

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 49

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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 of Advent / Year A 3rd & 4th December 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Shirley O'Connor

Mildura

Anniversaries: Noreen Armsden
Saturday 6pm: Rocco Mammon
Sunday 9am: Tony Modica
Sunday 5pm:
Tuesday 6pm: Knights of the Southern Cross deceased members
Mass.

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Edward & Jackie McDonald,

Merbein

Anniversaries: Frank Callahan, Angela Gentile, Giuseppe Gentile,
Ilario Cavallo, Joe Piscioneri, Joseph Hunyadi

(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 COVID Staying Safe Rules

- . Masks now 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

Please note

Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours for December 2022

The Parish Office will be temporarily closed from **Tuesday 13 December until Friday 16th December 2022**. Please check Office door for actual opening hours for that week. Any notices for the weekend Bulletin of **17th & 18th December** need to be in by Friday 9th December.
For the Christmas break, the Parish Office will be closed from **24th December to 2nd January 2023**.

Message from our Parish Priest

On this Second Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Love. Love is one of the greatest gifts we can receive and can give. It can be expressed and shown in many different ways.

We congratulate Fr Shaiju who on Thursday celebrated his second anniversary of being a priest here in the Sunraysia region. We wish him many blessings from God and thank him for his ministry of service to all of us.

Please be aware the Presbytery was broken into during the 5pm mass last Sunday evening, if you saw anyone strange around the church can you please see me.

God bless you all.
Fr Matthew Thomas



Sunraysia Christmas Mass Times 2022

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

5.30pm St Joseph's Ouyen
6pm Sacred Heart Mildura
6pm Our Lady's Werrimull
8pm Our Lady's Merbein
8pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
8pm St Mary's Robinvale
10pm Sacred Heart Mildura
Midnight Sacred Heart Mildura

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple
9am Sacred Heart Mildura
9am St Patrick's Manangatang
11am St Mary's Robinvale

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS For December 2022

Tue 6 Dec: Finance meeting 7am.
Tue 6 Dec: Regis Tenth Aged Care Service 2pm.
Tue 6 Dec: Deceased members Mass KSC 6pm
Sun 11 Dec: Trading Table—Sacred Heart Church 9am,
 St Joseph's Church 10am.
Tue 13 Dec: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm
Wed 14 Dec: Oasis Aged Care Service 10.30am
Wed 14 Dec: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan
 Centre 7pm.
Thu 15 Dec: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 2pm
Tue 20 Dec: BUPA Aged Care Service 10.30am
Wed 21 Dec: Communal Reconciliation 7pm, Sacred
 Heart Church

Baptism
 We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish
 Community — **Thea Sellens & Giuliana
 Zappia** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Weddings
 We congratulate **Jonathon Napoli &
 Brooke Audino** who were married this
 weekend.

RCIA
 Mary, Saints, Holy Rosary
RCIA Thursday 8th December at 7pm in the
 Monaghan Centre.

Anointing Mass—December 2022
 December Anointing Masses will be held at the following
 churches on:
Red Cliffs: Thursday 8th December 5.30pm
Mildura: Wednesday 14th December 2pm
Merbein: Thursday 15th December 9.30am

**Communal Celebration of Reconciliation
 Wednesday 21st December 7pm**
 Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's
 Peace at Christmas by
 acknowledging our need for healing and for-
 giveness.

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 11:30am Monaghan Centre
Legion's of Mary: Tuesday after 6pm Mass

The Giving Tree Appeal
 The Sacred Heart Conference of The St
 Vincent de Paul Society will commence The
 Giving Tree appeal for Toys on 19th No-
 vember and conclude on December 4th
 In these difficult economic times, we are
 again asking you to assist the volunteers in
 the St Vincent de Paul Society by
 donating a toy for The Giving Tree. Your
 donation this Christmas will help us provide some Christ-
 mas joy for those experiencing poverty and hardship who
 might otherwise miss out.
**A tree with tags will be available at Mildura, Red
 Cliffs & Merbein churches.**
 St. Vincent de Paul taught his followers that *there are
 none so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none
 so poor that they have nothing to give.*
 Many thanks.



Piety Stall
Sacred Heart Parish Office has 2023 Columban
 Calendars and Christmas Cards for sale.
St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs—Piety stall is
 opened Sunday's after the 10am Mass with a greater
 range of Christmas gift ideas, cards and 2023
 Columban Calendars or call Janine Cameron to
 organise an appointment on 0438 730 976.

