

# 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*

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 18th & 19th September 2021

### RECENT DEATHS

Dion Khan, Domenico (Don) De Angelis

### ANNIVERSARIES

Vince Tripodi

### Mildura

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Cath Fry

Sunday 5pm: Lucia Tolo

### Red Cliffs

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

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Merv Farnsworth, Mona Hann, Claude Raynor, Ann Burke, Ray Fellows, Koke Matheson, Margaret Cook, Peg McCarthy, Teresa Panuccio

*(Immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)*

## Message from our Parish Priest

Our Gospel reading reminds us to be a servant to all, giving of some of our time and self for the greater good of the community which will benefit all of us. Sometimes being first in line may mean that you need to wait patiently and even have to be served last. At times we all find this frustrating but sometimes others need to be assisted or served first.

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

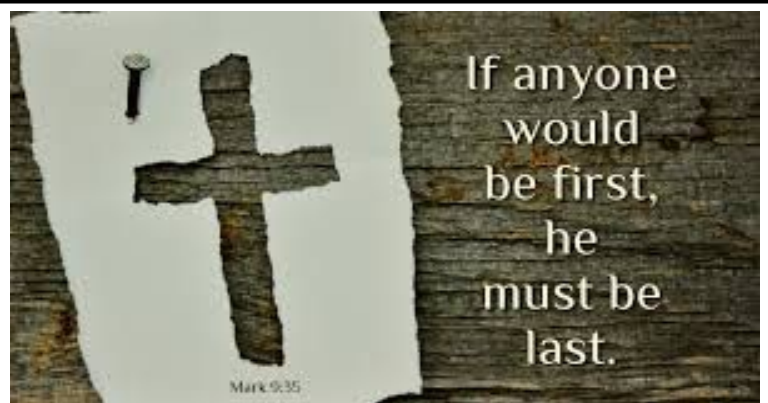
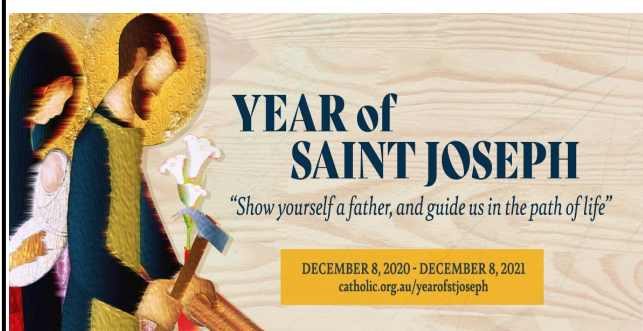
God bless

Fr Matthew Thomas

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.

### St Joseph

In the month of September, Fr Matthew is organising special events to incorporate the Year of Saint Joseph in all our Churches. Further information will be available in the next week.



### Update on COVID Restrictions

- All Churches opened with limited capacity of 20 people. Please contact the Parish Office to book in.
- No visitors to your home.
- Weddings capped at 10 including the bride & groom
- Funerals capped at 20.
- Baptism allowed.

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Meeting Dates for September 2021

**Wednesday 22nd:** Baptism Preparation, Monaghan Centre 7.30pm.

**Sunday 26th:** Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

### Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Capri Catanzariti** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Interested in learning more about

the Catholic faith?

If people know of anybody who has expressed interest in becoming Catholic, you can direct them to the Parish Office 5021 2872.

We currently have 3 people who have expressed interest.



### Sacrament of First Eucharist

Thank you for your extreme patience through this difficult year we are unable to have our information night due to the restrictions. Our First Eucharist program will continue as planned for the weekend of the Fri 22nd, Sat 23rd and Sun 24th October.



The information packs and worksheets will be able to be collected from your school St Paul's and Sacred Heart next week and we ask that all registered children collect their packs from the parish office (Tues-Fri 9am-4pm).

We are asking families to contact the office during the week of the 5th to the 8th October to confirm mass times, as we are unsure of number of people who can attend at this stage.

