

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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**Sacred Heart
Mildura**

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull**

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Merbein**

**St. Francis Xavier
Irymple**

**St. Joseph's
Red Cliffs**

*The Sunraysia Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.
Child Safety Officers:- Mildura—Peter Issanchon, Merbein—Kevin Aston, Red Cliffs—Bernadette Gardner*

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 19th & 20th June 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Sr Rosemary Kelly, Eileen Gowers, Tom Araco,
Freddie Novisteros (Philippines)

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Peter, Maria & Lucia Tran

Irymple 8.30am: Jan Piscioneri

Sunday 5pm: Bianca Bachetti (one year anniversary)

Friday 6pm: Louis Gauci (30 day Mass)

Red Cliffs

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

Merbein

Anniversaries: Franciska Klarich, Mary Alvina, Edith Holmes,
Flo Bell, Bill Chandler

Message from our Parish Priest

This week I will be away as I am leading the Year 12 students on retreat in Anglesea. This is a great opportunity for the students to explore their faith and to be challenged by different activities and experiences.

Fr Shaiju will be away Monday– Wednesday as he will be in Ballarat for the Council of Priests meeting, so we have some slight changes to the mass timetable for this week.

On Saturday 26th June there will be no morning mass or confession or Children's liturgy on as we have two funerals.

Enjoy the week ahead,

*God bless!
Fr Matthew*

Please note that if you have booked a memorial mass you are reminded to speak to the priest prior to the mass to let him know you are there.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

In these hard economic times help support the work of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society, by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available in the Church on 26th/27th June.

Envelopes may be put on the plate, left at the Parish Office or posted to Box 10125, Mildura 3502.

Information will also be available on the envelopes regarding donating on-line.

A donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship.



Update on COVID Restrictions as of Friday 18th June 2021

- Church numbers now capped at 300 for Mildura, Red Cliffs & Merbein capped 250 - 1 per 4sqm. Irymple capped at 25
- Funerals - no more than 100 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral
- Baptisms allowed
- Weddings capped at 50
- Hopefully another positive update available next weekend's bulletin.

LOCAL NEWS

Reminder!

Important Dates for May 2021

Sunday 20th June: OLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.

Wednesday 23rd June: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7.30pm.

Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish community **Nate Mitchell** — whose is baptised this weekend.



Feast of St Anthony

The Feast of St Anthony will be now celebrated on Sunday 1st August at 9am.

A sausage sizzle will follow after the Mass. All welcome
Raffle tickets available to purchase at \$2.00 each.



Faith on
stormy days

Red Cliffs Church

Please be mindful that when COVID restrictions occur with limitations on the number of people that can come to Mass, the only entrance which is to be used coming into church is the main front door. When restrictions have eased only the side entrance near the toilet and the main front door are the only access to enter the church—you can then leave the church from all three church doors once Mass has ended.

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Mark Gibson 5023 1204

St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

OLSH Merbein Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258

St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Principal: Naomi Kennedy 5024 1654

St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura

Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Sacred Heart Mildura

Scripture Group: Thursday 3:00pm – Monaghan Centre

Devotions and Exposition: Friday 4:00pm

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

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Church

Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous

Our parish Stewardship Renewal is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our faith and the life of our parish.

We know that the coronavirus has changed our economic life. Some parishioners have lost their employment, others have closed businesses or operating in reduced income; for others, their self-funded retirement plans have been hard hit. These are difficult times.



GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS

We thank you for your generous efforts and your vital participation in the life and mission of our parish. But if your circumstances have really changed, then it is perfectly understandable that some families will have to reduce their participation and contributions, or even drop out of our Parish Thanksgiving Programme.

Please join us in praying for the success of the Renewal.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WORKING BEE #1 – CAN YOU HELP?

On **Wednesday 30th June**, at 10.00am in the **Monaghan Centre** we are holding a **Working Bee** to assemble letters and Information for all our Parish Families. If you can help us, please come along, and lend a hand. This will entail folding and placing material into envelopes.

Approximately 10 to 15 Helpers are required to assist

(approx. 2 hours)

If you are able and willing to assist, please telephone the Parish Office this week and **leave your name.**

NASER MORADI



An exhibition of the work of Naser Moradi - an Afghani asylum seeker and self-taught artist finding hope in the darkest of places.

