

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*

1st Sunday of Lent / Year C 5th & 6th March 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Margaret Connelly, Grazia Cammositto, Lottie Pyhycz, Antonina Mammone

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Peter, Maria & Lucia Tran, All Souls

Sunday 8.30am: George Gerstenmayer (one year anniversary)

Sunday 9am: Helen Grivec, Elvie McGlynn, Una Khan

Friday 6pm: Teresa Cavallo (30 day Mass),

Knights of the Southern Cross—Special intentions

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries:

(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.

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

Reconciliation (Grade 3 and above)

The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place
Wednesday 6th April 7pm Sacred Heart Church

Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 27th April 7pm, SH Church
Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th June

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

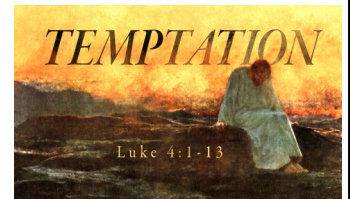
Message from our Parish Priest

We have now begun our Lenten Journey, may the next few weeks bring us closer to God, through our time of prayer, service to others or alms giving.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble this is our response to the psalm. How do I respond to God when I am in trouble and how do I ask for assistance from others. Often the hardest thing we can do is to ask for assistance. When someone comes to me for assistance how to I offer assistance.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas



Easter Services

Holy Thursday 14th April

5pm Our Lady's Merbein
6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Good Friday 15th April

3pm Sacred Heart Mildura
3pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
3pm Our Lady's Merbein

Holy Saturday 16th April

6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Sunday 17th April

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple
9am Sacred Heart Mildura
10.30am Our Lady's Merbein
11am Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull
5pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Lent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 30th March
7pm
Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Anointing Masses

10th March Red Cliffs 5.30pm
17th March Merbein 9.30am
23rd March Mildura 9.30am

Mass of the Oils

St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat
Monday 11th April

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

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For March 2022

- Wed 9 Mar:** Princes Court Aged Care service 10am.
Thu 10 Mar: Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs church 5.30pm.
Mon 14 Mar: Knight of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.
Sun 13 Mar: Cuppa & Trading Table Mildura Church 9am, Red Cliffs Church 10am
Wed 16 Mar: Oasis Aged Care service 10.30am.
Thu 17 Mar: Anointing Mass, Merbein Church 9.30am.
Sun 20 Mar: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass
Tue 22 Mar: Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting 7.30am.
Tues 22 Mar: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre
Tue 22 Mar: BUPA Aged Care service 10.30am.
Wed 23 Mar: Anointing Mass, Mildura church 9.30am
Wed 23 Mar: Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.
Sun 27 Mar: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.
Wed 30 Mar: Communal Reconciliation 7pm.



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Hannah Jacobs, Joseph Lloyd and Francesco Rizzica** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

RCIA

Structure of the Mass

Thursday 10th March 7pm, Monaghan Centre.



Ideas for Making the Most during Lent

Praying

Fasting

Volunteering

Almsgiving

Project Compassion Envelopes

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays from 6.45pm Indian Community. All welcome.

Friday from 7.30pm Tongan Community. All welcome.

Communal celebration of Reconciliation

Wed 30th March 7pm Sacred Heart Church Mildura.



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's of Mary: Sat 10:15am

YOU ARE OFFICIALLY INVITED TO THE ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MILDURA



Saturday 19 March 2022

THE SISTERS OF MERCY CONVENT
154 TWELFTH STREET, MILDURA

10:00am to 11:00am
VIEWING OF THE HERITAGE CENTRE AND TOURS OF COLLEGE GROUNDS

11:00am
BLESSING OF THE HERITAGE CENTRE AND LITURGY
A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE LITURGY

RSVP FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022
gtimpano@sjcmda.vic.edu.au

MERCY HERITAGE CENTRE BLESSING

TO BE OFFICIATED BY BISHOP PAUL BIRD
CSR BISHOP OF BALLARAT



Rsvp has past, but please let the school know this coming week if you wish to attend.

Lenten Discussion Groups

Mildura

Venue: Monaghan Centre

Thursdays during Lent commencing 3rd March

Time: 3-4pm

All are welcome to attend.

You will need a copy of the Lenten Program available from the Parish Office.

Please contact Sr Helen for further details on 0428 734 524



Red Cliffs

Venue: Janine Cameron's House

Mondays commencing 28th February

Time: 10.30am

All are welcome. Please contact Janine for further details on 0438 730 976

First Sunday of Lent 5 & 6 March



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future**

Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.



Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria - Centenary

In February the Knights of the Southern Cross in Victoria celebrated their Centenary.

We give thanks to God for all the blessings that the order of the Knights of the Southern Cross in Victoria has received from Him over the past 100 years.

Please keep the members of the Knights of the Southern Cross in your prayers, especially the members from our Mildura branch at this time so they may continue to do God's work long into the future.

A Mass of special intentions will be held on Friday 11th March at 6pm.

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

| | MILDURA | RED CLIFFS | MERBEIN |
|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| MONDAY | | | |
| TUESDAY | 6PM | NO MASS | |
| WEDNESDAY | NO MASS | | |
| 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: Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Ruth Michel (Werrimull), Rosemary Byrne, Nancy Panuccio,

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

| Last week's collections | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
|---|-----------|----------|------------|
| 1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$ 943.15 | \$ 79.40 | \$173.90 |
| 2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC) | \$ 657.30 | \$132.50 | \$302.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 446.35 | \$ 67.15 | \$ 41.20 |

Thank you for your Prayers

Jill Joselyn would like to take this opportunity in thanking you all for your heartfelt prayers and would like to let you know that she is recovering quite well.



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 5th & 6th March 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael
Sun 9am: M Kamara
Sun 5pm: J Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
Sun 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog, volunteer
Sun 5pm: K Groves, J Hall, M Rodi

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
Sun 5pm: S Faita, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Group 2— J De Jong

Irymple

Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor
Offertory: J & A O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, T Hawkes
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: F Dominelli
Altar Servers:
Eucharistic Minister: P Hunt
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Volunteer

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

Next weekend - 12th & 13th March 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: G Huxtable
Sun 9am: P Issanchon
Sun 5pm: P Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: 3 people

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, T Fatai
Sun 9am: C Howell, N Lewis, R Byra
Sun 5pm: M Irvin, S Hermans, N Kennedy

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

Counting Team: Group 3—P McDonald

Irymple

Reader: P Riordan

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo
Offertory: J & A Ellis

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, M Monteleone
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: Lewis Family
Altar Servers:
Eucharistic Minister: N Kennedy
Church Cleaning: Volunteer
Flowers: Volunteer

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

Next Weekends Readings: - 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C – 12th & 13th March 2022

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14
Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36



First Reading

Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father.

First, when *he* was hungry there would be bread out of stones.

Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power.

Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe.

Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying:

I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, *or*

I want to exercise power over others, *or*

I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, *or* all three!

What must we do when such temptations assail us?

Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested.

We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

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