

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 7

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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*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 12th & 13th February 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Richard Gorman, Peter Maloney, Gizela Matulin, Thomas Violi,
Teresa Cavallo

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 8.30am: Nicola (Nick) Alicastro

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries:

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

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we welcome Fr Anthony who will be celebrating masses with us, as part of the new priests roster he will be here on a regular basis.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord. Is the response to the Psalm, when we hope in the Lord anything is possible, he gives us strength when we need it, support when we require it and comfort in times of distress, he also gives us companionship in our daily lives.

Our Gospel reminds us of the importance of looking after each other, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the poor etc what do I do, how do I help others, what can I do better and how can I be more involved?

God bless you all.

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.

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

Reconciliation (Grade 3 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 23rd Feb 7pm, SH Church

Wednesday 6th April 7pm SH Church

Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 27th April 7pm, SH Church

Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th June

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 7th Sept. 7pm, SH Church

Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd October

Reconciliation (Grade 2)

Parent Meeting Wed 12th Oct. 7pm, SH Church

Wednesday 23rd November

DARE TO BE A DISCIPLE

THE CHARACTER OF A DISCIPLE

LUKE 6:20-26

Please abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- . Masks to be worn in church from 8 years old & up
- . Use the hand sanitizer
- . If you are feeling unwell please stay home

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For February 2022

Sun 13 Feb: Mildura Cuppa and Trading Table after 9am Mass.
Sun 13 Feb: Red Cliffs, Cuppa and Trading Table after 10am Mass.
Mon 14 Feb: KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms.
Thur 17 Feb: Anointing Mass - Merbein 10.30am
Thur 17 Feb: Regis Ontario Aged Care service 2pm
Sun 20 Feb: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.
Tues 22 Feb: Mildura Finance meeting, 7.30am, Parish Office.
Tues 22 Feb: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre.
Wed 23 Feb: Anointing Mass—Mildura 9.30am
Wed 23 Feb: Sacramental Meeting-Reconciliation, 7pm Sacred Heart Church.
Wed 23 Feb: Baptism Preparation evening, 7pm Monaghan Centre.
Sun 27 Feb: Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

Weddings

We congratulate Drilon Gashi & Stephanie Carbone who were married this weekend.

RCIA

Sacraments

Thursday 17th Feb, Monaghan Centre 6.30pm



RCIY

If you are between the **ages of 12 and 18** and are yet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist and /or Confirmation and would like to. We are looking at commencing a program when school returns in 2022.

For further details please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office on 5021 2872.

Missionary of Charity Sisters

The Catechist Program for our younger parishioners, will commence from Saturday 12th February in the Monaghan Centre from 10am—11am. All welcome.

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

Lenten Discussion Group—Remember

Venue: Monaghan Centre

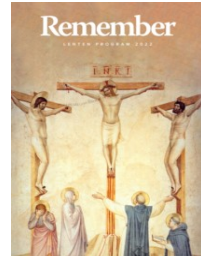
Thursdays during Lent

Time: 3-4pm

All are welcome to attend

You will need a copy of the Lenten Program available from the Parish Office

Please contact Sr Helen for further details on 0428 734 524



Sunraysia Sacramental Program Reconciliation for Grade 3 and above

Parents of children who want their children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will need to register at the Sacred Heart Parish Office by Friday 18th February.

A meeting for parents will take place on Wednesday 23rd of February at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for these children will be held on **Wednesday 6th April at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church**. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 for further information.

Position Vacant: St Columba's Catholic Church Parish Coordinator

The Parish of St Columba's Ballarat North are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office, part time 16 hours (0.4) per week. Duties will include reception and administration as well as coordinating Sacramental Programs for Confirmation, Reconciliation (Junior and Senior), First Eucharist and Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC). An understanding of the practices and values of the Catholic Church is essential to this role. Please contact the Parish Office on 03 5331 1012 for a position description. Applications close on Friday, March 4, 2022 and should be addressed to Fr Marcello Colasante, St Columba's, 306 Gregory Street Ballarat North Vic 3350, email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

LOCAL NEWS

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		

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)				

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: Sakalia Finepolo, 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)	\$ 933.15	\$158.00	\$165.30
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2630.50	\$227.50	\$267.00
Loose Plate	\$ 545.25	\$ 58.20	\$ 37.05



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 12th & 13th February 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Barnes
Sun 9am: L Welsh
Sun 5pm: C Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, K Quinlan, V Pileggi
Sun 9am: L Belej, N Leonardis, R O'Callaghan
Sun 5pm: J Macri, P Cox, J Boord

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Ljubic
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Counting Team: Group 9—G Dolence

Irymple

Reader: G McCracken

Merbein

Reader: K Aston
Offertory: P Cox, V McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, T Gardiner

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: L Bugno

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Minister: T Gardiner

Church Cleaning: J & T Lewis, B Gardner, S Williams

Flowers: Volunteers

Cuppa: C Cavallaro, M Cavallaro



Next weekend - 19th & 20th February 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue
Sun 9am: M Munro
Sun 5pm: B Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald
Sun 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica, L Welsh
Sun 5pm: J Joslyn, W Finn, T Finn

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
Sun 5pm: S Faite, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Group 10—Helen Kay

Irymple

Reader: M Duck

Merbein

Reader: N Prevedello
Offertory: K Wagner, K McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, A Higham

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Cameron

Family

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Minister: A Higham

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteers



Next Weekends Readings: - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 19th & 20th February 2022

1st Reading: 1st Book of Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm: PS 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



First Reading

Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilder-
ness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the
Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corin-
thians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been
preached, how can some of you be saying that there
is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not
raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has
not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is
more serious, all who have died in Christ have per-
ished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only,
we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a
piece of level ground where there was a large gather-
ing of his disciples with a great crowd of people from
all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the
coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to
hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the
kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be sat-
isfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out,
abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on ac-
count of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day
comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be
great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors
treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having
your consolation now.
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go
hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and
weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This
was the way their ancestors treated the false proph-
ets.'

Trading Stalls

Mildura & Red Cliffs Churches—13th February

This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in
Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red Cliffs after the 10am
Mass.

Seeking donations of produce: fruit,
vegetables, plants, seedlings, **conserves:**
jams, chutneys, relish, **baked goods:**
cakes, biscuits, slices, bread etc. If these
can be brought in on the day of the stall it
would be appreciated



Proceeds from the Mildura Trading Stall goes to The
Shared Table and proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading
Stall this month will go to The Shared Table.

