

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 34

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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*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 20th & 21st August 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Stanley Nowak

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Leonardo Coppola (1st anniversary)

Sunday 9am:

Tuesday 6pm: Reg Zuditech (25th anniversary)

Red Cliffs

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

Merbein

Anniversaries: Domenico Pezzaniti, Tom and David McCarthy

(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 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

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

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



Reconciliation (Grade 2)

Parent Meeting Wed 12th Oct. 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.
The celebration of the sacrament will be held on
Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm.

Message from our Parish Priest

We welcome Fr Jim McKay who will be with us this weekend and thank him for celebrating masses in Mildura and Merbein.

On Wednesday 24th there will be an anointing Mass in Mildura please note the change of mass time to 2pm. This means there will be no 9.30am mass on that day.

'Go out to all the world and tell the Good News'.

Is this weekends psalm response, what does it mean to go out to the whole world and tell of the Good News of Jesus, do we do this verbally or by our actions. I personally think we are able to show by our actions and then talk about it to different people through our normal communication with others. 9

Just a reminder that Wednesday the 7th September at 7pm is our Parents information evening for the sacrament of First Holy Communion or first Eucharist.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

The Door is Narrow and the Time is Short

Jesus' call to strive to enter the
Kingdom of God while there is still time

Luke 13:22-30

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For August 2022

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 — **Romi Morello and Luca Piscioneri** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Congratulations to Bill & Judith Dolence who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday—21st August.

Africa Food Crisis

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. We must act now and “Make Hunger History.” Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Luminous: John Orval, Stained Glass Artist

An exhibition of the work of John Orval, whose beautiful stained glass work can be seen in some of our region's churches, will be held in Hamilton from August 20 – October 30, 2022. Alongside this free exhibition, there will be an immersive bus tour to see Orval's work in Hamilton, Coleraine, Nareen and Tahara on September 30. The latest edition of “Our Diocesan Community” features an article on Orval's stained glass windows in our diocesan churches <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/odc/>. For more information on the exhibition go to <https://www.hamiltongallery.org/events/john-orval/>

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

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**

Trading Stalls—Mildura & Red Cliffs

Money raised from last weekend's Trading Stall is as follows:-

Mildura: The Shared Table—\$250.00

Red Cliffs: Vinnies Winter Appeal—\$140.00

Feast Days in August

Saturday 20th—St Bernard

Monday 22nd—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 23rd—St Rose of Lima

Wednesday 24th—St Bartholomew, Apostle

Thursday 25th—St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz

Saturday 27th—St Monica

Monday 29th—The Passion of St John the Baptist

The Shared Table—News

Dear Friends and fellow Supporters,

We are now into the seventeenth year of The Shared Table project, and I am pleased to report that we have received just in excess of \$26,244 in donations over the past financial year. So once again thank you for your ongoing commitment in helping to sustain this grassroots project. Like most countries around the world COVID continues to throw up many challenges. The Children's Kitchens are fully functional again and other projects are back in full swing, but life for many in the community has its challenges. In a recent email from Sr Mary, she wrote ‘...It is hard for many people who are still recovering from the financial effects of Covid, trying to pay off loans they had to take out to buy oxygen, medicine, and for all too many, burials of loved ones.’

Fr Mick has settled into his ministry in the Cusco region in the Andes, continuing to master the Quechua language of the region, getting community programs back up and running following Covid lockdowns and dealing with the very cold nights in the high Andes. I have attached a recently received newsletter from Fr Mick, it is in a pdf format, so if you have any difficulty in opening the attachment, please let me know. I am sure you will enjoy catching up on news from Peru.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

God bless,

Helen McBrearty,

Fundraising Co-ordinator Shared Table

(I have emailed the Shared Table Newsletter along with this Bulletin for those on our mailing list, if you would like a copy of the Shared Table Newsletter and/or be part of the Bulletin emailing list please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.)

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	NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY	2PM		
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 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1251.25	\$101.45	\$264.35
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2087.50	\$275.00	\$535.25
Loose Plate	\$ 701.40	\$ 31.00	\$ 91.70

Jacaranda Village

The monthly Prayer Service at Jacaranda Village, Red Cliffs has recommenced. St Joseph's Catholic Church is looking for volunteers who are willing to help out. The Prayer Service is held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10.30am. For further information please contact Di Eagle on 5024 5326.

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 20th & 21st August 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael
Sun 9am: T Fainga'anuku
Sun 5pm: T Finn

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: A Naray, P Kerr, V Pileggi
Sun 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog, volunteer
Sun 5pm: T Cirillo, J Zema, M Zema

Music: Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Macri
Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
Sun 5pm: Singing Group, M Sullivan

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism

Counting Team: Group 6—W Carmichael

Irymple

Reader: P Riordan

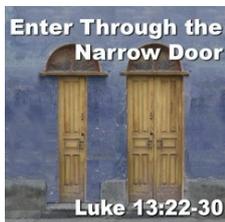
Merbein

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

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, D Eagle
Music: Tongan Choir
Offertory Procession: L Bugno
Altar Servers: Group 4
Eucharistic Minister: G Brizzi
Church Cleaning: Volunteer
Flowers: D Eagle

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



Next weekend - 27th & 28th August 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: G Huxtable
Sun 9am: J O'Brien
Sun 5pm: G Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald
Sun 9am: C Howell, N Lewis, R Byra
Sun 5pm: J Jose, C Slattery, C Carlucci

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L Belej

Counting Team: Group 7—J Farrelly

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo
Offertory: J & A Ellis

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, T Gardiner
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: Cameron Family
Altar Servers: Group 5
Eucharistic Minister: J Cameron
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: D Eagle

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 27th & 28th August 2022

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11
Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
2nd Reading: Hebrew 12:18-19, 22-24
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



First Reading

Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

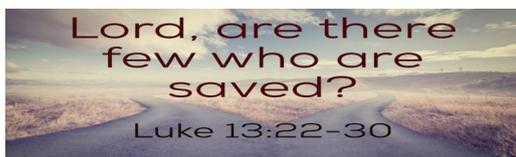
Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.' Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists?

The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: 'Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of *any* person *anywhere* at *any* time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.' Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel.

If the slogan: 'No salvation outside the Church' is taken to mean no-one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes.

Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us.

We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste of the banquet prophesied by Jesus in today's Gospel.

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Home to Rent

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom with double garage. Mildura area near 15th Street. Please contact Cathy on 0417 363 745 or email: cmhardinge@gmail.com. House will become available late September 2022.