

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 33

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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*

The Assumption / Year B 14th & 15th August 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Peter Maskill

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Robert (Bob) Brown (20 year anniversary)

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Giuseppe D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone

Merbein

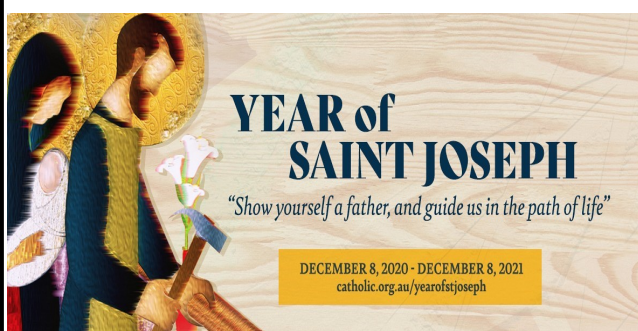
Anniversaries: Dominico Pezzaniti

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

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.

St Joseph

In the month of September, Fr Matthew is organising special events to incorporate the Year of Saint Joseph in all our Churches. Further information will be available in the next week.



Message from our Parish Priest

Welcome back is a greeting we can use this weekend to fellow parishioners and also to Fr Mick, now that we have concluded our latest lockdown.

Just a reminder about the restrictions which are now in place I know these keep changing but I ask everyone to please keep patient and let us assist each other.

This weekend we celebrate the Assumption of Mary. What a great reward for her to be assumed into the full glory of heaven. Mary is a role model for us all with her dedication and service of God.

We too can be like Mary and offer our lives in-service for others and our community. Often the simple things that we do can have the greatest impact on someone else, a greeting of a wave, opening a door, to offer a prayer.

God bless
Fr Matthew Thomas

Update on COVID Restrictions

- Churches will be opened.
- No visitors to your home
- Church numbers Mildura 100, Red Cliffs 100 Merbein 70 and Irymple 20 (1 per 4 sqm rule applies).
- Weddings capped at 50 including the bride & groom
- Funerals capped at 50.
- Baptism allowed.
- Vic/NSW Boarder towns need a Boarder Permit.

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting Dates for July 2021

Sunday 22nd: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

Wednesday 25th: Baptism Preparation, Monaghan Centre 7.30pm.

Sunday 29th: Lay Led Assembly, St Joseph's Red Cliffs



Mother Mary's Assumption & Indian Independence Day Celebration 2021

Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 15th August with Holy Mass at 9am. All welcome.

Organised by the Kerala Community



Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

RCIA

If people know of anybody who has expressed interest in becoming Catholic, you can direct them to the Parish Office 5021 2872.

We currently have 3 people who have expressed interest.



First Eucharist 2021

For children who celebrated their Reconciliation earlier in the year. A Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 1st September at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church. Parents need to be present to collect the Packs for their children. All registration forms need to be returned to the

Parish Office by 4pm on Friday 27th August.

First Eucharist weekend will occur on:

Saturday 23rd October 6pm

Sunday 24th October 9am

Sunday 24th October 5pm.

For further information please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 or email Sr Helen pastoral.mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Puppies for Sale

8 weeks old Pure Bred German Shepherd puppies for sale. Looking for their forever home. Vet checked, wormed and Microchipped. Please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.

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 11:30 am Monaghan Centre

Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous



STEWARDSHIP WORKING BEE #2- CAN YOU HELP?

REMINDER: this **Thursday 19th August**, at 10.00am in the **Monaghan Centre** we are holding a **Working Bee** to assemble Acknowledgement Letters and the new issue of the PG Offertory Envelopes.

GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS

If you are able and willing to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



Fr Michael McKinnon Visit

Fr Michael will be visiting Mildura from 14th August until 22nd August and will be celebrating Mass at the following churches where you can catch up with him:-

SH Mildura: Saturday 6pm: 14th August
Sunday 9am: 15th August (Indian Independence Feast Day)

OLSH Merbein: Sunday 10.30am: 15th August

SH Mildura: Tuesday 6pm 17th August

OLSH Merbein: Thursday 9.30am 19th August

St Francis Irymple: Sunday 8.30am 22nd August

St Joseph's Red Cliffs: Sunday 10am 22nd August

SH Mildura: Sunday 5pm 22nd August

A Farewell dinner has been organised at the Irymple Pub on Wednesday 18th August. If you have booked and are unable to attend please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible as we have a waiting list.

Any donations towards a farewell gift can be left with Carmel at the Parish Office.



We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Leo Tallent, Theo Abriani, Harlon Murphy, Giulia Ghidinelli and Letizia Guevarra** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Blessed IS SHE
WHO BELIEVES
that the Lord
WILL FULFILL
HIS PROMISES TO HER

LUKE 1:45

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

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6:00PM	9:30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	9:30AM	
THURSDAY	9:30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6:00PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

IRYMPLE MILDURA RED CLIFFS MERBEIN

SATURDAY	6:00PM			
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10:00AM	10:30AM
	5:00PM			
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: Helen Grogan, Nancy Panuccio

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	L/DOWN	L/DOWN	L/DOWN
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$	\$	\$
Loose Plate	\$	\$	\$

Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- Wear a face mask
- Use the QR Code
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 14th & 15th August 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Tongue
 Sunday 9am: The Indian Community
 Sunday 5pm: C Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai
 Sunday 9am: The Indian Community
 Sunday 5pm: B Bunting, B Dolence

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm: Baptism
 Sunday 9am: The Indian Community
 Sunday 5pm: Baptism

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
 Sun 9am: The Indian Community
 Sun 5pm: S Fatia, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: 3 — P McDonald

Irymple

Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, T Gardiner
Altar Servers: Volunteers please

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: N Orr

Counting Team: D Eagle

Eucharistic Minister x 1: C Russo

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: D Eagle

CUPPA:

Next weekend - 21st & 22nd August 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: A Naray
 Sunday 9am: P Issanchon
 Sunday 5pm: G Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: J Deacon, P Kerr
 Sunday 9am: B Castillo, N Fatai
 Sunday 5pm: K Groves, M Irvin

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: M Gobbo
 Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri
 Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic

Counting Team: 4 — M Roper

Irymple

Reader: P Riordan

Merbein

Reader: E Piscioneri

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, S Higham
Altar Servers: I Manno, J Manno, E Manno

Music: Tongan Choir

Offertory Procession: Russo Family

Counting Team: D Eagle

Eucharistic Minister x 1: J Strangio

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: D Eagle

CUPPA: C Russo, P Hill

Next Weekends Readings: — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—21st & 22nd August 2021

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Responsorial: Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69



First Reading

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
(R.)
2. So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

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

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, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call
me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those
who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones
and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich
sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant,
mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants
for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

