

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 32

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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 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop / Year B—7th & 8th August 2021

### Fr Michael McKinnon Visit

Fr Michael will be visiting Mildura from the 15th August and will be celebrating Mass at all the churches. Any donations towards a farewell gift can be left with Carmel at the Parish Office.



The Knights of the Southern Cross sponsored St Mary MacKillop feast for Saturday 7th August at 6pm has been cancelled due to the latest State Government COVID lockdown.

## Message from our Parish Priest

*Well, we are once again in a state wide lockdown, I do ask that we all find sometime for prayer over the next seven days to pray for each other.*

*This Sunday we have the feast day of St Mary MacKillop. We ask Mary to intercede for us.*

*The office will be closed until Friday the 13th August at this stage, please email if you have any queries.*

*All churches will be closed until Friday 13th August unless directed by the Vic Govt. to open sooner.*

*God bless  
 Fr Matthew Thomas*

## SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1173.95	\$ 73.20	\$184.85
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$3586.15	\$332.00	\$1601.00
Loose Plate	\$ 396.80	\$ 92.80	\$ 62.50

## Update on COVID Restrictions to be enforced for 7 days From Friday 6th August

- Churches closed.
- Funerals no more than 10 plus those conducting the funeral.
- Weddings not allowed.
- Baptism not allowed.
- Update will be provided by the State Government on Thursday 12th August.

*Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop*

*Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.*

*St Mary MacKillop 121 000*



## First Reading

1 Kgs 17:7-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)



## Second Reading

Col 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,  
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 6:25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**Next Weekends Readings: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 14th & 15th August 2021**

**1st Reading: Book of the Apocalypse RV 11:19; 12:1-6, 10**

**Responsorial: Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v. 10**

**Response: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

**2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15: 20-26**

**Gospel: Lk 1:39-56**

