

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 5

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Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00am—4:00pm

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*

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 30th & 31st January 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Giuseppe Simonetta, Kayleen Branch, Mary Dorman, Caterina Brizzi

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Vincenzo Pileggi, Mario Panetta, Giuseppina & Vincenzo Panetta, Jack Quinlan, Leonila Rosell (1st Ann), Elezer Peligrino (25th ann.)
Sunday 9.00am: Albino Dimasi
Sunday 5pm: Scott Umback
Friday 6pm: Betty Drewry

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Piscioneri, Ruth McKee, John Caruthers, Maria Scali, Jacqui McGill, Maurice Power, Myrtle Clifford, Peter Currie

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

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: Maria Sapuppo

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Lily Flanagan, E Mammone, Barry Crosbie, Maurice O'Connor, Faye Rhook, Frank Mammone

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

Message from our Parish Priest

The response to today's psalm is 'If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.' what does this say to you? How do I respond to this? What do I hear when God speaks to me, is it the same as when others speak, or do we tune out and only listen to some people or some parts of the conversation.

In the Gospel Jesus commands the evil spirit to be quiet and to come out of the possessed man, he shows us the power of good and being positive which enables us to be able to achieve more in life having a positive attitude.

As school has commenced this week we wish everyone every blessing for the school year.

God bless!
Fr Matthew Thomas

MARK 1:21-28

LORD...
...have complete
AUTHORITY
in my life.

Advance Notice

Could all Counting Team members met on Tuesday 2nd February at 10.30am or 5.30pm at the Monaghan Centre to be introduced to some new policies and procedures for counting and recording of Parish/Presbytery Collections.
If you are unable to attend please contact the Parish Office.

LOCAL NEWS

Lenten discussion group

Day: Thursdays

Time: 3-4 pm

Venue: Monaghan Centre

Commencing: Thursday 18th February

All welcome

Further information contact Sr Helen 0438 734 524



A Thousand Thanks

Thousand is too small a figure to express my thanks to all who took part in my Farewell Mass and then luncheon on an unbearably hot day.

A special thanks to the parish councillors and to all who helped them serve a wonderful lunch for us all.

Flags the priest



Sacrament of Reconciliation Program

Will begin in February for children in Year 4 and above .

Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 16 February at

Sacred Heart Church, 7pm.

Enrolment forms to be completed and passed back to the Parish Office before Parent Meeting.

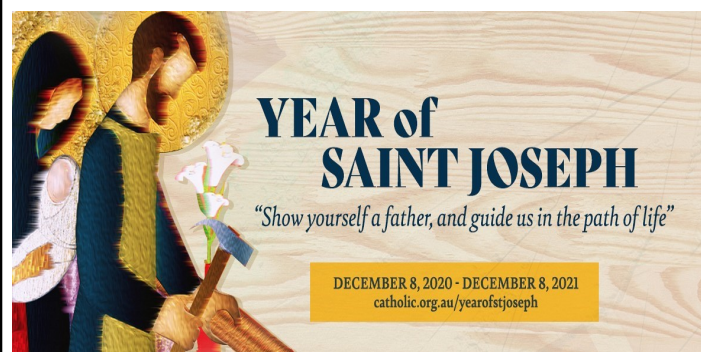
For further information please contact the Parish Office Tuesday - Friday 9am—4pm



Reconciliation

2021 the year of St Joseph

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.



REMINDER

IMPORTANT DATES—FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday 2nd February:

Bereavement Team meeting— Parish Office 9am

Regis 10th Aged Care Service, 2pm

Tuesday 9th February:

Mildura Finance meeting, Parish Office 7.30am,

Mildura Parish Council meeting, Monaghan Centre 7pm

Thursday 11th February:

St Anthony Com. meeting, Monaghan Centre 7.30pm

Sunday 14th February:

Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting, Gathering area after 10.30am mass.

Tuesday 16th February:

Reconciliation Parent night, Sacred Heart Church 7pm

Wednesday 17th February:

Ash Wednesday times—Vigil Tuesday 6pm—Mildura

- 9.30am Mildura & Red Cliffs

- 12.45pm—Merbein

- 6pm—Mildura

Thursday 18th February:

Regis Ontario Aged Care Service

Sunday 21st February:

Merbein Parish Council meeting, after 10.30am mass.

