

# 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:

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Jack Quinlan, Ray Marshall, Liz Kuczynski, Jante Sannut

Sunday 9am: Albino Dimasi

Sunday 5pm: Pietro Muraca (one year anniversary)

Wednesday 9.15am: Betty Drewry

### RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Giuseppe D'Anna (one year anniversary-Tuesday 7pm)

### MERBEIN

Recent Death: Martin Rogers

Anniversaries: Adele Mazza Jan.27<sup>th</sup> Vincenzo Piscioneri; Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Anthony Stack, Jacqui McGill; 4<sup>th</sup> Jean Blyth, Myrtle Clifford,

Maurice Power; 6<sup>th</sup> Peter Currie; 8<sup>th</sup> Vera Fletcher.

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

## The Presentation of the Lord / Year A 1st & 2nd February 2020

This year the Feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday and takes precedence over the celebration of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We might ask why this feast is of such importance in the liturgical calendar. Between the story of Jesus' birth and the beginning of his ministry, Luke inserts three stories. The first tells of Jesus' circumcision on the eighth day after his birth. The third story has Jesus teaching in the Jerusalem Temple at twelve years of age. He has come with his parents on pilgrimage to Jerusalem to celebrate the great feast of Passover. Luke notes that the family makes this pilgrimage from Nazareth in Galilee to Jerusalem every year. The second story, today's reading, has Mary and Joseph presenting their child in the Temple forty days after his birth, in observance of the Law of Moses (as prescribed in Leviticus 12:2-8). This Sunday marks the fortieth day since the celebration of Jesus' birth: it is not a moveable feast. All three stories locate Jesus and his parents firmly within the tradition as law-observant, faithful Jews.

Luke introduces into today's story two faith-filled wisdom figures, first a man, Simeon, and then a woman prophet, Anna. Both witness to the identity and future ministry of the child presented this day in the Temple. Their witness provides a microcosm of the gospel story. Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, comes into the Temple, takes the child in his arms and utters some of the most memorable words in the Christian scriptures. The child is to be God's saving presence in the world, a light to give revelation to the nations and glory to Israel. There are echoes in this proclamation of Isaiah 49:6 which speaks of God's servant bringing light to the nations and salvation to the ends of the earth. There is also an echo of Isaiah 46:13 where God is said to bring salvation to Jerusalem and glory to Israel. Simeon declares that this child is destined for the rising and the falling of many, that he will experience opposition and that his mother too will know deep sorrow.

Anna, like Simeon, raises her voice in the courts of the Jerusalem Temple, the heart of Israel's religious, political and economic power. While Simeon is given direct prophetic speech, Anna's prophesying is recounted indirectly. While Elizabeth and Mary proclaim prophetic words, Anna is the only woman in Luke's gospel to be named as "prophet". This woman prophet proclaims the good news of salvation in Jesus. The verbal form used indicates that Anna "keeps on speaking" about the child to "all who await the redemption of Jerusalem." The invitation here might be for us to emulate Anna's courage and persistence as we enter the halls of power and seek to move the hearts of religious and political leaders to compassion and justice for all those displaced within the Earth community.



Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

## 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

# Sacred Heart Mildura Community Life & Outreach cont.


## Sacramental Life & Liturgy

**BAPTISM**  
 We welcome into our faith community **Idaayu Lasmana** whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

**RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST 2020**  
**Parent Information Evening**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 7pm**  
**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 Parent Information Evening. Further information regarding the programs for **Reconciliation & First Eucharist** including Registration Forms can be obtained by contacting the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



**RCIA**  
**Team Meeting**  
 Thursday 6th February 7pm, Hillman Room.



**SHARED TABLE MARKET STALL & CUPPA**  
 after 9am Mass next Sunday  
 All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru. Cuppa in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.



## 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:** Brian Weightman, Mary Flinn, Fr Denis Dennehy, Teresita Eliquen-Dy (Manila), Melita Suppa, Celia-Dy Dela Tena, Perla Tuoniso, Lily Chung, Lorna Kearney, Dien Brown, Sandra McCarthy, Brian Ramsey, Vince Alicastro, 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, Joe Mammone

## Community Life & Outreach

**MILDURA FINANCE MEETING**  
 Tuesday 4th February 7.30am, Sacred Heart Parish Office.

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING**  
 Tuesday 4th February 9am, Sacred heart Parish Office.

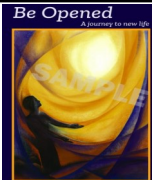
**REGIS TENTH AGED CARE ANOINTING**  
 Tuesday 4th February 2pm. All welcome.

**BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS**  
 Sacred Heart Primary school will be having their Beginning of School Year Mass on Thursday 6th February. All welcome.

**SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP**  
 Will begin their year with brunch at the Mildura Workers Club on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 am. Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions on 50211918. All welcome and join us.

**ANOINTING MASS**  
 Will be held on Thursday 13th February 9.15am. All welcome.

**LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS**  
 Books have now been ordered and once groups have been finalised details will be published in coming weeks.



**PLENARY COUNCIL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT**  
**Copies of each Theme are still available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for those who attended the meetings and for those who wish to be a part of the discerning group.**

**RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE**

- April 20—May 16 CLC/Jesuit Tertian First Spiritual Exercises Retreat are organising an online/home Retreat for Mildura. They will be offering the first retreat Inner Peace in Divine Love. The retreats are usually co-guided with a CLC member.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

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

**SOUP KITCHEN**  
**Will commence on Monday 3rd February.**

**CLOSURE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL PIETY STALL—SACRED HEART CHURCH, MILDURA**  
 The members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society will no longer be operating the Piety Shop in the Church. Piety items can be purchased at the St Vincent de Paul Opportunity Shop (Vinnies) 79 Lime Ave, Mildura as well as the Sacred Heart Parish Office 5021 2872, though limited items.

**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

**PLANNED GIVING STATEMENTS**  
 From 26/08/2019 to 31/12/2019 are now available for collection. Please check your statements and should you find any discrepancies contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

**THE BASTARD SUBSIDIARITY OF BUSHFIRE RESPONSES**

After disasters the media generally focus on the courage of the people affected by them and the compassion of the public response to them. That focus often changes to complaints about how slow, inadequate and flawed are the responses to it. The change of attention is natural as the energy needed to meet the immediate crisis wanes, and the scale of what has been lost and must be rebuilt becomes clear.



This pattern has also characterised the response to the bushfires. The community solidarity with the victims of the fires was extraordinary. It was shown in the organisation and responses to appeals, in the gift of food for stranded people and cattle and in the international messages of sympathy and support.

More recently, however, politicians and media comment have begun to criticise the slowness with which community organisations have passed on the donations to victims of the fires, their retention of a proportion of the donations in order to cover the expenses, and their failure to transfer to the victims of fire funds collected for other purposes.

Community organisations have responded to these criticisms. But the shift from solidarity to suspicion bears reflection. It reflects of course the emotional pressures of moving from crisis to the unrelenting pressures of everyday life in its aftermath. It also expresses, however, the ambivalence of governments and of many citizens to charitable and community organisations. This is best understood by reflecting on the relationship between solidarity and subsidiarity, as described in the Catholic Social Justice Tradition.

Solidarity is the recognition, best shown in times of crisis, that we are all responsible to one another, and especially to the most vulnerable, and that the government is responsible for seeing that this community responsibility is discharged. Subsidiarity is the insight that our responsibility to one another as fellow human beings is best discharged through groups and the small communities to which we are personally related: through families, schools, churches, workplaces, local councils and friendships. The role of governments is to enable groups to express this solidarity and to take direct responsibility when it cannot be carried at a more local level.

Subsidiarity is important because it helps people who are disadvantaged to find personal care in the service they receive. It also encourages growth in compassion and courage in the community through the personal involvement of so many people with people who are disadvantaged. If all is left to the state the service offered them risks being experienced as impersonal.

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Community agencies are usually conceived out of a strong sense of solidarity with people who are disadvantaged. This leads their members to build personal relationships to the people they serve while they address their need for medical care, education and other human needs. In their advocacy they try to persuade the government to accept its own responsibilities.

Governments following neoliberal orthodoxy often deny the claims of solidarity, throwing back on to individuals responsibility for their own fate. Those who are unable to find a place in society must be encouraged by stringency to live responsibly. Because many people suffering from disadvantage are unable to live decently without support, however, they rely on community groups for support. The governments then rely on these groups to discharge the responsibilities they themselves had refused.

This is a bastard form of subsidiarity, born not out of conviction and solidarity but out of the human cost of government policy. The result is that governments need community groups but despise the compassion that solidarity engenders and fear the threat that genuine subsidiarity represents to the legitimacy of its ideology and to its control.

The bushfire crisis brought to a head this ambivalence of governments and exposed the incoherence within it. It underlies the attack by three NSW government ministers on the community groups responding to the fires. The ministers criticised them for doing ineffectually what the government was not doing and for spending money on administration that the government should have provided.

Those who believe that the state should discharge its responsibilities directly and not through community groups are also suspicious of the role of community groups in emergencies, seeing them as letting the state off the hook. In contrast to governments that reject solidarity and only reluctantly accept subsidiarity, they are committed to solidarity but not to subsidiarity.

