

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*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 3rd & 4th September 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Margita Koroknai, Michael Matotek

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm: Pat Famer, Helen and John Hrascenec

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Julie Brown

Merbein

Anniversaries: John Barling, Mary Dorman Snr, Irene Byrne, John Klaric

(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 we celebrate Fathers' Day, I wish all our Father's a great day and blessing in their roles with the lives of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

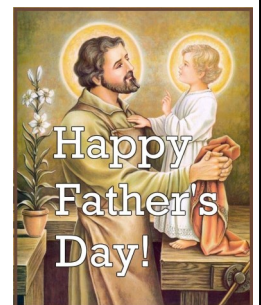
We ask St Joseph to intercede for us as we pray for our fathers or those who are father like figures for us.

This weekend we also pray for our Priests as they continue to serve the communities and parishes in that Fatherly role. We also have the clergy support collection this weekend as well. Envelopes are available to be collected and placed on the collection plate this week or next.

Just a reminder about the parent information night on Wednesday night for the sacrament of First Eucharist, Holy Communion.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, **which will be taken up today**. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For September 2022

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

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

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 2pm

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

Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Giarna Gauci** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



**GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS**

Stewardship/Planned Giving Program

New envelope packs are now available for collection all churches. If you would like to go Direct Debit please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Quite a number of Sacred Heart Parishioners have been issued with a new Planned Giving number please use the new envelopes and throw away any unused old envelopes.

The statement date enclosed in your pack is from 5-9-2021 to 21-8-2022—so timing could alter any concerns. If there are any discrepancies with your statement or you may not have received new envelopes please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

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



Advance Notice

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs

Will be held on Sunday 9th October 2022 with a Solemn Mass at 10am. Followed by the procession and the Traditional Feast with entertainment and stalls. Drawing of raffle 4.30pm. All welcome.

St Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

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

Available also is a very 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



Trading Stalls

Mildura & Red Cliffs 11th September

Next Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass.

Seeking donations of produce: fruit, vegetables, plants, seedlings, **conserves:** jams, chutneys, relish, **baked goods:** cakes, biscuits, slices, bread etc. If these can be brought in on the day of the stall it would be appreciated

Proceeds from the Mildura Trading Stall goes to The Shared Table and proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading Stall this month will go to BCSF.



Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the god of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen,



Taken from

<https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/a-fathers-day-prayer-2/67183>

Reunion of past students of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+)

Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will commence with a campus tour of Damascus College, to be followed lunch at the Golden City Hotel. The campus tour commences at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. To attend, please contact Lois Knights, email loisknights345@hotmail.com or phone 0419 902 538.

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6PM	9:30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM		
THURSDAY	SJC SCHOOL MASS	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: Joe de Jong, Fr Eric Bryant, Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Faye Cufari, Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1045.20	\$ 84.30	\$209.50
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2429.50	\$280.00	\$417.25
Loose Plate	\$ 603.50	\$ 52.00	\$ 49.25

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

Will lunch the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023 on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10am—12noon. Save the date for this free event.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about this year's statement entitled: "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse." Join a parish hub or attend online via zoom.

More details to follow in coming weeks.

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This 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 Crespi

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 weekend - 10th & 11th September 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue

Sun 9am: L Welsh

Sun 5pm: C Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald

Sun 9am: S Opie, P Opie, E Mazza

Sun 5pm: J Boord, J Joslyn, W Finn

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon

Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis, M Bowring

Sun 5pm: Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am:

Counting Team: Group 9 — G Brizzi

Irymple

Reader: D Knight

Merbein

Reader: K Aston

Offertory: F Cox, V MCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron, J Vines

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: F Dominelli

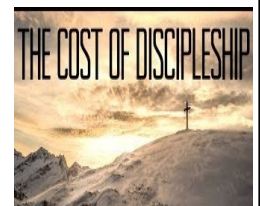
Altar Servers: Group 1

Eucharistic Minister: M Dominelli

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteers

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 10th & 11th September 2022

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Response: I will rise and go to my father.

2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32



First Reading

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you
not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straight-
ened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

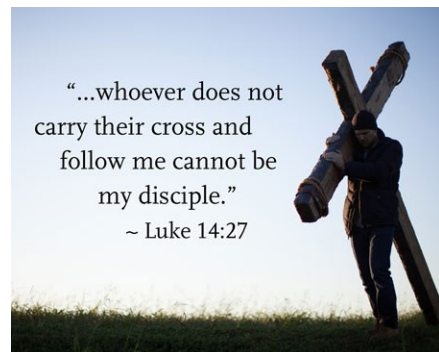
Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



"...whoever does not
carry their cross and
follow me cannot be
my disciple."
~ Luke 14:27

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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