Wednesday 24th February:

Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7.30pm

Visit from our Plenary delegate Sunday 7th Feb.

Marie Shaddock, one of our two Diocesan delegates will be at the 9:00am Mass in Mildura and available to speak to in the Monaghan Centre after Mass.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the Plenary, want to know what is going on, or just want to say "Hi!" feel free to do so after the 9:00am Mass in the Monaghan Centre.

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021
catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph

LOCAL NEWS

Sunraysia Parishes Mass Times this week

Weekdays

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.30am Red Cliffs 6pm Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am Red Cliffs 11am Funeral Requiem Mildura
Thursday	9.30am Merbein 9.30am Mildura 5.30pm Red Cliffs
Friday	6pm Mildura
Saturday	9.30am Mildura

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6pm—Mildura
Sunday	8.30am—Irymple 9am—Mildura 10.30am—Red Cliffs—Lay Led Liturgy 10.30am—Merbein 11.30am—Werrimull 5pm—Mildura

Parishioners from all Parishes are encouraged to use the QR Code displayed in all churches.

Sacred Heart Parish Office

New CDFpay online payment portals are now available for Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs. Please follow the links below:

Mildura: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMildura>)

Merbein: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMerbein>)

Red Cliffs: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayRedCliffs>)

If you are contributing to the 2nd Collection please include your Planned Giving number in the comments section. (Please do not use the Presbytery option when using the links above).

The preferred & dedicated link for Presbytery (1st Collection) is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpaySunraysia>

Carmel will gladly help with any enquiries.

Mass Collections – COVID rules

Mildura: Two collection baskets clearly labelled 1st Collection and 2nd Collection are available for your use on either side of the sanctuary.

Irymple: Baskets left on offertory table

Merbein: Baskets left on offertory table.

Red Cliffs: Baskets left on offertory table.

Opportunities will be available before, during and after Mass for you to contribute.

Number of People Attending Mass

Approximate people to church size:

Mildura: 450 people

Merbein: 150 people

Irymple: 50 people

Red Cliffs: 250 people

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 30th & 31st January 2021

MILDURA

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Katy Quinlan

Sunday 9am: Laurie Fry

Sunday 5pm: Barb Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: 2 volunteers at each Mass.

Music: Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic

Sun 9am: M Sullivan, B Lewis, B Prescott

Sun 5pm: NO MUSIC

Counting Team: Team 5— Jim Farrelly

Irymple Reader: J Kearney

MERBEIN

Reader: Bernadette Wells

RED CLIFFS

Readers: M Bell, J Cameron, P Hunt, M Lee

Altar Servers: Lay Led Liturgy

Music: Tongan Choir / Guitar

Counting Team: G & S Warman

Eucharistic Minister: 2 volunteers

Flowers: Volunteers

(If you are rostered on please contact Office to book in for Mass)

Next weekend - 6th & 7th February 2021

MILDURA

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Mary Jackson

Sunday 9am: Lyn Welsh

Sunday 5pm: Christine Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: 2 volunteers at each Mass.

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie—all welcome

Sun 9am: Italian Choir

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

Counting Team: Team 6—Jim O'Donnell

Irymple Reader: G Schmidt

MERBEIN

Reader: Nancy Prevedello

RED CLIFFS

Readers: J Cameron, J Lewis, M Monteleone,

Altar Servers: L Dowling, S Foster, J Foster

Music: Guitar

Counting Team: F & M Dominelli

Eucharistic Minister: 2 volunteers

Flowers: Volunteers

(If you are rostered on please contact Office to book in for Mass)

St Vinnies Piety Stall

Please note that the Piety Stall at St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs will be opened from 10am—12 noon each Sunday and each Monday by appointment only between the hours of 2.30pm—3.15pm. For further information contact Janine 0438 730 976.



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 607.25	\$ 33.00	\$284.75
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 766.00	\$100.00	\$105.00
Loose Plate	\$ 308.35	\$ 11.00	\$ 49.25

First Reading

Dt 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

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

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put

a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Evil Spirits versus the Holy One of God

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

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