Trading Stalls
Mildura & Red Cliffs 11th December
 This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be
 held in Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red
 Cliffs after the 10am Mass.
 Proceeds from the Mildura Trading Stall goes to The
 Shared Table and proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading
 Stall this month will go to St Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Transportation Assistance
 It has been brought to our attention that there are a number
 of parishioners who are unable to get themselves to Mass
 each weekend. If you know of any Parishioners in this
 circumstance, or if you are willing to assist please contact
 the Parish Office on 5021 2872 so that arrangements /
 rosters can be made.

Shared Table Cookbook
 It has been brought to our attention that there has been a
 printing error in one of the recipes. Pineapple Fruit Cake
 from Mary Grivec.
 Page 114 Mixed dried fruit should be **500g** and not 50g as
 stated in the cookbook. Please make the necessary
 changes to your book so as to avoid disappointment when
 you make this delicious moist fruit cake.

**Sacred Heart Church Nativity Play
 Christmas Eve 2022**
 Children are invited to attend and be part of our
 traditional Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 6pm.
 The first practice session is on
 Tuesday, **December 13th at
 5.30pm** and the second will be a
 dress rehearsal on Tuesday,
December 20th at 5.30pm.
 Please contact the Parish Office for
 more details.



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: Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Jenny Boyd, 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)	\$1677.20	\$137.25	\$143.05
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1095.00	\$ 90.00	\$167.00
Loose Plate	\$1026.05	\$ 86.50	\$ 51.90

Mildura Carols by Candlelight 2022

Saturday, December 10th, 2022. Mildura Recreational Reserve (San Mateo end between 11th & 12th Street). Food & drinks from 6.30pm, Carols by Candlelight 7.30pm-10pm. Santa arriving approx. 8.45pm

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 3rd & 4th December 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue
 Sun 9am: L Welsh
 Sun 5pm: G Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, T Fatai
 Sun 9am: S Opie, P Opie, E Mazza
 Sun 5pm: J Jose, 2 x volunteers please

Music: Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic
 Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
 Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism family

Counting Team: Group 1— G Lavery

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: N Gallagher
 Offertory: J & A Ellis

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, T Gardiner
 Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Russo Family

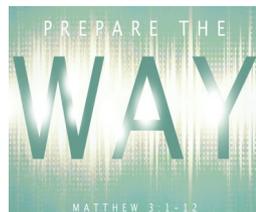
Altar Servers: Group 5

Eucharistic Minister: J Cameron

Church Cleaning: Group 2—C Cavallaro

Flowers: J Cameron

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



Next weekend - 10th & 11th December 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

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

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, A Greville
 Sun 9am: Lisa Cirillo, 2 x volunteers please
 Sun 5pm: C Carlucci, V Carlucci, volunteer please

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
 Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis, M Bowring
 Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L & C Welsh

Counting Team: Group 2 — J DeJong

Irymple

Reader: G McCracken

Merbein

Reader: B Wells
 Offertory: F Cox, Val McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron, D Eagle
 Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: M Bell

Altar Servers: Group 6

Eucharistic Minister: C Cavallaro

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: J Cameron

Cuppa: C Russo, T Hill

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A — 10th & 11th December 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
 Responsorial Psalm: PS 145:6-10
 Response: Lord, come and save us.
 2nd Reading: St James 5:7-10
 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



First Reading

Is 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the
land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair

the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of
peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures
was meant to teach us something about hope from
the examples scripture gives of how people who did
not give up were helped by God. And may he who
helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to
be tolerant with each other, following the example of
Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you
may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Je-
sus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat
each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated
you. The reason Christ became the servant of cir-
cumcised Jews was not only so that God could faith-
fully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it
was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for
his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I
shall praise you among the pagans and sing your
name.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he
preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was
his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is
close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah
spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way
for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair
with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was
locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Ju-
daea and the whole Jordan district made their way to
him, and as they were baptised by him in the river
Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a
number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for bap-
tism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned
you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if
you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and
do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abra-
ham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise
children for Abraham from these stones. Even now
the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any
tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down
and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for re-
pentance, but the one who follows me is more power-
ful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His win-
nowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-
floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff
he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'