCH GROUNDS
 Large Silver medallion. Please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.

MUSIC ROSTER 2019-2020
 Musicians and Leaders are asked to collect their music roster from the cupboard near the organ please. Thank you to all who support our parish through the music ministry and as we approach the Easter ceremonies, please be aware that all leaders are welcome to come and join in leading the community in song during this special time for our church. Holy Thursday / Good Friday / Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday 8am & 10am. Thank you, *Marion Guthrie* 

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, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan
Merbein: Martin Rogers, 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, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone

FR ROJAN—BURONGA CHURCH
 Fr Rojan—Vincenian 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: 7.00pm Mildura & 6.30 pm Red Cliffs
Easter Sunday April 21: 8.30am Irymple
 8am & 10am Mildura (no 5pm Mildura)
 10am—Red Cliffs
 10.30am—Merbein
 12noon—Werrimull 

SHARED TABLE STALL & CUPPA
after the 9am Mass this Sunday

PROJECT COMPASSION SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT 14th April 2019 
 Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.
Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community. 
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.

INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS—RED CLIFFS
 Available now—1 x 1 bedroom unit. Conditions apply. Please contact Peter Bramsen on 5021 1393 or 0427 567 650.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

ABORIGINAL CATHOLICS LEADING THE WAY

With more than 130,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia, listening to the voice of the youngest and fastest growing group of people in the Church is vital, says respected South Australian elder and leader John Lochowiak.

Mr Lochowiak was recently re-elected for a second three-year term as chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission.

He is also one of only 13 people appointed to the 2020 Plenary Council executive which is helping to shape consultation and the final agenda for the historic gathering to discuss the future of the Church in Australia.

Mr Lochowiak, who is manager of Aboriginal Services at Centacare Catholic Family Services, said the Plenary was an opportunity to show what Aboriginal Catholic ministry was doing well and to encourage the building of relationships through cultural awareness. But he acknowledged that it was coming at a time when the Church was going through difficult times and the subject of much criticism, which was another reason to listen to Indigenous Catholics.

"Aboriginal people are very important to the Church now," he said. "We have been knocked, shoved and put down for a long time, we know what it's like. Because we've been so decimated, we've hit out against each other; the Church has to be careful it doesn't go the same way."

He is confident the Church has much to offer Aboriginal people, in particular youth, and that's why they are bucking the trend in terms of participation. (The number of Aboriginal Catholics has more than doubled over the past three decades.)

"We are spiritual people and we understand the connection of spirit, for example, when I go out with the elders, some of these fellas are traditional men and they're reading the Bible," he said. "They love to read it because some of the stories are very similar to our traditional stories."

"When I was a kid going to RI (religious instruction), the priest would teach us about the Trinity and I was one of those kids who would say 'how can three be one'. "But when I was going through my initiation, the elders taught me the Aboriginal dreaming; they drew three circles in the red sand and called them the human world, the physical world and the sacred world, and I thought in my head 'gee that's the same as the Holy Trinity'."

Mr Lochowiak said looking and understanding culture brings people closer together, "because we've got more in common than we have differences". "There will be differences but instead of being fearful of them, we celebrate them. I think that's what makes Australia a unique country. We're made up of many different cultures and if we can take the best out of each one it's going to build a greater society. "I think Catholic schools are probably leading the way in that area, which makes me proud."

Mr Lochowiak added that his involvement with several groups including the Plenary, NATSICC, Centacare and St Vincent de Paul, where he is the State vice president, meant he was able to "raise the profile" of the Aboriginal community, their needs and how to help them "deal with the issues they are facing".

At a parish level, Mr Lochowiak said an important initiative had been development and roll out of Acknowledgment Plaques for churches and online training for parishes and communities. "You don't have to change the liturgy but just have the plaque in the church, and have acknowledgement



or welcome to country at significant events," he said. "It doesn't have to be every week but it actually acknowledges the traditional custodians from that area, it gives an opportunity for people to think, 'hey we don't know anything about them, let's learn a little bit more', and that breaks down barriers."

Mr Lochowiak said being Catholic was important to many Aboriginals and he used his own Catholic background to explain why. "My mum is a very strong Catholic," he said. "Growing up she lived in three missions around South Australia, they weren't treated too well because of government policies at the time, but when she said she was Catholic, other non-Aboriginal Catholics treated her well, being Catholic lifted her status."

His father came to Australia from Poland as a 12-year-old and Mr Lochowiak remembers saying as child that Pope John Paul II was his uncle. "Apart from both being Polish, they looked like each other," he laughed.

