

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*

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 6th & 7th November 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Peter Vines, Gemma Gibson, Helen Grogan

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Tony Mangan
Sunday 9am: Antonio Cirillo
Sunday 5pm: Venanzio Pasut
Saturday 9.30am: Ava Grace Bowring

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Rocco Lamattina

Merbein

Anniversaries: Bill Fisher, Sr Jane Shimmins, Ellen Walsh,
Adrian Prevedello, Marion Sharman

(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.

Christmas Masses 2021

Christmas Eve

6pm Mildura
6pm Werrimull
8pm Merbein
8pm Red Cliffs
10pm Mildura
12am Midnight Mildura

We will look at
having
Christmas Carols
half an hour before
at each mass

Christmas Day

8.30am Irymple
9am Mildura

Message from our Parish Priest

Praise the Lord, my soul! How many times a day or during the week do I give thanks and praise the Lord of all that has been given to me.

We live in a world where it is important to have lots of possessions and to have the best of everything. What happens if we had only the basics, what would then become our important possession. For me I think my important possession would be my gift of priesthood. I am fortunate to share this with others. I value the little encounters with others, the time of prayer and being able to share my faith.

As we gather as a faith community let us give thanks for all the people who are around and their special gifts that they bring to the community. Like the lady in today's gospel she gave a lot of what she had to benefit all around.

Through this month of November let us continue to celebrate and remember our loved ones who have died, let us support each other.

Can I ask that everyone at all the churches please enter through the main door showing your vaccinations and QR tick and then we will be able to exit through any door.

God Bless
Fr Matt



She
gave
everything

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Meetings 2021

Tuesday 9 Nov: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre.

Sunday 14 Nov: Mildura Cuppa and Trading Table after 9am Mass.

Sunday 14 Nov: Red Cliffs, Cuppa and Trading Table after 10am Mass.

Monday 15 Nov: KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm KSC clubrooms.

Wednesday 17 Nov: Oasis Aged Care Mass 10.30am.

Sunday 21 Nov: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.

Tuesday 23 Nov: Mildura Finance meeting, 7.30am, Parish Office.

Wednesday 24 Nov: Baptism Preparation evening, 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

Sunday 28 Nov: Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

Please note that both BUPA and Oasis Aged Care Masses scheduled for November have been cancelled and we are hoping they open up for the December Masses.

Church COVID Restrictions Sunraysia Region

- Anyone unvaccinated can attend mass but only at the following times and numbers not to exceed 30,
Mildura: Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am,
Red Cliffs: Tuesday 9.30am Thursday 5.30pm
Merbein: Thursday 9.30am.
- For those fully vaccinated or have a current medical exemption (you will need to show the priest on arrival) you will be free to attend weekend masses as long as our density numbers are not exceeded.

Church density numbers are not to exceed:

Mildura	300
Merbein	80
Irymple	30
Red Cliffs	150

Baptisms are now occurring during our scheduled weekend masses.

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

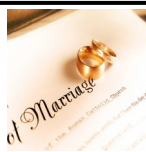


Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Molly Ryan** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Weddings

We congratulate **Liam Jacka & Emjay Gustilo** who were married this week-



Cemetery Masses

Memorial Services at the different Cemeteries will occur during the later part of this month, once we have confirmed dates with the different Cemetery Trusts.



Remembrance Mass

Arrangements are being made for a Remembrance Mass of deceased family members these past two years. Further details next weekend's 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

Advent: Online Learning

Our online learning partner, Dayton University, is offering two new Advent classes beginning November 28. *Advent: A Holy Waiting* is designed as an e-retreat experience. Participants will find enrichment for the season through scripture, spiritual reading and listening, group discussion, prayer, and sacred music; and *Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act* explores the needs of people in their later lives: what is happening and how to maximize these times for the deepening of our spirituality. Registration is open until November 25. More information or to register please go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

RED CLIFFS Parish Year 7 Scholarship

The Fr Green Scholarship is for any baptised member of our Parish in Year 6 who is going into a Catholic secondary school in 2022. The scholarship winner receives around \$100 towards the costs of Year 7.

The Scholarship amount is based on the interest that the associated account earns in one year. 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.

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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		6PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	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

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 668.95	\$ 62.10	\$149.45
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$4194.50	\$254.50	\$294.85
Loose Plate	\$ 71.45	\$ 66.55	\$ 42.25

Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the QR Check in App
- Wear a face mask when in church
- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 6th & 7th November 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Mary Jackson
 Sunday 9am: Maria Munro
 Sunday 5pm: Bill Dolence

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, A Naray
 Sunday 9am: G Johnston, L Belej, J Cresp
 Sunday 5pm: W Finn, T Finn, J Willis

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
 Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic

Counting Team: Team 5—J Farrelly

Irymple

Reader:

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, D Eagle

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession:

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: S Orr

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer



Next weekend - 13th & 14th November 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Barnes
 Sunday 9am: Mary Jackson
 Sunday 5pm: C Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Saturday 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
 Sunday 9am: L Welsh, M Modica, E Garreffa
 Sunday 5pm: K Groves, J Hall, M Rodi

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
 Sun 9am:

Sun 5pm: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis,
 J O'Bryan

Counting Team: Team 6—J O'Donnell

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: K Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, T Gardiner

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: M Adams

Altar Servers: Group 2

Eucharistic Minister: N Morello

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer

Cuppa: C Cavallaro, M Cavallaro



Next Weekends Readings: — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—13th & 14th November 2021

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5, 8-11

Response: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32



First Reading

1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

**SHE, FROM HER POVERTY, HAS
CONTRIBUTED ALL SHE HAD, HER
WHOLE LIVELIHOOD.**

MARK 12:38-44

Second Reading

Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

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This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.