

# 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*

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 6th & 7th August 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Douglas Allen,

### Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: St Mary MacKillop, Bob Brown, Pat Zara

Sunday 9am: Healy Family

Sunday 5pm: Robert Hogarth, Agatha Lakey, William Lakey,  
Carmela Dichiera (nee—Finis—30 day Mass)

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Rosairo Pediglieri, Steve Dolenech,  
Mario Berton, Karl Sabo

*(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 COVID 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

### Feast Day

#### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Saturday 6th August at 6pm we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at Sacred Heart Church.

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

All are most welcome.



## Message from our Parish Priest

This week we celebrate St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) Mary is a great role model for all of us, as someone who through diversity is able to still follow God's call and engage people into hearing the message through different voices.

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own* is today's response to the psalm this is very fitting for Mary MacKillop and ourselves. God has chosen to call us as his own so we all need to listen to his call and be ready to respond. The response we make could be spiritual, physical or engaging.

This week masses are normal and the office hours will be back to normal as well.

Please note that I am away on Tuesday this week at the Victorian Police Chaplains Conference in Horsham.

God bless you all.

*Fr Matthew Thomas*

Do not fear, little flock, for it is your  
Father's *good pleasure* to give you  
the kingdom.

Luke 12:32



# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For August 2022

**Mon 8th Aug:** Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.  
**Thur 11 Aug:** Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs 5.30pm  
**Sun 14 Aug:** Cuppa & Trading Table Mildura Church 9am, Red Cliffs Church 10am  
**Thurs 18th Aug:** Regis Ontario Care service 2pm.  
**Thu 18th Aug:** Anointing Mass, Merbein Church 9.30am.  
**Sun 21st Aug:** Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass  
**Tues 23rd Aug:** Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre  
**Tue 23rd Aug:** Priests Zone Meeting.  
**Wed 24th Aug:** Anointing Mass, Mildura church 2pm  
**Wed 24th Aug:** Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.  
**Sun 28th Aug:** Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

### Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Ned & Angourie Fyfe, Joseph Nocera, Fletcher Knights, Angelo De Los Santos, Levi Timms** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



### Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

**First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)**  
Parent Meeting Wed 7th Sept. 7pm, SH Church  
Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd October

**Reconciliation (Grade 2)**  
Parent Meeting Wed 12th Oct. 7pm, SH Church  
Wednesday 23rd November



### Our Diocesan Community Magazine

Is now available for you to collect at each church entrances.  
Interesting articles.

### 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

**Charismatic Group:** Tuesday after 6pm Mass  
**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



### 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



### Short Term Accommodation

A 22 year old international nursing student from the Philippines studying at Victoria university will be at Mildura Bas Public Hospital from 29th August until the 25th September and is looking for short term accommodation. If you can help please contact the Parish Office for further details.

### Feast of Saint Rocco

Will be held on Sunday 21st August at St Michaels Archangel Catholic Church Buronga. Evening Masses will be held on Thursday 18th August & Friday 19th August at 6pm.



Sunday 21st August Mass at 10am. Procession departing after Mass outside Church and school grounds. Followed by complementary lunch, music and entertainment in Church Grounds. All welcome.

### Stewardship/Planned Giving Program

As we are nearing completion of our first year three year cycle program, new envelope packs and statements will be available to collect from all churches from the weekend of 27th & 28th August.

If you would like to go Direct Debit please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that new arrangements can be made before the commencement of the second year.