"It was encouraged for Aboriginal women to marry a white man to breed out the Aboriginality, and the best people to mix with were the migrants because they weren't seen to be too good either. "My grandmother had 15 children so my mother's got seven sisters and they all married white European men."

His mother grew up on Point Pearce which wasn't a Catholic mission, but the family used to walk all the way to Maitland to go to the Catholic church. "My grandfather was one-eyed Catholic so he wasn't going to go to a different church," he said.

HOLY WEEK



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"We need leadership capable of striking out on new paths, investing in innovative practices and processes that meet the needs of the present with concern for all, including future generations. Leadership that embeds ecological practice involves being committed to learning how to live wisely, to think deeply and love generously" (*Jacqui Remond, former Director of Catholic Earthcare Australia*)

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 28th. Maybe we could plant a tree as a sign of solidarity with the Amazon people. Any other ideas??

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1467.55	\$ 81.30	\$301.30
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$1068.50	\$229.00	\$195.00
Loose Plate	\$ 555.35	\$ 26.95	\$120.65
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 227.00		
Project Compassion	\$ 833.60	\$ 72.00	

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

PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting will take place immediately after Mass today.

PROJECT COMPASSION
Lent is a time to reflect on our faith and values such as love, generosity, peace and justice. 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. Only one week to go!**

SCHOOL NEWS
School finished for term 1 last Friday. Term two will recommence on 23rd April.
Upcoming events:- April 25th Anzac Day ; 26th Easter Liturgy – 12.30pm; Mother's Day Liturgy -May 10th; OLSH Movie Night – May 10th (see notice on Board).
The children at OLSH are collecting Bread Tags which are sent to South Africa where they are sold to a plastics company. These proceeds are then used to provide wheelchairs to people who can't afford them. Over 600 wheelchairs have been supplied through this program in the past 12 years. Let us support the school in this project. A container will be left on the table at the back of the church for these tags.



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
The children in Grade Five and Six who made their First Reconciliation last year are being invited to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The lessons will be held over May and June and both Sacraments will be celebrated on the Sunday June 23rd 2019, at the 10.30 Mass. To enrol please contact Janine Dannatt on 0419371284 or the School on 50252258. More information will be available as the dates approach.


MASS TIMES NO CHANGE MONDAY—WEDNESDAY
HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross at 3.00 pm
HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS OF EASTER: at 6.30 pm.
EASTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS: 10.00 am

PALM SUNDAY AT RED CLIFFS
THIS YEAR ONLY we assemble on the lawn in front of the church, to process from there into the church. Please remember that the holy water fonts are empty for Holy week. So we go into the church without looking for holy water, we proceed to our places without genuflecting, and we remain standing.
We sit for the reading of the Passion; but when we come to the part about Jesus' death, we kneel and pause for a while. Then we resume the reading.

PARISH FINANCE AND COUNCIL MEETING—
Wednesday, 17th April 7pm in the church.

HOLY THURSDAY
The Red Cliffs Mass is at 7.00 pm. After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is placed at the Altar of Repose in the foyer. Because of this please observe quiet after Mass. The Church will remain open until 9.30 pm for any who wish to come and pray.

GOOD FRIDAY
Red Cliffs Good Friday is at 3.00 pm as usual; but in place of reading John's Passion we will have a simple stations of the Cross.

FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK
Flowers are needed for Good Friday (white if possible) and thousands of coloured flowers for our Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday. Please leave them at the back sacristy. 

PROJECT COMPASSION
Please bring your Project Compassion Boxes with you to Mass by Holy Thursday. It will be part of our offertory.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS The Resurrection of the Lord Sunday Year C / 20th & 21st April 2019

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43
Responsorial: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Second Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9



Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 1:00am	Sacred Heart Saturday 7pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 8:00am	Sacred Heart Sunday 10.00am	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader / Reader	As per roster	As per roster	As per roster	P Riordan	As per notice board	Lorraine Olden	April 28th
Music	M Guthrie All leaders welcome	M Guthrie All leaders welcome	Marg Hammond All leaders welcome		As per notice board		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory	RCIA /RCIY	As per roster	Baptism		As per notice board	Besgrove Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Group 2	Volunteer Please	May 26th
Eucharist Ministers	Please check	Please check	Please check	R Hill		Natalie Besgtpr	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Roster	Roster	Roster				
	Clipboards at back of church	Clipboards at back of church	Clipboards at back of church				June 30th
					As per notice board		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Sefford
					As per notice board	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
					As per notice board	Pat Sylvia	
Counting Team	TEAM 2	JOE DE JONG 5023 7802			T & J Lewis		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Group 1	As per arrangement	