

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 43

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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*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 23rd & 24th October 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Maria Nguyen (Vietnam)

Mildura

Anniversaries: Des Drewry, Dos Quinlan, Fr Denis Dennehy, Leo Camarotto, Maria-Anna Tripodi (30 yr anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries:

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

Message from our Parish Priest

Welcome back, it is great to be able to have the churches opened again and have people attending mass.

Congratulations to all those who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this week, a note of thanks to all those who have helped prepare our candidates.

Can I just remind everyone that you will need to sign in.

'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'. How fitting is today's psalm for us that we have restrictions lifted and being able to gather and celebrate the joy in the world.

I am grateful for your support through this current time of change let us work closely together in moving forward.

*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.

October

As October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the Liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th.

Walking With Jesus

Blind Faith
Mark 10:46-52

Update on COVID Restrictions

- All Churches opened. 20 people for each Mass Please contact the Parish Office for bookings.
- 10 visitors to your home.
- Weddings capped at 20 (Fully Vac) 10 (Not Vac)
Funerals capped at 30 (fully Vac) indoor 100 (Fully Vac) Outdoors and 20 (Not Vac).
(Please note if one person is not Vac. this will drop the numbers for wedding and funerals)
- Baptisms are allowed 20 people.



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Meetings 2021

Sunday 24th: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

Tuesday 26th: Sacred Heart Mildura Finance 7.30am Parish Office.

Wednesday 27th: Baptism Preparation Evening 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre

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

We currently have 4 people who have expressed interest.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



Sacrament of First Eucharist

We congratulate all the children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time during this coming week.

May God bless them and their families, and may they continue to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus especially through their continued sharing in this Sacrament.

We especially thank parents and Sr Helen who have helped

with preparation and organising
Thank you for your extreme patience through this difficult year.

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.



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

Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs

New Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection at the Parish Office.

Please **do not use your old envelopes** as many parishioners now have a new Planned Giving number, if in doubt please contact the Parish Office.

If you are able to collect on behalf of family members or friends please do so as this will save on postage.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-22

CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR



Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a Zoom forum Sat 6th of Nov 2021 10am to 3pm.

Four Speakers have been invited to respond to key sections of the document:

- Janet Morris: Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer.
 - Bishop Paul Bird: Introduce the Statement *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*.
 - Dr Mark Diesendorf: *Listening to and learning from the world – what the science is telling us*.
 - Dr Sandie Cornish: *Listening and drawing wisdom from our own wells – responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*.
 - Vicki Clark: *Listening to creation – a call to care for Country*.
- Jacqui Remond: *Caring for creation – watering the seeds of change*.

Where: Monaghan Centre Mildura or at home via Zoom

Registration opens 22nd of October.

Further information contact Sr Helen or visit: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>



Catholic Mission Month

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

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	4PM & 6PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	IRYMPLE	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
SATURDAY		4PM & 6PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10AM & 12NOON	10:30AM
		3pm & 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, Helen Grogan, Nancy Panuccio,

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	COVID	COVID	COVID
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1398.25	\$ 62.00	\$ 67.50
Loose Plate	COVID	COVID	COVID

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 - 23rd & 24th October 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Gary Huxtable

Sunday 9am: 1st Eucharist

Sunday 5pm: Barb Bunting

Music: Sat 6pm: 1st Eucharist

Sun 9am: 1st Eucharist

Sun 5pm: 1st Eucharist

Counting Team: Team 3—P McDonald

Irymple

Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: F Cox

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron

Altar Servers: COVID

Music: Guitar

Counting Team: G Brizzi, A Zigras

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer

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



Next weekend - 30th & 31st October 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: K Quinlan

Sunday 9am: L Welsh

Sunday 5pm: B Kelly

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri

Sun 9am: Filipino Choir

Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi, L Duy

Counting Team: Team 4—M Roper

Irymple

Reader: P Riordan

Merbein

Reader: N Prevedello

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck

Altar Servers: COVID

Music: Guitar

Counting Team: C Russo, T Gardiner

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer

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



Next Weekends Readings: — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—30th & 31st October 2021

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Responsorial: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



First Reading

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

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