

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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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*

## Christ the King / Year C 19th & 20th November 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Palma Zinghini, Natalina Chisari

### Mildura

Anniversaries: Pietro Callipari, Giovanni Bachetti

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm: Margaret Rogers

Tuesday 6pm: Ed Zalec

Saturday 9.30am: Tim Bowring

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Eunice Adolph, Bill Foreman, Brian Deed, Brian Burke, Valda Jessup, Maria Piscioneri, Bill Farrell, Jan Martin

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

## Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate Christ The King, I believe this is a very important weekend in the church as it looks at the whole Universal church as a visible sign of God's grace and love in the world. The way we honour Christ the King can be done in many different ways.

Some parishes have procession of all the nations in their parish, others look at the sacramental life of the church and acknowledge those who have been welcomed into the church through Baptism, received Holy communion for the first time, those who committed themselves to marriage, those who offered their lives in service through Holy Orders, those who were confirmed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation.

As a universal church it is an honour to have Christ as our King, his kingdom is not controlled by physical boundaries and it allows all of us to share in his mission—to love God and our Neighbour.

Fr Shaiju and myself will be in Swan Hill For a Zone Meeting on Tuesday morning so there will be no mass at Red Cliffs.

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.

### Please abide by the Staying Safe Rules

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

## Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022



RECONCILIATION

### Reconciliation (Grade 2)

Sacrament to be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Mildura on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm

SOLEMNITY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For November 2022

**Sun 20 Nov:** Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass  
**Wed 23 Nov:** BUPA Aged Care service 10.30am.  
**Wed 23 Nov:** Anointing Mass, Mildura church 2pm  
**Wed 23 Nov:** Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.  
**Sun 27 Nov:** Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

### Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Yleinna Latoza, Romi Mezzatesta & Hudson Pelasio** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



### RCIA

Church Year and Season of Advent

Thursday 24th November at 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.

### The Sacred Heart Family Group

Will be having its last lunch for the year at the Mildura Golf Resort Twelfth Street on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Lyn & Clive are hosts. Please let them know your intentions on 0350211422.



### 2nd Working Bee—St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs

Will be held on Monday 28th November from 9am for a general tidying up, mowing lawns, weeding and racking leaves. If you can spare some time please come along, many hands will make for light work.



### Rosters for 2023

All rosters are now due for updates: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Money Counters. Please note: Names will be removed if you have not been attending your rostered day during this past year. New comers are most welcomed to join a roster. For any updates please contact the Parish Office by 25th November 2022.

New rosters will be available for collection or emailed by early December.

### 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

**Charismatic Group:** Tuesday after 6pm Mass

**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

### The Giving Tree Appeal

The Sacred Heart Conference of The St Vincent de Paul Society will commence The Giving Tree appeal for Toys on 19<sup>th</sup> November and conclude on December 4<sup>th</sup>



In these difficult economic times, we are again asking you to assist the volunteers in the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating a toy for The Giving Tree. Your donation this Christmas will help us provide some Christmas joy for those experiencing poverty and hardship who might otherwise miss out. **A tree with tags will be available at Mildura, Red Cliffs & Merbein churches.** St. Vincent de Paul taught his followers that *there are none so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give.*  
Many thanks.

### Carpooling

The Office has had a request to see if someone can car pool a parishioner to church for the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. If you can help out, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 for further details.



### Memorial Mass—Edward Zalec

Due to earlier COVID restrictions, Edward's funeral Mass was a private one just for his close family. The family is now inviting those who knew Edward to attend a special Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Mildura on Tuesday 22nd November at 6pm, then after Mass, the family invite those who knew Edward to come together to share memories and a light meal at the Irymple Hotel. Please ring 0458540307 by the 14th November if you are able to join us for the meal.  
*Rosemarie Zalec*

### Advent Books—Incarnate

If you ordered an Advent Book through the Sacred Heart Parish Office please call in and collect. Have a few books left. Cost is \$6.00 each.



### Planned Giving Envelopes

Please do not use any old envelopes for Planned Giving, it makes the task very difficult in who it actually belongs too, as a number of parishioners were allocated new Numbers. If you don't have any new envelopes please contact the Parish Office and a new set will be distributed.

### World Children's Day – November 20, 2022

Discover what's happening this World Children's Day – UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future. Kids are standing up for a more equal, inclusive world <https://www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day>

# LOCAL NEWS

## 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)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

MILDURA RED CLIFFS MERBEIN

MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6PM	NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY	FUNERAL (ANOINTING MASS MILDURA 2PM)		
THURSDAY	NO MASS	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

## 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:** Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Jenny Boyd, Catherine Bell, Faye Cufari, Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1165.65	\$147.30	\$222.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1444.00	\$160.00	\$145.00
Loose Plate	\$ 661.80	\$ 64.40	\$ 77.40
Trading Table	\$ 275.00		\$136.50

## Anointing Mass—December 2022

December Anointing Masses will be held at the following churches on:

**Red Cliffs:** Thursday 8th December 5.30pm

**Mildura:** Wednesday 14th December 2pm

**Merbein:** Thursday 15th December 9.30am

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 19th & 20th November 2022

Next weekend - 26th & 27th November 2022

**Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am**

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: R Barnes

Sun 9am: J O'Brien

Sun 5pm: P Hammond

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3 people

Sat 6pm: A Naray, M McDonald, V Pileggi

Sun 9am: C Howell, N Lewis, R Byra

Sun 5pm: J Hall, M Rodi, M Irvin

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic

Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie, All welcome

Sun 5pm: Singing Group, M Sullivan

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: Baptism

**Counting Team:** Group 9 - G Macri

### Irymple

**Reader:** W Schmidt

### Merbein

**Reader:** K Wagner

**Offertory:** K Wagner, K McCarthy

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Lewis, T Gardiner

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** Lewis Family

**Altar Servers:** Group 3

**Eucharistic Minister:** J Vines

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** Volunteers

Please find your own replacement if you are unable to attend on your Rostered Day.



**Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am**

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: K Quinlan

Sun 9am: R Tam

Sun 5pm: T Finn

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr

Sun 9am: K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, L Belej

Sun 5pm: S Hermans, T Cirillo, volunteer please

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome

Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon

Sun 5pm: S Fata, K Mapapalangi

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: M Gobbo

**Counting Team:** Group 10 - H Kay

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hill

### Merbein

**Reader:** K Aston

**Offertory:** P Sylvia, J Rogers

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Slater, A Higham

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** N Orr

**Altar Servers:** Group 4

**Eucharistic Minister:** G Brizzi

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** Volunteers

Please find your own replacement if you are unable to attend on your Rostered Day.



Next Weekends Readings: - 1st Sunday of Advent Year A — 26th & 27th November 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



## First Reading

2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. (R.)

## Second Reading

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created all things in heaven and  
on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed, and he  
holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body, he is its head.  
As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him and all things to be reconciled  
through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our  
Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will re-member him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-memembers the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

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