

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 47

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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*

Feast of Christ the King / Year A 21st & 22nd November 2020

MILDURA

Recent Death: Giovanna Di Gorgi, Dennis Cox
Anniversaries: Pietro Callipari

Saturday 6pm: Maria & Paul Nguyen, Fortunata Dando, Alfonso Tac-an

Sunday 5pm: Maria Giusseppe Zappia, Teresa Mickela Callipari
Friday 6pm: Bessia Hague

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:
Anniversaries: Sam Romeo

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Brian Burke, Valda Jessup, Maria Piscioneri, Bill Farrell, Jan Martin, Jeffrey Power, Robert Cox

(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: Helen ter Bogt

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie, Maurice O'Connor, Lou Grivec, Kaye Grivec

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

St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura

Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and prepare for Advent next week. Normally we would acknowledge the nationalities within the parish community. We value and give thanks for all that you offer and bring to the community.

Can I just remind parishioners to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to mass time, as we still need to confirm attendees.

Fr Matthew

FAREWELL FR PAT

Departure from Sunraysia

As I indicated at the time of my diamond jubilee, I would eventually move from Red Cliffs to Maryborough. In no way is that a slight on Sunraysia. It's a great place, but with one big drawback. It's a long bloody way from anywhere. I'll be moving into a fairly new small house opposite the Maryborough church. The house will be available mid-December, and Father John Monaghan was hoping I'd move in there straightaway. Well, I'm not *that* anxious to leave, after working here for sixteen years. I'll be moving to Maryborough at the end of January, 2021.

Fr Pat Flanagan



The parish farewell to Fr Pat will be on Australia day 26th January 2021 with mass at 11am with lunch to follow.

LOCAL NEWS

ADVENT—ADORE

Advent and Christmas reflection Adore booklets have arrived.

Session 1: Tuesday evening's after the 6pm Mass in the Sacred Heart Church.

Session 2: Wednesday morning's after the 9.30am Mass—Monaghan Centre.

We are currently working on an online (Zoom) sessions with Ouyen and Robinvale. Details in next week's bulletin or contact the Parish Office for further details.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Sacred Heart Parish Community—Emma Jacobs who was Baptised this weekend.



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.

UPDATED ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

As we are slowly going back to a COVID normal, all of our churches roster need updating so if there are any changes that are needed to be made please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office to make the necessary changes—whether to add your name, take it off or change Mass time.

VINNIES—SACRED HEART CHURCH

Because of COVID-19 we will not be having a 'Giving Tree' for Christmas toys. This year we will give a voucher to those seeking assistance. Next week we will leave Christmas Appeal envelopes for anyone able to give a donation towards the purchase of these

vouchers. The envelopes may be left at the Parish Office or posted to Box 10125, Mildura 3502. Thanking you in anticipation. *Members of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society.*

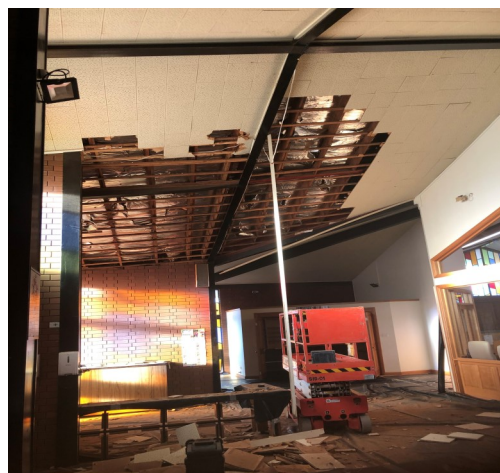


RED CLIFFS CEILING

The removal of the old ceiling has commenced in the gathering area of the church. Work is still in progress to clean the marble floor before the pews are put back in their appropriate spot in the main area of the church.

The area is still a worksite so to keep everyone safe could all parishioners refrain from entering the church or being on church grounds during the refurbishment. 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.



VINNIES' CHRISTMAS TREE—Red Cliffs

Each year just before the beginning of Advent, The St Vincent de Paul Society of St Joseph's Parish put up a Christmas Tree holding gift tags that provide the age and gender of a child belonging to the parish community from a family where the parents are unable to buy presents due to financial hardship. The aim is for all of the tags to be taken and a quality gift purchased, wrapped, and returned with the tag attached by the second Sunday of Advent.

This year the Christmas Giving Tree cannot be placed in the Church for tags to be collected due to the renovations, instead it will be placed on display in the front foyer of the school.



Parishioners are encouraged to come and collect a tag from a plastic tub on a table outside the foyer (e.g. boy - 6 years, girl - 8 years) then go and buy a gift to match the tag, wrap and return it on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 13. We are hopeful that the church will have reopened by that date, if not arrangements will be made for how to drop off the gifts for distribution.



Christ the King Sunday the final Sunday of the Liturgical Year is a Feast Day that focuses on the authority of Christ

LOCAL NEWS

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 due to ceiling works.

Sunday Masses from 29th November

Saturday	6pm—Mildura
Sunday	8.30am—Irymple
	9am—Mildura
	10.30am—Irymple (Red Cliffs Community until further notice)
	10.30am Merbein
	5pm Mildura

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

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.

Unfortunately the figures remain as above and hopefully an update will be favourable on November 22. Please contact the Parish Office for an update.

Reminder

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

Meetings this week

Baptism Preparation Evening: Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm—Monaghan Centre

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 475.00	\$181.45	\$ 70.20
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 195.00	\$665.00	\$ 20.00
Loose Plate	\$	\$ 40.00	\$ 34.00

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 21st & 22nd November 2020

MILDURA

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Rosemary Barnes
Sunday 9am: Talia Fainga'anuku
Sunday 5pm: Greg Johnston

Counting Team: Team 5—Jim Farrelly 0477 140 759

Irymple Reader: M Duck

MERBEIN

Reader:

RED CLIFFS (Irymple Church 9.30am)

Readers: J Vines, D Eagle, T Gardiner

Counting Team: C Russo & T Gardiner

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

Next weekend —28th & 29th November 2020

MILDURA

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Anita Naray
Sunday 9am: Cathy / Paul McErvale
Sunday 5pm: Barb Bunting

Counting Team: Team 6 - Jim O'Donnell 5021 4939

Irymple Reader: K Modoo

MERBEIN

Reader:

RED CLIFFS (Irymple Church 9.30am)

Readers: T Hawkes, A Higham, P Hunt

Counting Team: G Brizzi, A Ziguras

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care. © Dianne Bergant CSA



First Reading

Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to

be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.