OPENING NIGHT

Monday June 21st 2021, 5:30-8:30pm

The Mercy Hub 617 Nicholson St Carlton North 3054
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=761725&>
(Booking required for Opening Night only)

Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th June, 10:30-5:30pm

Friday 25th June, 5-8:00pm

Saturday 26th June; 11-3:00pm & 6-8:00pm

FINAL SHOWING

Sunday 27th June, 11-4:00pm



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WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	NO MASS	NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY	NO MASS	NO MASS	
THURSDAY	NO MASS	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6:00PM		

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 (5TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)			

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: Helen Grogan, Nancy Panuccio

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 888.65	\$ 63.00	\$176.35
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1370.00	\$120.00	\$293.00
Loose Plate	\$ 250.80	\$ 14.30	\$ 43.20

Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- Wear a face mask
- Use the QR Code
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 19th & 20th June 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: M Jackson
 Sunday 9am: J O'Brien
 Sunday 5pm: P Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray
 Sunday 9am: G Johnston, J Cresp
 Sunday 5pm: B Dolence, B Bunting

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: Baptism Family
 Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
 Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
 Sun 5pm: M Sullivan

Counting Team: 5 J Farrelly

Irymple

Reader: D Knight

Merbein

Reader: K Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Vines, M Bell

Altar Servers: G Zaccane, S Morello

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: L Bugno

Counting Team: L Grivec, A Njegovan, J Tassone

Eucharistic Minister x 1: A Higham

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteer

Next weekend - 26th & 27th June 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Barnes
 Sunday 9am: R Opt' Hoog
 Sunday 5pm: R Zalec

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: K Quinlan, V Pileggi
 Sunday 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica
 Sunday 5pm: K Groves, S Hermans

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: C & L Welsh
 Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Ljubic
 Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Counting Team: 6 - J O'Donnell

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: V Knight

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, J Cameron

Altar Servers: N Monteleone, M Collihole

Music: Tongan Choir

Offertory Procession: J Cameron

Counting Team: L Grivec, A Njegovan, J Tassone

Eucharistic Minister x 1: P Hill

Church Cleaning: Cleaner

Flowers: Volunteer

Next Weekends Readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time— 26th & 27th June 2021

1st Reading: Book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Responsorial: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43



First Reading

Jb 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. (R.)



Second Reading

2 Cor 5:14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate

According to St Paul 'the whole of creation... is yearning to share in the glory promised to the children of God.' (Romans 8)

In the meantime it is as though from the beginning every element of the universe is 'listening out' for the word which will bring it into harmony with that deepest yearning, listening so as to exist in a way which is never destructive of God's plan for humanity and all other creatures.

And that is what happens in this gospel episode. What is the situation of creation? One has a howling wind, shrieking against every timber of the boat, storm-tossed waves threatening to engulf and sink the boat.

What word is heard by these elements of the universe? A word which they hear even as they are at their most destructive.

'Quiet, be still.' [repeat]

And there was a dead calm. Why?

Because this was a word spoken by the Lord of all creation, the Sovereign of the universe.

And what was the result? The disciples were able to make their way across the Sea of Galilee 'to the other side' in the company of Jesus. What does that mean?

They were able to go from the western Jewish side to the eastern Pagan side. That is from the side which they knew, from the side with which they were familiar, from the side where they were 'at home' to the side which they did not know, which was unfamiliar territory for them, where, far from being at home, they would feel dis-located, dis-placed.

That is why this gospel story is good news for us, for you and for me. There will be times, there have been times when, in the journey of life, suddenly chaos erupts. A tempest storms into our life. The wind is howling. We want to block our ears to the situation threatening us whether from the outside or from some part of our own personality. We feel we are being swamped. Some part of us is facing death.

With the disciples we may cry out to Jesus 'Don't you care?' And the Lord of the Universe will ensure we are not submerged by chaotic, dark forces.

But, he will not turn us back to the situation as before. We must continue to 'the other side'. It will be unfamiliar territory. We will feel dis-placed, somewhat disoriented.

But we will also find that Our Lord has accompanied us in that journey through the chaos. He is our companion as we find our bearings in the new situation we have reached 'on the other side'.

There will possibly be many such transits in the journey of life until the final transit to truly new territory through the wrenching chaos and dis-integration of death.

We should pray that in the midst of dying we will hear Our Lord rebuking the Prince of Darkness and Death: 'Quiet, be still.' And Our Lord will accompany us, be our companion to the other side, to the Promised Land of Heaven.