

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 44

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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*

All Saints / Year A 31st October & 1st November 2020

MILDURA

Recent Death: Judith Follett, Jan Riches
Anniversaries: Clemente Pascale (20th Anniversary),
Giuseppe Spagnolo, Giuseppe Martino, Pasquale & Maria
Grazia Mammone, Natalizia Monteleone, Annunziata Daniele

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: John Colbert, Brian Shanahan & Bill Shellackey
Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: George Kremor

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

This weekend will be our last Online Service as we have recommenced face to face services. We would like to thank all those who have been involved especially Rob and Sarah Klarich for filming each week. It has been greatly appreciated.

Bulletins are available for collection outside all main Church doors.

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: Helen ter Bogt

Merbein:

Red Cliffs:

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204
St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567
OLSH Merbein Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258
St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Principal: Mark Gibson 5024 1654
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Message from our Parish Priest

Well its nice to be able to welcome you back to masses this coming week. As we start the month of November we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day. During this month we will be remembering our family, friends and general parishioners who have died.

This year has been different for families who have had a death. We are also unable to have our normal parish memorial mass at the start of November due to the restrictions and there will be no memorial services at the cemeteries. In the churches are the memorial books and you are invited to come and write names in it and these will be remembered in the masses of the day.

Please note that St Joseph's Red Cliffs is unable to have mass due to ceiling renovations, I ask that any parishioner wishing to attend mass please contact the office to book in at Mildura, Irymple or Merbein during November.

Fr Matthew

COVID safe Rules - from 3rd November

Masses—Gathering of 20 people plus one faith leader

Funerals—up to 20 people gathered plus those required to conduct the funeral (the celebrant and funeral directors)

Baptisms—Gathering of 20 people plus one faith leader

Weddings—Gathering of 10 people this includes the bride, groom, two witnesses and one faith leader.

Reminder

Reminder if you are sick or unwell please do not attend and get tested.

LOCAL NEWS

PARISH SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup Kitchen is reopening as from Monday 26th October for takeaway only. There will be COVID Restrictions in place.

However if people are aware of families who are genuinely struggling to provide meals for their themselves or their children, please direct them to the Presbytery.



INVITATION SCRIPTURE SHARING

Each Thursday a group gathers to reflect on the Scripture Readings for the following weekend.

All are welcome

Time: Thursday's at 3pm

Place: Monaghan Centre

To bring: Bible or Sunday Missal.

For further information contact Sr Helen
0438 734 524



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>)

(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>

If you are contributing to the 2nd Collection please include your Planned Giving number in the comments section. Carmel will gladly help with any enquiries.

RED CLIFFS CEILING

As you can see with the photo below there are only a couple of ceiling panels which need to be painted. Work will then commence in the gathering area. To make this worksite safe could all parishioners refrain from entering the church or being on church grounds during the refurbishment.

As of Tuesday 3rd November Parishioners can attend Mass at Irymple or Mildura while works are in progress. Please contact the Parish Office on 50212872 to make a booking keeping in mind our COVID safe rules.

Bulletins available by the front door of Fr Pats unit.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Parish Community—Mason Caristo and Louis Trimboli who have been Baptised.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Rocco Zappia & Sezen Kuzu** who were married at Sacred Heart, Mildura this weekend.



SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE

**WILL BE CLOSED
ON TUESDAY
3RD OF NOVEMBER
DUE TO THE
MELBOURNE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—UPDATE

Mildura

Confirmation held over to 2021.

1st Eucharist 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th November. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a day and time—5021 2872. A reminder to bring your Baptism Stole on the day

Red Cliffs

We are hoping for the weekend of the 28th / 29th of November.

Merbein held over to 2021.



NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

All requests for notices for the weekend bulletin need to be in by 12noon each Thursday. You can either email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call 5021 2872 during office hours.

LOCAL NEWS

ALL SAINTS DAY: Sunday 1st November
ALL SOULS DAY: Monday 2nd November

MEMORIAL MASS

This year with COVID restrictions the Memorial Mass to celebrate all those who have died within the Sunraysia Parishes unfortunately, will not take place.

In 2021 we will invite the bereaved families to join together in a special Mass when we are allowed to gather again in safe numbers. Special thanks to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady's & St Joseph's Parish Bereavement Teams.



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate in this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

Sunraysia Parishes Mass Times for November

Weekdays

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	6pm Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am Mildura
Thursday	9.30am Merbein
Friday	9.30am Mildura 6pm Mildura
Saturday	9.30am Mildura

Please note there are no Masses at St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs while the ceiling repairs are being completed. (Please note that with the COVID Restrictions we are unable to use the school facilities)

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6pm—Mildura
Sunday	8am—Irymple 9am—Mildura 10.30am Merbein 5pm Mildura

All parishioners from Red Cliffs, Merbein and Mildura are reminded to ring the office and book in for mass.

DIOCESAN NEWS

A New Audio Prayer Resource for Children and Families

A new audio resource called 'Time With Jesus' (TWJ) is a collection of short five minute meditations that take children (and adults) on an adventure through 13 popular New Testament bible stories to meet Jesus and speak with Him. For a free sample meditation, tips on how to use the TWJ resource in families and children's ministries and to make a purchase visit www.beheldmedia.com, www.parousiamedia.com. TWJ is available on CD or mp3 format and is a joint production of Beheld Media and Parousia.



First Reading

Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children;

and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope

must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