GRATEFUL  
AND  
GENEROUS

### Update on Caleb Bowers

30 July 2022 By Kristin Eggert, Organizer  
Sorry for the delay in updates everyone. It's been a journey and all of us also being so busy. So, Caleb has now spent some time at home back in Mildura and on Thursday just gone had surgery at the Alfred to replace the piece of missing skull. Thursday was 3 months to the day that Caleb had his horrific accident. Caleb has come so far, and he has had some exceptional people with him on his journey. We are all so grateful for Caleb's journey to date. He still has a road ahead, but that is made easier by all the support. Once again, a huge thank you to those who have donated or shown support in any way. It is greatly appreciated. Karen, Caleb's mum passed this on to us all after his surgery on Thursday. "Caleb had his surgery yesterday to have an implant in to replace the bone that was removed after his accident. The doctors are really happy with his progress, still a long road for him to travel but he's going to smash this. Should be out of hospital and back home early next week "

# LOCAL NEWS

## 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)

## 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

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Collection<br>(supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$ 1136.85 | \$109.95 | \$188.60   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection<br>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)       | \$335.00   | \$100.00 | \$210.00   |
| Loose Plate   | \$ 416.55  | \$ 30.95 | \$ 15.25   |

## 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](http://www.womencanaustralia.com)

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 6th & 7th August 2022

**Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am**

### Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue  
 Sun 9am: P Issanchon  
 Sun 5pm: J Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, M McDonald, V Pileggi  
 Sun 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica, L Welsh  
 Sun 5pm: K Groves, J Hall, M Rodi

Music: Sat 6pm: St Mary Mackillop, M Guthrie  
 Sun 9am: Italian Choir  
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond

Counting Team: Group 4- Maria Roper

### Irymple

Reader: W Schmidt, R Barbary

### Merbein

Reader: K Aston  
 Offertory: F Cox, F Sabo

### Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, A Higham  
 Music: Guitar  
 Offertory Procession: M Bell  
 Altar Servers: Group 2  
 Eucharistic Minister: C Tassone  
 Church Cleaning: Volunteers  
 Flowers: D Eagle

Please find your own Replacement if you are unable to attend on your rostered Day.

Next weekend - 13th & 14th August 2022

**Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am**

### Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray  
 Sun 9am: Indian Independence Day  
 Sun 5pm: P Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald  
 Sun 9am: G Scopacasa, M Modica, L Welsh  
 Sun 5pm: M Irvin, S Hermans, N Kennedy

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir  
 Sun 9am: Holy Mother Mary  
 Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Group 5- H Kay

### Irymple

Reader: M Hill, K Knight

### Merbein

Reader: B Wells  
 Offertory: K Aston, K Wagner

### Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, J Vines  
 Music: Guitar  
 Offertory Procession: G Brizzi  
 Altar Servers: Group 3  
 Eucharistic Minister: J Vines  
 Church Cleaning: Volunteers  
 Flowers: D Eagle

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Next Weekends Readings: - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 13th & 14th August 2022

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4, 18  
 Response: Lord, Come to my aid!  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4  
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53



## First Reading

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,  
so that,  
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their  
trust in,  
they would joyfully take courage.  
This was the expectation of your people,  
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their ene-  
mies;  
for by the same act with which you took vengeance  
on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.  
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice  
in secret  
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:  
that the saints would share the same blessings and  
dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of  
the fathers.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his  
own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

## Second Reading

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope  
for, or prove the existence of the realities that at pre-  
sent remain unseen. It was for faith that our ances-  
tors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set  
out for a country that was the inheritance given to  
him and his descendants, and that he set out without  
knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as  
a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as  
if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who  
were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived  
there in tents while he looked forward to a city found-  
ed, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being  
past the age, was made able to conceive, because  
she believed that he who had made the promise  
would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came  
from one man, and one who was already as good as  
dead himself, more descendants than could be  
counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the  
grains of sand on the seashore.

## Gospel

Lk 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid,  
little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the  
kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves  
purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you,  
in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy  
it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps  
lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the  
wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he  
comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the mas-  
ter finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will  
put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them.  
It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third,  
but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may  
be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at  
what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let  
anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must  
stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour  
you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for  
everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then,  
is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him  
over his household to give them their allowance of food at  
the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival  
finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place  
him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who  
says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and  
sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and  
eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come  
on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not  
know. The master will cut him off and send him to the  
same fate as the unfaithful.

