

# 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  
Trymple

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*

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 27th & 28th August 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Betty Garner

### Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Marietta Demaria, Joseph & Helen Grivec, Joseph & Tony Habjan

Sunday 9am:

Friday 6pm: Maria Circosta

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Domenico Mamnone

### 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.

### **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*

This weekend's Gospel we read about Jesus talking about places of honour at events, dinners and parties. How do each of us respond to an invite to an event and then if we are asked to be seated in a place of honour. I often feel uncomfortable and always feel that someone more important than me should be sitting there. Jesus also reminds us to look out for others who don't have as much as we do and offer them something.

There are lots of note in the bulletin about social justice and all other events. Please note that I am away on Tuesday to Thursday as I am leading the Northern Zone Principals Retreat, in Daylesford.

God bless you all.

*Fr Matthew Thomas*

## **Shared Table Recipe Book**

To support Fr Michael McKinnon's Shared Table Projects in Peru we are preparing a recipe book.

If you have a favourite recipe within your family, we would love to receive it and include in the book. You will be acknowledged as the contributor.

Recipes can be starters/soups, mains, salads, desserts, one pot, stir fry.

We have so many wonderful cultures represented in our community and we would love recipes from as many parts of the world as possible. We look forward to your contributions with cut off date October 7.

The editorial committee may need to be selective with the final compilation.

The booklet will be available for prepaid order in November.

If you want to become involved please contact Sr Helen as soon as possible.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For August/September 2022

**Sun 28th Aug:** Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

### September

**Wed 7:** Bereavement Team meeting, 9am Parish Office

**Wed 7:** First Eucharist Parent meeting, Sacred Heart Church 7pm.

**Thu 8:** Anointing Mass St Josephs Church, Red Cliffs 5.30am.

**Sun 11:** Cuppa and Trading Table after Mass—Sacred heart Church 10am and St Joseph's Church 11am.

**Mon 12:** Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm, KSC clubrooms.

**Tue 13:** Prince Court Aged Care service 10am.

**Thu 15:** Anointing Mass OLSH Church, Merbein 9.30am.

**Sun 18:** OLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.

**Wed 21:** Oasis Aged Care service 10.30am

**Tue 27:** Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting, Parish Office 7.30am

**Tue 27:** BUPA Aged Care service 10.30am

**Wed 28:** Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart Church 9.30am

**Wed 28:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm.

*Thank You!*

The Kerala Indian Community would like to take this opportunity in thanking all those involved with the planning and support of their annual Feast Day of Mother Mary and Independence Day on August 14th. A wonderful time was had by all those who attended.



## 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

New envelope packs are now available for collection from this weekend 27th & 28th August at all churches.

If you would like to go Direct Debit please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**Please note: Quite a number of Sacred Heart Parishioners have been issued with a new Planned Giving number so I ask that from the weekend of 3rd & 4th September please do not use your old numbered envelopes.**

If there are any discrepancies with your statement or you may not have received new envelopes please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

The statement date enclosed in your pack is from 5-9-2021 to 21-8-2022—so timing could alter any concerns.



GRATEFUL  
AND  
GENEROUS

## St Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

From 13th September Columban 2023 Calendars and Christmas Card packs will be available for sale at the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

Available also is a limited range of items for First Eucharist.

## St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs

Piety stall is opened Sunday's after the 10am Mass with a great range of gift ideas and cards or to arrange a personal appointment please contact Janine on 0438 730 976



This year's Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action. If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or Tel (02) 62019845. Facebook | [www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC](http://www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC)

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# 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	NO MASS
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.*

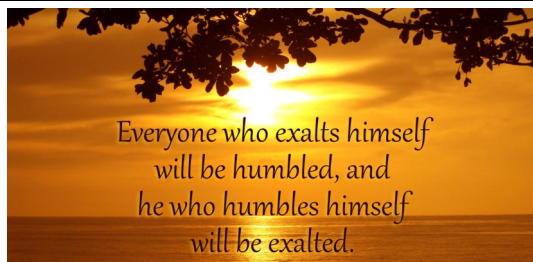
**Mildura:** Joe de Jong, Fr Eric Bryant, Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1141.40	\$123.70	\$199.85
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2187.50	\$205.00	\$758.25
Loose Plate	\$ 610.25	\$ 34.20	\$ 31.60



# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This 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 weekend - 3rd & 4th September 2022

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: St Paul's Primary School  
Sun 9am: R Tam  
Sun 5pm: Bill Dolence

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3

Sat 6pm: A Naray, P Kerr, V Pileggi  
Sun 9am: K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, J Cresp  
Sun 5pm: V Carlucci, J Macri, P Cox

**Music:** Sat 6pm: St Pauls' Primary School  
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan  
Sun 5pm: M Guthrie, J Ljubic

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: M Gobbo

**Counting Team:** Group 8— L Welsh

### Irymple

**Reader:** K Modoo

### Merbein

**Reader:** V Knight  
**Offertory:** C Knight, F Sabo

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Bell, A Higham

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** C Cavallaro

**Altar Servers:** Group 6

**Eucharistic Minister:** C Cavallaro

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** D Eagle

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 3rd & 4th September 2022

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

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 Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



## First Reading

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

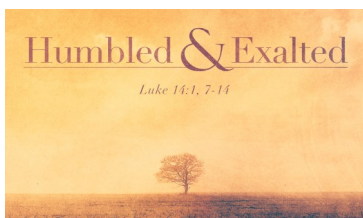
## Second Reading

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.



## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

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