Rightly understood, governments and intermediary groups are bound together in solidarity, the commitment to work for the good of the whole community, and especially its most disadvantaged members. That cooperation in serving communities calls for compassion and courage both in governments and community groups.

Subsidiarity, which looks to work through the groups closest to the people affected, is a means to this goal. The proper role of government in the case of bushfires is to accept its own responsibility by undertaking commitments that intermediary bodies cannot, and by facilitating and supporting the work of community groups.

Compassion and courage, the theme of the forthcoming [Catholic Social Services Conference](#), are the marks of a good society. They were shown inspiringly by the fires and people who supported the communities threatened by the fires. Sniping and laying blame seem mean in comparison. *Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of Eureka Street.*

**DROUGHT COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVE**

The Australian Government have awarded the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia \$15 million dollars in drought relief funding under the Drought Community Support Initiative – Round 2 (DSCI) The project ends on 30 June 2020. Eligible applicants to the DCSI can receive a one-off cash payment of \$3,000. Farming community members can apply by going to the online application form, which can be found at [www.vinnies.org.au/droughtrelief](http://www.vinnies.org.au/droughtrelief)

Assistance with the application form can be obtained by phoning 1300 846 643. Or direct donations to: **Millewa-Carwarp Farmers Fund**. Funds that go direct to the farmer - BSB – 063520 Account – 10078126. Please put FD at the start of the reference.

**SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE**

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1453.15	\$ 63.30	\$292.30
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$2935.00	\$110.00	\$373.75
Loose Plate	\$ 845.55	\$ 24.60	\$ 55.00
Bushfire Appeal	\$2099.65		\$213.10

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

## PARISH NEWS

### Welcome Back to our School Community

We pray that 2020 will be a year of many blessings. The opening of the school year Mass will be celebrated on Thursday February 6 at 9.15am

All welcome

### Lenten Program

Anyone interested in taking part in the Lenten Program will be very welcome to join an Ecumenical group which will commence (on a day and time to be decided) during the week prior to the First Sunday in Lent which is the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020. 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. The program would be for 1 hour a week for the 6 weeks of Lent - either afternoon or evening sessions. Please give your name to Sr. Carmel if you are interested in taking part.

### Parish Council

Our first Parish Council Meeting for 2020 will take place next Sunday immediately after Mass. All members and those interested in joining the Parish Council are asked to come along as we commence some serious discussion as to the future of the Parish.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri Scriptures: 9.30am

Tues: 7pm One year anniversary mass for Giuseppe D'Anna

## CALENDAR

**Monday 3rd Feb:** Students first day back to school

**Wednesday 26th Feb:** Ash Wednesday

## 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*

THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US, INTO GOD'S PURPOSES.

Luke 2:25-38

*My Eyes Have Seen Your*

**SALVATION**

Luke 2:22-40

## AFTER SCHOOL PICKUP REQUIRED

Janine Cameron is looking for someone to help with After School Pickup from 3.20pm—5.30pm of Liam Cameron her 9 year old son. If you can help Janine please contact her on 0438 730 976.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS / 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st & 2nd February 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial: Ps 111:4-9

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



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	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:30am
Leader / Reader	Christine Carmichael	Ross Tongue	Vince Muscatello	Mary Hoy	C Russo D Eagle/T Gardiner	Jeanette Ellis
Music	Filipino Group M Issanchon	M Guthrie / B Lewis J O'Bryan/B Prescott	Youth Group		Guitar	
Offertory		Jim O'Donnell			Cameron Family	Vicki McCarthy Family
Children's Liturgy		To start March 2020				
Altar Servers	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please		GROUP 3 E Briggs	Volunteer Please
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Sonia Opie	Katrina Groves	W Schmidt	S Orr	Vicki McCarthy
	Taiana Fatai	Philip Opie	Judy Hall		B Pitt	Val McCarthy
	Margaret McDonald	Elvira Mazza	Myrna Rodi	OASIS AGED CARE	C Russo	CHAFFEY AGED CARE
	Paul Kerr	Jill Joslyn	Maree Irvin	K Knight	CUPPA'S	Sr Carmel Setford
	Anita Naray	Lisa Cirillo	Sue Hermans		23rd February	
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Laurie Fry	Naomi Kennedy	LAY LEADERS		LAY LEADERS
	Judy Webster		16th February	FLOWERS Volunteer		
Counting Team	TEAM 4	KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			F & M Dominelli	As per arrangement
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement				Volunteers C Cavallaro	As per arrangement