The masses over the weekend will be

Friday 22nd October	6pm
Saturday 23rd October	9.30am and 6pm
Sunday 24th October	9am, 12noon and 5pm

If you have any questions or enquiries please contact the parish office.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please note that with the current situation we have decided to postpone from Term 4 to Term 1 next year. More information will follow in later editions of the bulletin.



## Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs

The new Planned Giving envelopes will be available this weekend for collection from each church foyer.

From Tuesday 21st September all uncollected envelopes will be available for collection from the parish office.



On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement](#) – *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

### Prayer for Wonder and Awe

God of wonders,  
you show us your beauty in all created things.  
Help us to pay attention:  
to the taste of the ocean on our lips,  
the warmth of the sun on our hands,  
the song of birds in the morning and evening,  
the fragrance of the earth after rain,  
and to the star that guides us.

Creator God,  
we stand in awe of all that you have made.  
Fill our hearts with gratitude for every good gift, great and small,  
that feeds and forms us,  
inviting and enabling us to become people who are fully alive in your amazing grace.  
Amen

This [prayer](#) was provided as part of the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*.

### 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 11:30 am Monaghan Centre

### 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

# LOCAL NEWS

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6:00PM	9.30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM		
THURSDAY	9:30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6:00PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

IRYMPLE MILDURA RED CLIFFS MERBEIN

SATURDAY	6:00PM			
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10:00AM	10:30AM
	5:00PM			
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:** Helen Grogan, Nancy Panuccio

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$	\$	\$
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$	\$	\$
Loose Plate	\$	\$	\$

## Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- Wear a face mask
- Use the QR Code
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 18th & 19th September 2021

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: Mary Jackson  
 Sunday 9am: Laurie Fry  
 Sunday 5pm: Peter Hammond  
**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Ljubic  
 Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie  
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

**Counting Team:** Team 8 — P Hammond

### Irymple

**Reader:** D Knight

### Merbein

**Reader:** N Prevedello

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Duck, J Vines  
**Altar Servers:** School Holidays  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Offertory Procession:** G Brizzi  
**Counting Team:** G Brizzi, A Ziguras  
**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers  
**Flowers:** D Eagle

Mass permitted with up to 20 persons (No choirs—only individual musicians). All churches need to be mindful not to exceed numbers.



Next weekend - 25th & 26th August 2021

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: R Barnes  
 Sunday 9am: S Opie  
 Sunday 5pm: R Zalec  
**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Macri  
 Sun 9am: M Issanchon  
 Sun 5pm: S Fatai, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team:** Team 9 — G Dolence

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hoy

### Merbein

**Reader:** B Wells

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** P Hunt, D Eagle  
**Altar Servers:** School Holidays  
**Music:** Tongan Choir  
**Offertory Procession:** L Bugno  
**Counting Team:** C Russo, T Gardiner  
**Church Cleaning:** J Hazeldine  
**Flowers:** D Eagle

Mass permitted with up to 20 persons (No choirs—only individual musicians). All churches need to be mindful not to exceed numbers.



**Next Weekends Readings: — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—25th & 26th September 2021**

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29  
 Responsorial: PS 18:8, 10, 12-14  
 Response: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
 2nd Reading: James 5:1-6  
 Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## First Reading

Wis 2:12, 17-20

*A reading from the book of Wisdom.*

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

## Second Reading

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

*A reading from the letter of St James*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

## Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 9:30-37

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’



**A PRAYER—Cath Fry 29/6/44—19/9/13**

**A beautiful gentle kind modest lady who devoted her life to her family faith friends flowers animals and birds. Lord let us live our lives as Cath lived hers. Cath loved without condition; she talked without intention; Cath listened without judgement and gave without reason. Cath cared without expectation and remembered without regret. Lord help us to live that way.**

***Migrant & Refugee  
Sunday 2021  
September 26***

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, Towards An Ever Wider “We”, for the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Download the 2021 kit from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>

