

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
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*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 15th & 16th October 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Annunziata Surace, Shylinta Hudson-Hines

Mildura

Anniversaries: Anna Maria Tripodi

Sunday 5pm: Domenica Ficarra, Bruno, Leo & Domenico
Timpano, Vincenzo Mamzone

Tuesday 6pm: Des Drewry, Zacharias Thomas

Red Cliffs

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

Merbein

Anniversaries: Dom Zappia, Leon Wagner, Julian McGowan,
Ron Jackson, Pat Olden, Fr Frank Monaghan, George Kremor

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

Message from our Parish Priest

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Is the response to the psalm today. If we reflect on the response it reminds us of all the God does for us. In creating the heavens and the earth and all of creation we have to protect it and look after what has been given to us.

This links into the month of October where we are asked to look after our own and others mental health and also in praying the rosary we share closer in our personal prayer.

God bless you all.

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.

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

Recipe Book supporting

Fr Michael McKinnon's Peru Projects

Prepaid orders for our multicultural Recipe Book are being taken now. Cost \$25.

The book containing wonderful recipes representing our multicultural parish will be available at end of November. If you don't order and pay, you may miss out, as print run is dependent on orders.

To order, please go to the table outside the Monaghan Centre, after each Mass, for payment and recording of your details. For further information contact: Sr Helen 0438 734 524

Persistence and Prayer

Luke 18:1-8

October is National Mental Health Month

National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For October 2022

Thurs 20th: Anointing Mass OLSH church, Merbein 9.30 am

Thurs 20th: Regis Ontario Aged Care Mass, 2pm

Wed 26th: Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart Church, 2pm

Wed 26th : Baptism Preparation Meeting, Monaghan Centre 7pm



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Cosimo Cirillo, Dion Cirillo, Giarna Gauci and Rachel James** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Weddings

We congratulate **Matthew Piscioneri & Paxton Seaton** and **Brendan Alderton & Jacinta Macri** who were married this weekend.



RCIA

Catholic Bible & Salvation History

Thursday 20th October at 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.

Advent Books

We are now taking orders for Advent Books. If you would like a copy please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 to book yours in. Bookings will need to be in by Tuesday 21st October so that an order can be placed asap thereafter.

St Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

The Sacred Heart Parish Office now has in stock 2023 Columban Calendars for \$9 and Christmas Card packs for \$4. Available also is a limited range of Sacramental Items for First Eucharist.

For a wider range of Religious items please visit St Joseph's Catholic Church Red Cliffs every Sunday either before or after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

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



Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

The celebration weekend is next Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October.

Reconciliation (Grade 2)

The celebration of the sacrament will be held on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm.



Werrimull Bus Trip

Our final Werrimull Bus trip for 2022 will be held on Sunday 30th October. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.

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



Sacred Heart Primary School

As part of the Sacred Heart School's commitment to raise funds for the Shared Table projects in Yanaoca where Fr Mick is currently working, we have for auction a: Collingwood Jumper signed by the complete 2022 AFL Playing Team. This comes with a Certificate of Authenticity. It has been generously donated by the Collingwood Football Club and kindly organised by Josh Carmichael #45.

If you are interested in placing a bid for this fantastic piece of merchandise please ring the SH School Office on 50231204.

The top bid is currently sitting at \$600.



Diocesan Youth Booklet

The Ballarat Diocese has produced a booklet which outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey. There is information about a variety of youth ministry and young adult activities, as well as details on faith formation, social justice and outreach initiatives. A range of social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community is also included. In addition, there are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. There is information about reflection days, festivals, immersions and pilgrimage experiences for them to take part in to grow in their faith, and qualifications available in theology, ministry formation, training and much more. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet is being distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers, as well as a small amount of copies for parishes across the Diocese. If you have any questions or would like more copies, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@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	9:30AM	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: Catherine Bell, Faye Cufari, Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1194.05	\$133.80	\$752.60
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 811.00	\$165.00	\$100.00
Loose Plate	\$ 640.35	\$ 63.70	\$205.10
The Shared Table Sept & Oct	\$644		

Advance Notice

Tue 1st November-**All Saints**—Sacred Heart Church 6pm
 Wed 2nd November-**All Souls**—Merbein Cemetery 6pm
 Murray Pines Cemetery 6pm
 Thu 3rd November- Red Cliffs Cemetery 5.30pm
 Nichols Point Cemetery 6pm
Remembrance Mass—Mildura Friday 4th November 6pm
 Red Cliffs Sunday 6th November 10am

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 15th & 16th October 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: K Quinlan
 Sun 9am: R Tam
 Sun 5pm: G Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
 Sun 9am: Juliet Cresp, volunteers please
 Sun 5pm: M Zema, C Slattery, J Jose

Music: Sat 6pm: Singing Group, M Sullivan
 Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
 Sun 5pm: S Faight, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism family

Counting Team: Group 4 - M Roper

Irymple

Reader: W Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: B Wells

Offertory: K McCarthy, K Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, D Eagle

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: G Brizzi

Altar Servers: Group 4

Eucharistic Minister: N Kennedy

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer

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



Next weekend - 22nd & 23rd October 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue
 Sun 9am: Volunteer
 Sun 5pm: Bill Dolence

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, M McDonald, V Pileggi
 Sun 9am: L Belej, N Leonardis, R O'Callaghan
 Sun 5pm: C Carlucci, V Carlucci, J Marci

Music: Sat 6pm: First Eucharist
 Sun 9am: First Eucharist
 Sun 5pm: First Eucharist

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: M Gobbo

Counting Team: Group 5 - H Kay

Irymple

Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor

Offertory: J & A O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, T Gardiner

Music: Tongan Choir

Offertory Procession: L Bugno

Altar Servers: Group 5

Eucharistic Minister: S Orr

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteers

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 22nd & 23rd October 2022

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3, 17-19, 23
 Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
 2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



First Reading

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

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