

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 40

Parish Priest Fr. Matthew Thomas
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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 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*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 1st & 2nd October 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Loreto Marozzi, Dick Nolan, Rosina Frazzica, Robert Pollock,

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Marija Grubisic, Antun Grubisic

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm: Maree O'Callaghan, Bev LeGassick

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Domenico Pediglieri, Brian Chapman, Elf Sylvia, Mark McKee, Daniel Radcliffe

(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)

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

As daylight savings commences this weekend we are reminded of the change in our lives and to move our clocks forward an hour. Moving forward reminds us all of the speed in which our lives are heading and to stop in the business of life to reflect and refocus on what is in front of us.

In today's Gospel we have the example of the mustard seed, the smallest seed which grows to the largest bush. What are the things in our lives which are small and as they grow can become the largest and most important. Family, friends and faith come to mind for me. Each starts of small and develops and changes not only us personally but also those around us.

As school resumes this week we wish all our students and staff the best for term four. The office will resume back to normal hours as well Tues– Fri 9-4pm. I thank Margaret who has been covering the Office while Carmel has been away.

During the month of October we will have a focus on Social Justice, this years theme is 'Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse'.

Finally the psalm response is *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts*, what does this mean and how do I live it?

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours

Will return to normal from Tuesday 4th October.
Office hours Tuesday—Friday 9am—4pm.
Phone 5021 2872 or email:
mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For October 2022

Tues 4th: Regis Tenth St Aged Care Mass – 2pm
Wed 5th : Bereavement Team Meeting – 9am
Thurs 6th – Sacred Heart Primary School, Mission Mass
Sun 9th : Cuppa and Trading Table After Mass – Sacred Heart church 10am
Mon 10th: Knights of Southern Cross Meeting 7.30pm, KSC clubrooms
Wed 12th: Reconciliation Parent Information evening 7pm
Sun 16th: OLSH Parish Council Meeting after 10.30 Mass
Thurs 20th: Anointing Mass OLSH church, Merbein 9.30 am
Thurs 20th: Regis Ontario Aged Care Mass, 2pm
Tues 25th: Sacred Heart Parish Finance Meeting, Parish office 7.30am
Tues 25th : Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting, Monaghan Centre, 6.30pm
Wed 26th: Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart Church, 2pm
Wed 26th : Baptism Preparation Meeting, Monaghan Centre 7pm



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.

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 on 50212872 or email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

The Sacred Heart Parish Office now has in stock 2023 Columban Calendars for \$9 and Christmas Card packs for \$5. Available also is a limited range of Sacramental Items for First Eucharist.

Due to The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday 9th Red cliffs, The Cuppa and Trading table has been Cancelled for this month.

Pakistan Flood Crisis appeal

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1100 people. The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by the flooding. More than one third of the country has been completely submerged by the heaviest recorded monsoon rains in a decade. There are fears that the death toll will continue to rise. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Donate now by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>

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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phone 0438 734 524



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Flora Iaria, Isabella Mengler, Jimmy Knudsen, Cartier Mantovani, Jack Nagyidai, Ava**

Tassone and Elijah Kailahi whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Weddings

We congratulate **Mario Chirchiglia & Dominique Dichiera** who were married this weekend.



RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) for adults interested in committing to the Catholic Faith. Commencing on **Thursday 6th October at 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.**

No prior notice required - just turn up.

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

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	NO MASS	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:

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Catherine Bell

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 1110.70	\$207.00	\$397.75
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$910.00	\$135.00	\$190.00
Loose Plate	\$ 595.70	\$ 71.45	\$ 102.00

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 1st & 2nd October 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: G Huxtable
Sun 9am: T Fainga'anuku
Sun 5pm: P Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, T Fatai
Sun 9am: N Fatai, J Webster, Volunteer
Sun 5pm: M Rodi, S Hermans, K Groves

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, M Bowring
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
Sun 5pm: No Music

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism

Counting Team: Group 2 – J DeJong

Irymple

Reader: G McCracken

Merbein

Reader: N Prevedello
Offertory: N & B Prevedello

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, A Higham
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: Russo Family
Altar Servers: Group 2
Eucharistic Minister: P Hill
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Volunteers

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

Next weekend - 8th & 9th October 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Barnes
Sun 9am: J O'Brien
Sun 5pm: T Finn

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, A Greville
Sun 9am: P O'Donnell, G Johnston, G Raiti
Sun 5pm: N Kennedy, S Hermans, M Irvin

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir
Sun 5pm: No Music

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: C & P McErvale

Counting Team: Group 3 -

Irymple

Reader: M Duck

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo
Offertory: F Cox, V McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, J Vines
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: M Bell
Altar Servers: Group 3
Eucharistic Minister: P Hunt
Church Cleaning: Group 5
Flowers: T Pileggi

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

Next Weekends Readings: - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 8th & 9th October 2022

1st Reading: Second book of the Kings 5:14-17
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4
Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power
2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



First Reading

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

Second Reading

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something

precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'
The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!'

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

