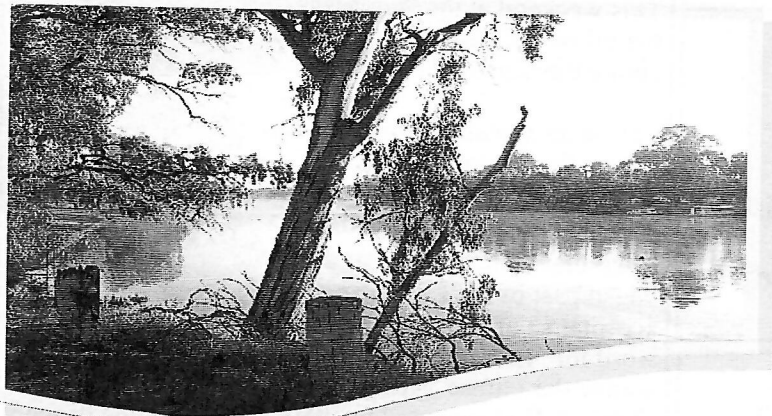


Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 3

Parish Priest Fr. Matthew Thomas
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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*

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 15th & 16th January 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Minda Wright

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Angelo Filippi (one month Mass),

Maria Jesuadian

Sunday 5pm: Murray Surace, Giuseppina Caia

Tuesday 6pm: Maria & Giuseppe Piscioneri, Vinicenzo & Teresa Piscioneri, Domenico & Rosa Scali

Red Cliffs

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

Merbein

Anniversaries: Jessie Barnes, Kasie Cohrs, Giuseppe Manno, John Dorman, Steve Panuccio

Message from our Parish Priest

We welcome Fr Jake Mudge who will be celebrating some of the parish masses this weekend. Fr Jake is a Bendigo Priest and is currently on Seminary Staff. He is filling in for Fr Shaiju who is covering Fr James for a wedding in Swan Hill.

The Gospel Acclamation is *God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.* What does this mean, for me it is a share in the story and experiences of Jesus and those around him of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the relationship that God has for each one of us. I share in the Story of Jesus by the way I live my life and the encounters I have with others. How do you share in the Gospel and in the Glory of Jesus.

Please note that after the robbery last weekend the Church at Mildura has now had all the locks changed.

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.

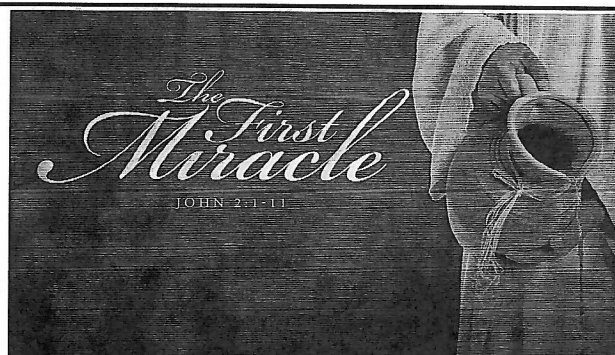
Advance Notice Sacramental Dates 2022

Reconciliation (Grade 3)
 (TBC)

Confirmation (Grade 3)
 Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th June

First Eucharist (Grade 4)
 Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd October

Reconciliation (Grade 2)
 Wednesday 23rd November



Please abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

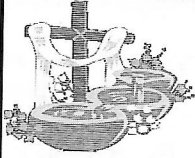
- . Masks to be worn in church from 8 years old & up
- . Use the QR Check in App when entering church
- . Use the hand sanitizer
- . If you are feeling unwell please stay home

LOCAL NEWS

Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours for January 2022

The Parish Office will be **closed** and reopened on Tuesday 18th January.

Please note that from **18th to 25th January** the Parish Office will be opened from **9am till 12noon only**. Normal operating hours will commence from Thursday 27th January.



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Mia Crabtree, Ari Tam, Halina Tonner and Aurora Winton**, whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Communion to the Sick—All Parishes

If you have a family member who is house bound or aged care (because of COVID hospital visits are not allowed at the moment) and they would like to receive communion, please consider this opportunity for you to help with our Communion to the Sick. This list continues to grow in all parishes. We will organise a short training session for new ministers after a weekend Mass in January 2022.

For more information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

RCIY

If you are between the **ages of 12 and 18** and are yet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist and /or Confirmation. We are looking at commencing a program when school returns in 2022. For further details please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office on 5021 2872.

John 2:1-11

¹¹This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

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

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

Sinulog Feast

This weekend at the 9am Mass the Filipino Community will celebrate the Sinulog Feast.



This is an annual celebration honouring the Santo Niño on the third Sunday (Child Jesus). The festival is made by a dance ritual that tells the story of the pagan past of the Filipino people and their acceptance of Christianity. "Sinulong" is the Cebuano word for "graceful dance", which is derived from the vernacular phrase "sulog" (a reference to the flow of a river). It first appeared in 1980, when a simple dance representing the flow of a river began.

This is a spectacular festival that retains the traditional celebration and culture.

Welcome

This weekend we welcome Fr Jake Mudge who is visiting Mildura for a couple of days and will be celebrating Mass in Mildura and Merbein. Please make him feel welcome.

Synod of Bishops

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025

The new "Looking Forward" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be accessed and/or downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of "Looking Forward" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.

Sacred Heart Church Car Park Permits

Permits will only be granted to those who use the car park weekdays during office hours. **You do not need a permit for evening or weekend use.**

For a permit to be issued you need to call into the parish office and supply your vehicle registration and current contact details.

Failure to present this permit will result in the possibility of your vehicle being towed away.

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	9:30AM	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.

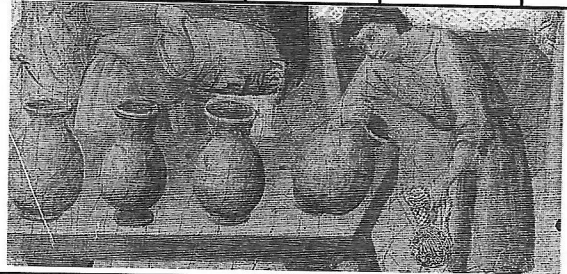
Mildura: Rosemary Byrne, Nancy Panuccio,

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 861.85	\$ 75.20	\$125.10
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2319.4	\$188.50	\$168.80
Loose Plate	\$ 290.10	\$ 26.60	\$ 22.50



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 15th & 16th January 2022

Next weekend - 22nd & 23rd January 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray
Sun 9am: S Opie
Sun 5pm: T Finn

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
Sun 9am: J Rocca, B Castillo, T Faingaanuku
Sun 5pm: J Hall, M Rodi, M Irvin

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Ljubic
Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
Sun 5pm: No Music

Counting Team: Group 5—Helen Kay

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: E Piscioneri, Nemsas family

Offertory:

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron, T Gardiner

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: M Adams

Altar Servers: School Holidays

Eucharistic Minister: C Cavallaro

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: J Cameron



Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael
Sun 9am: T Faingaanuku
Sun 5pm: G Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, Taiana Fatai
Sun 9am: M Faingaanuku, N Fatai, J Webster
Sun 5pm: S Hermans, N Kennedy, T Cirillo

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 5pm: No Music

Counting Team: Group 6—W Carmichael

Irymple

Reader: K Modoo

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo

Offertory: O'Connor Family

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, M Lee

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Russo Family

Altar Servers: School Holidays

Eucharistic Minister: J Cameron

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: J Cameron



Next Weekends Readings: - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 22nd & 23rd January 2022

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-10, 15

Response: Yours words, Lord, are spirit and life.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



First Reading

Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the
Lord,

a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

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