

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*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 22nd & 23rd October 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Fr Bill Melican, Elizabeth Maffei, Lynne Hickey, Marj Hynam

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Teresa Medenica (Melbourne-30 day Mass)

Thursday 9.30am: Doss Quinlan

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Peter Blyth, Mona Wells, Peg DiMase, Zelinda Manno, Maine Rosevear, Irene O'Connor, Martin McCarthy

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

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate First Holy Communion across the parish. We congratulate these children as they take the next step in their faith life journey. We thank all those who have helped prepare the children.

We wish all our Year 12's who start exams on Wednesday. Please note that while the exams are on we ask people to minimize noise levels in the carpark and please note that the top end will be closed and blocked off to all vehicles during exam times.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a day dedicated to the great work of Mission. To celebrate this event, Catholic Mission is inviting all of us to answer our call to be missionaries. Through their international network of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission have created a 2022 #wearestillhere message that witnesses the dedication of missionaries around the world and is a celebration, an acknowledgment, and a thank you message to everyone who is answering the call of being missionaries wherever they are. Together, let's reach out and give life. Join Catholic Mission as a missionary and learn what Mission means to our brothers and sisters at catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere

FIRST EUCHARIST

We congratulate all the children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

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.

Special thanks to the teachers and parents who have helped with preparation.



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

Reconciliation (Grade 2)

Reminder that worksheets need to be dropped off at all churches or the Parish Office in the container provided. **Please make sure that the child's name is on all worksheets.**



RECONCILIATION

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

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For October 2022

Wed 26th: Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart Church, 2pm
Wed 26th : Baptism Preparation Meeting, Monaghan Centre 7pm

RCIA

Obstacles to a Life of Grace

Thursday 26th October at 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.



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.

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

All Saints & All Souls Day

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**—BBQ to follow after Mass

Red Cliffs Sunday **6th November 10am**

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



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.

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, a Collingwood Jumper signed by the complete 2022 AFL Playing Team was up for a silent auction. The winner of this signed Collingwood Jumper is Fiona Ribarits. Congratulations.



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

\$250 Parish Scholarship

The Fr Green Scholarship is for any baptised member of our St Josephs Parish in Year 6 who is enrolled in a Catholic secondary school in 2023. The scholarship winner receives around \$250 towards the costs of Year 7.

The testing for this scholarship will occur at St Joseph's Primary School over the coming weeks using a standardised test that takes about 45 minutes. Any student of the parish who meets the criteria above but does not currently attend our Parish school can apply for the scholarship by contacting the Principal, Naomi Kennedy on 03 50241654.



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/>

Prayer for Mental Health month:

Lord God, giver of life and health:

Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses.

Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs,

that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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	2PM		
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.

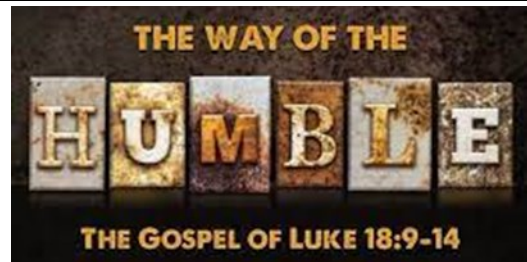
Mildura: Tess Kerr, Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

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)	\$1221.40	\$137.05	\$194.25
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 154.40	\$100.00	\$390.00
Loose Plate	\$1044.95	\$ 62.05	\$ 54.90



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 22nd & 23rd October 2022

Next weekend - 29th & 30th October 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

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

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

Luke 18:9-14

"PROUD vs HUMBLE PRAYER"

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.

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray
Sun 9am: P Issanchon
Sun 5pm: C Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald
Sun 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica, volunteer
Sun 5pm: P Cox, J Joslyn, J Boord

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

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L Belej

Counting Team: Group 6 -

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: E Piscioneri

Offertory: E & S Iamarino

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron, A Higham

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Cameron Family

Altar Servers: Group 6

Eucharistic Minister: B Pitt

Church Cleaning: Group 6: J & T Lewis

Flowers: Volunteers

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

"God,
be merciful to me,
a sinner."
Luke 18:13

Next Weekends Readings: - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 29th & 30th October 2022

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22–12:2

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11– 2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



First Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment
of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have
fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race
to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come
now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me
on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who
have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was
not a single witness to support me. Every one of
them deserted me – may they not be held accounta-
ble for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me
power, so that through me the whole message might
be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I
was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will res-
cue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me
safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for
ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus spoke the following parable to some people
who prided themselves on being virtuous and des-
pised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Tem-
ple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector.
The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to him-
self, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust,
adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly
that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a
week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood
some distance away, not daring even to raise his
eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said,
"God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell
you, went home again at rights with God; the other
did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be hum-
bled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalt-
ed.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple
to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God
be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God
how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that
he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first
person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of
staying in the first person singular after death, which
is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English
companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded,
knows where he is standing, sometimes in the ma-
nure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly
where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less
formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a
sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that
we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman,
this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with
God.'

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National Children's Week: October 22-30, 2022

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia
held around the fourth Wednesday in
October. Children's Week celebrates the right of children
to enjoy childhood. The Children's Week National Theme
for 2022 is based on UNCRC Article 27: All Children
have the right to a standard of living that supports their
wellbeing and healthy
development. The Children's Week Council of
Australia have developed a range of activities and tip
sheets to celebrate the week and promote children's rights
awareness <https://childrens-week.org.au/>