

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 30

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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*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 23rd & 24th July 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Gwen Jessup, Bert Adolph, John Lamshed,
Margaret Kelly, Margaret Smith

(Immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)

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.

Please abide by the Staying Safe Rules

- . Masks now do not need to be worn in church but if you wish you can continue to wear them.
- . Use the hand sanitizer
- . If you are feeling unwell please stay home

Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office Opening Hours will vary slightly over the next week.

Tuesday: 1pm—4pm

Wednesday: 11am—2pm

Thursday: 1-3.30pm

Friday: 9am-12.30pm

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we welcome back Fr Shaiju, we hope that he is refreshed after his trip home to India.

On Friday evening was a great celebration for the ordination of Fr Bill Lowry and Matthew Restall, we wish them well in their ministry as Priests of the diocese. Fr Bill will be with us over the next weekend celebrating masses, after the masses there will be a cuppa, and after the Sunday 5pm a pizza tea all welcome to attend.

This week are returning back to normal with our masses, please note that the office will have different hours again this week.

We celebrate Grandparent this weekend and we pray for all our grandparents those living and those who have died. St Joachim and Anne are on Tuesday so lets have a special intension for all Grandparents.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

Luke 11:1-13



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS For July 2022

Tue 26 Jul: Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting 7.20am, Parish Office.

Wed 27 Jul: Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.

Please note there will be no Aged Care Services this month.



Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 7th Sept. 7pm, Sacred Heart Church. Celebration of the Sacrament, Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October

Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 12th Oct. 7pm, SH Church. Celebration of the Sacrament, Wednesday 23rd November 7pm-Sacred Heart Church.



RCIY

If you are between the **ages of 12 and 18** and are yet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist and /or Confirmation. We are looking at commencing a program in 3rd Term 2022. For further details or if you would like to put your name down please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office on 5021 2872.

Werrimull Bus Trip July 2022

Our next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 31st July.

Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.



World Day for Grandparents

On Sunday July 24 we celebrate the 2nd World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The date is chosen to coincide with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (grandparents of Jesus) during the week.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme "In old age they will still bear fruit" and calls us all to reflect on how grandparents and the elderly bear fruit in our world.

Reflection on the Gospel-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C (Luke 11:1-13) -Veronica Lawson RSM

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying and about God's generous giving. There are two teachings on prayer forming a frame around an enigmatic parable. In the first cameo, Jesus has finished praying and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond. He evokes the words of the Jewish blessing prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime." Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the saving power of God over against the destructive power of the Roman emperor. The prayer continues with an acknowledgement that bread, the fruit of the earth, is the gift of God: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." This is not a prayer for more than is needed, but for just as much as is needed to sustain Earth's beings. The final petitions in the prayer are for forgiveness of sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and for freedom from testing. We cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiving, from being forgiven and from the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial such as the present ecological crisis with all its demands for radical change. The parable that follows has raised questions for interpreters. Is it about persistence or about avoidance of shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek word anaideia. The literal meaning of anaideia is avoidance of shame. This makes sense in a culture where anyone would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night. Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo. Here Jesus draws on the experience of his listeners: if flawed disciples know how to give "good gifts" to their children, then they should not be surprised that those who ask for the Holy Spirit will receive this best of all gifts from God as they seek to renew the face of the Earth.

Coming Up — Celebrated Feast Days in August

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Will be celebrated on Saturday 6th August at 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and Knights of the Southern Cross.

All parishioners are most welcome.



Mother Mary's Assumption & Indian Independence Day Celebration 2022

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 14th August with Holy Mass at 9am.

All welcome.

Organised by the Kerala Community



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 11:30am Monaghan Centre

Legion of Mary: Tuesday after 6pm Mass

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6PM	9:30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM		
THURSDAY	9:30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	IRYMPLE	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
SATURDAY		6PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9AM	10AM	10:30AM
		5PM		
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: Fr Eric Bryant, Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 867.35	\$78.50	\$137.80
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$905.00	\$160.00	\$156.50
Loose Plate	\$ 527.05	\$ 18.00	\$ 38.70

WomenCan

Apprentice & Trainee Centre for women and girls to rejoin the workforce. Why not consider a career in the aged care sector. There is a free "Earn and Learn" model which means you get paid to work and study. Please contact Kelly Wandel 0419 517 996 or visit: www.womencanaustralia.com

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 23rd & 24th July 2022

Next weekend - 30th & 31st July 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: G Huxtable
Sun 9am: R Tam
Sun 5pm: C Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, A Greville
Sun 9am: J Cresp, volunteers please
Sun 5pm: W, Finn, T Finn, volunteer please

Music: Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic
Sun 9am: M Sullivan, M Bowring, B Lewis
Sun 5pm: M Guthrie, J Ljubic

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L & C Welsh

Counting Team: Group 2—J DeJong

Irymple

Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: N Gallagher
Offertory: V McCarthy
V McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, D Eagle

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: N Orr

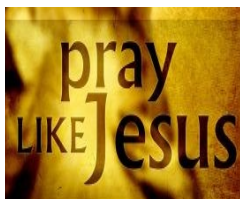
Altar Servers: Group 6

Eucharistic Minister: B Pitt

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteers

Please find your own replacement if you are unable to attend on your Rostered Day.



Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: Rosemary Barnes
Sun 9am: Lyn Welsh
Sun 5pm: Barb Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
Sun 9am: L Belej, N Leonardis, R O'Callaghan
Sun 5pm: B Dolence, J Willis, B Bunting

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir

Sun 9am: Marion Guthrie

Sun 5pm: Youth Mass

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: M. Gobbo

Counting Team: Group 3—P McDonald

Irymple

Reader: P Riordan

Merbein

Reader: Kevin Aston
Offertory: F.Cox
F. Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron, T Gardiner

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Russo Family

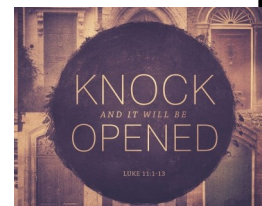
Altar Servers: Group 1

Eucharistic Minister: C Russo

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteers

Please find your own replacement if you are unable to attend on your Rostered Day.



Next Weekends Readings: - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 30th & 31st July 2022

1st Reading: Ecclesiaste 1:2, 2:21-23
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17
Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge
2nd Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



First Reading

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,

and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt
to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'