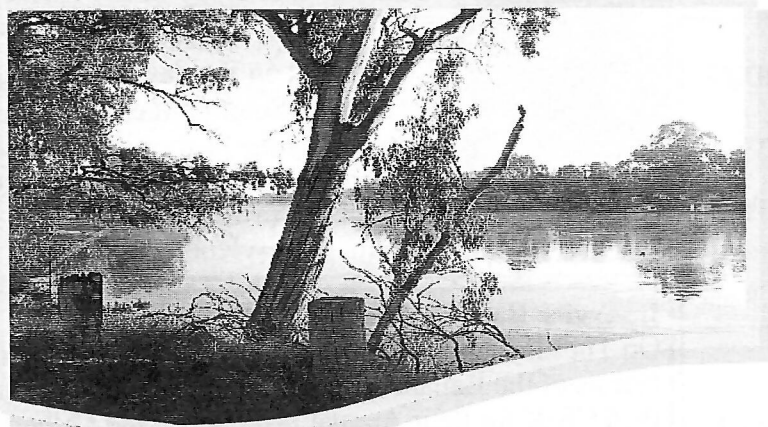


Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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 Assistant Priest Fr. Shaiju Mathew
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Newsheet: Week 37

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo
 Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00am—4:00pm

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*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 10th & 11th September 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Anna-Maria Crisera

Mildura

Anniversaries: Vince Tripodi

Saturday 6pm: Maria Circosta, Hugh Bowring

Sunday 9am:

Tuesday 6pm: Domenico DeAngelis (one year anniversary)

Saturday 9.30am: Hugh Bowring

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Joan McGlashan, Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna,
 Vincenza Tassone, Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone,
 Adrianna Tassone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Mavis Murphy, Joan Marshall, Maureen Aston

(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

Office Opening Hours for the next three weeks

Tuesday 13th September: 1-4pm

Friday 16th September: 9-12noon

Office Closed—First week of the School Holidays

Tuesday 20th—Thursday 22nd September

(Friday 23rd—AFL Public Holiday)

Tuesday 27th September: 1-4pm

Friday 30th September: 9-12noon

Any queries please leave a message on 5021 2872 or email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we have the gospel reading of the parable of the lost sheep. Jesus is reminding us of the celebration of when we find something of value that we have lost. Often we do not appreciate the value of things or people until they are missing or gone.

We also acknowledge the death of Queen Elizabeth II, she has reign over the commonwealth for over 70 years. We can learn from her dedicated service to all, may she rest in peace.

This coming week I am on year 7 camp in Victor Harbour, this will be a great time to get to know some of our younger parishioners.

The office over the next three weeks will be different hours so please check the bulletin for further details.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew
 Thomas



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and

contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH
 COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS For September 2022

- 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 Service **cancelled**.
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.



Trading Stalls
Mildura & Red Cliffs 11th September
This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass.

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 BCSE.



GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS

Planned Giving Program

New envelope packs are now available for collection those not collected at church this weekend will need to collect them from the Parish office. If you would like contribute to our Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 to register.

Please do not use any old envelopes

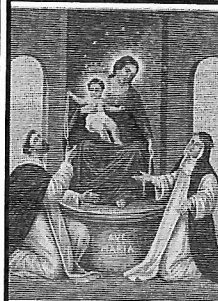
Our Parish Schools

- 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.

Inservice Ballarat Diocese

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week, the Priests of the Ballarat Diocese will gather with +Paul Bird CSsR for their Annual Inservice at the Cathedral Precinct.

The topic of focus is reflecting on the gift, experience and meaning of Priesthood.

Please remember them in your prayers over the coming days.

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

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.



Sacred Heart Family Group

The next gathering for the Sacred Heart Family Group will be a luncheon held on Sunday 25th September at 12noon in the Directors Room at the Gateway Tavern, 15th Street, Mildura. Please RSVP Raylee on 0427 238 778.

Notices for the Bulletin

Due to different opening hours for the Parish Office during the next three weeks all requests for notices for the weekend bulletin need to be in by 12noon Wednesdays.

You can either email: ildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or leave a message on 5021 2872.

Fuel Raffle

St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs is having a Fuel Raffle with 1st Prize \$750 worth of fuel, 2nd Prize \$350 worth of fuel and 3rd Prize is \$100 worth of fuel. Raffle drawn 20th November at St Joseph's Red Cliffs Tickets can be purchased at the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

Raffle books come in booklets of either 10 tickets or 20 tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

For further information please contact the Parish Office 50212872 or email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au



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	NO MASS	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: 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)	\$1204.35	\$ 92.40	\$212.10
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 950.00	\$190.00	\$287.00
Loose Plate	\$ 836.25	\$ 58.90	\$ 60.75

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. We look forward to your contributions with cut off date October 7. If you want to become involved please contact Sr Helen as soon as possible helen.nolen@mercy.org.au or 0438 734 524

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This 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 McCarthy

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 weekend - 17th & 18th September 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray
Sun 9am: P Issanchon
Sun 5pm: B Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: A Naray, M McDonald, V Pileggi
Sun 9am: R Tongue, L Cirillo, L Fry
Sun 5pm: T Finn, J Willis, B Dolence

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

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism

Counting Team: Group 10 — H Kay

Irymple

Reader: M Hoy

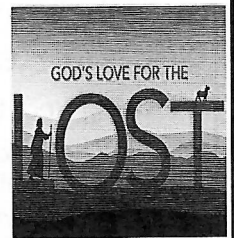
Merbein

Reader: K Wagner
Offertory: P Sylvia, J Rogers

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, D Eagle
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: Lewis Family
Altar Servers: School Holidays
Eucharistic Minister: D Eagle
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Volunteers

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 10th & 18th September 2022

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2, 4-8
Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



First Reading Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target.

Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better.

At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory.

We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

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