

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 9

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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*

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 26th & 27th February 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Natale Piscioneri, Ian Ryan

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Pat Nolan

Sunday 9am: Joseph Grivec

Friday 6pm: Maria Strangio (1 year anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Ivy Davies (20 year anniversary), Giuseppe & Domenico Mamnone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Helen McCarthy, Cos Piscineri, John Jessup, Frank Sylvia, Cosimo Ierace

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

Message from our Parish Priest

This week we start of Lenten Journey with Ash Wednesday, this is a great time of the year to have a personal journey with God, through prayer, reflection, sharing of our time and resources.

I like this time personally as a time to devote an hour or two each week to something different. Giving up some of my time is a offering to God and the Community. I also like to pray the stations of the cross and reflect on each station with a situation in my life.

I ask you to please collect your project compassion envelopes and support the work of the Catholic Missions.

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)

The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place Wednesday 6th April 7pm Sacred Heart 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

Reminders

Copies of Australian Catholics are now available for you to take home.

Don't forget to collect an envelope pack for Project Compassion.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Vigil 6pm Tuesday 1st March
 Sacred Heart Mildura

Ash Wednesday 2nd March
 9.30am St Joseph's Red Cliffs
 10am Sacred Heart Mildura
 11.30am Our Lady's Merbein
 6pm Sacred Heart Mildura



Please abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- . Masks now do not need to be worn but if you wish you can continue to wear them
- . Use the hand sanitizer provided
- . If you are feeling unwell please stay home

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For February & March 2022

Sun 27 Feb: Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

Wed 2 Mar: Bereavement Team Meeting, 10am Parish Office.

Wed 9 Mar: Princes Court Aged Care service 10am.

Thu 10 Mar: Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs church 5.30pm.

Mon 14 Mar: Knight of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

Sun 13 Mar: Cuppa & Trading Table Mildura Church 9am, Red Cliffs Church 10am

Wed 16 Mar: Oasis Aged Care service 10.30am.

Thu 17 Mar: Anointing Mass, Merbein Church 9.30am.

Sun 20 Mar: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass

Tue 22 Mar: Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting 7.30am.

Tues 22 Mar: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

Tue 22 Mar: BUPA Aged Care service 10.30am.

Wed 23 Mar: Anointing Mass, Mildura church 9.30am

Wed 23 Mar: Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.

Sun 27 Mar: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

Wed 30 Mar: Communal Reconciliation 7pm.

Lenten Discussion Group—Mildura

Venue: Monaghan Centre

Thursdays during Lent commencing 3rd March

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



World Day of Prayer 2022

When: Friday 4th March

Time: 10am

Where: St Andrews Uniting Church, Mildura, cnr Deakin Ave & 11th Street
For further information Contact Sandra on: 0408 177 420

The Theme for 2022 is England, Wales and Northern Ireland



The WDP 2022 program is based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia. The exiles were in a context of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing views on how to respond to the moment. Today, we come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI). For Jeremiah, God's plan was clear, and we share this assurance by singing it.

We are given a seed of hope to ponder where it needs to be planted in our lives and in our communities. Take this opportunity, to raise awareness on the needs of your community and offer the gifts of prayers and commitment. A seed, nourished by prayers of intercession and actions of love, bind us together around the world.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and "For All Future Generations." With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow." Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow "For All Future Generations." You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish or by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

Implementing Laudato Si' online forum for parishes

St Dominic's Parish, Camberwell, with the assistance of the parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham and St Agnes, Highbury are hosting an online forum for parishes, "Implementing Laudato Si'" on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. This forum invites people to consider models and resources available to parishes for implementing the *Laudato Si'* message of care for our common home and engage in Q&A around what initial steps can be taken to build a systematic response to this pressing call. This is a free event and registration is via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BVHTM>. For further information contact Mark Quirk at quirkms@bigpond.com.



RCIA

The Season of Lent

Thursday 3rd March 7pm, Monaghan Centre.

Ideas for Making the Most of Lent

Praying

Fasting

Volunteering

Almsgiving

Project Compassion Envelopes

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays from 6.45pm Indian Community

Friday from 7.30pm Tongan Community

All welcome.

Communal celebration of Reconciliation

Wed 30th March 7pm Sacred Heart Church Mildura.



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: Sat 10:15am

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	10AM FUNERAL	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: Ruth Michel (Werrimull), Jill Joslyn, Rosemary Byrne, Nancy Panuccio,

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

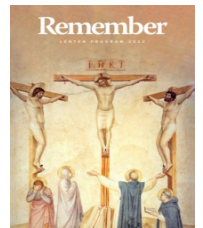
SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1128.15	\$ 98.70	\$171.50
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2609.50	\$217.50	\$335.00
Loose Plate	\$ 520.25	\$ 71.25	\$ 8.50

Lenten Discussion Group—Red Cliffs

Venue: Janine Cameron's House
Mondays commencing 28th February
Time: 10.30am

All are welcome. Please contact Janine for further details on 0438 730 976



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 26th & 27th February 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray
Sun 9am: N Mataele
Sun 5pm: I Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers: 3 people

Sat 6pm: A Naray, K Quinlan, V Pileggi
Sun 9am: G Scopacasa, M Scopacasa, S Lewis
Sun 5pm: B Dolence, J Willis, B Bunting

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri
Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis, J O'Bryan
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic

Counting Team: Group 1 — G Lavery

Irymple

Reader: W Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: B Wells
Offertory: K Aston, K Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron, M Lee
Music: Tongan Choir
Offertory Procession: C Cavallaro
Altar Servers:
Eucharistic Minister: P Hill
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Volunteers



Next weekend - 5th & 6th March 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael
Sun 9am: M Kamara
Sun 5pm: J Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
Sun 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog, volunteer
Sun 5pm: K Groves, J Hall, M Rodi

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
Sun 5pm: S Faita, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Group 2— J De Jong

Irymple

Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor
Offertory: J & A O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, T Hawkes
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: F Dominelli
Altar Servers:
Eucharistic Minister: P Hunt
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Volunteer



Next Weekends Readings: - 1st Sunday of Lent Year C — 5th & 6th March 2022

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

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

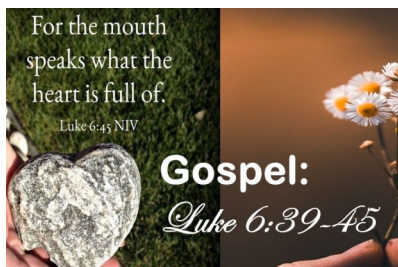
When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the
word of life.
Alleluia!



Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as *we* forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

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