

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 31

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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*

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B
31st July & 1st August 2021**

RECENT DEATHS

Saveria Napoli

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Maria De Palma (one month mass)

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm: Mauri Beniot, Vincenzo Pileggi,
Bruin Michael Callipari

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Ted Pitt, Janice Pezzaniti, Leo McCarthy,
Rosario Pediglieri, Joseph Klarich

(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.

Fr Michael McKinnon Visit

Fr Michael will be visiting Mildura from 7th August until 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.



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 coming weeks.

Message from our Parish Priest

It is nice to be able to welcome back people to masses this weekend. Over the next couple of weeks we have limited numbers so I ask that you please contact the office to register, a reminder with signing in we ask that you arrive 15 minutes prior to mass commencing to assist with QR check-ins and numbers.

This week we have celebrated Grandparents and Older people, this follows on from the Feast day of Ss Joachim and Anne (Mary's Parents Jesus' Grandparents). This weekend is a good reminder for us all to stop and say a prayer for our own grandparents and to give thanks for all that they have done and do for us.

'The Lord gave them bread from heaven' is the response to the psalm, what does this mean to you, how do I experience this great gift in my life and how often do I celebrate it with others.

*God bless
Fr Matthew Thomas*

Update on COVID Restrictions to be enforced for two weeks from Wednesday 28th July

- Churches will be opened.
- Church numbers Mildura 100, Red Cliffs 100 Merbein 70 and Irymple 20 (1 per 4 sqm applies).
- Weddings capped at 50 including the bride & groom
- Funerals capped at 50.
- Baptism allowed.
- Update will be provided by the State Government on Tuesday 10th August

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting Dates for July 2021

Tuesday 10th: Sacred Heart Parish Council after the 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

Sunday 15th: Merbein Parish Council after the 10.30am Mass.

Thursday 19th: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 2pm.

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

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



Feast of St Anthony

The Feast of St Anthony will be celebrated this Sunday at the 9am Mass.

All welcome.

Please note due to the current COVID restrictions there will be no sausage sizzle.

Raffle tickets are still available to purchase at \$2.00 each and will be drawn after the 9am Mass.

1st Prize—\$500 Woolworths Voucher

2nd Prize—\$200 Woolworths Voucher

3rd Prize—\$100 Woolworths Voucher

Plus other great prizes.

Feast of St Mary MacKillop 2021

Our next Parish celebration, the Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop at Sacred Heart Church with a Mass to be held on Saturday 7th August at 6pm. All welcome.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

In these hard economic times help support the work of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society, by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available in the Church on 26th/27th June.

Envelopes may be put on the plate, left at the Parish Office or posted to Box 10125, Mildura 3502.

Information will also be available on the envelopes regarding donating on-line.

A donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship.

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



Thank you to all those parishioners who have already generously responded with their commitments.

PLEASE return your completed Ministry Form and Planned Giving Commitment Cards to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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STEWARDSHIP WORKING BEE #2– CAN YOU HELP?

On **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. If you can help us, please come along, and lend a hand. This will entail folding and placing material into envelopes.

Approximately 10 to 15 Helpers are required to assist (approx. 2 hours)

If you are able and willing to assist, please telephone the Parish Office this week and leave your name.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



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.



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



Prayer in Parliament

Victorian Legislative Council Member, Fiona Patten of the "Reason Party", is introducing a motion today to have the Lord's Prayer banned and in its place introduce a moment's silence at the start of each sitting. Her reasoning is that many Victorians are not Christians and its discriminatory toward other religions and to Victorians with no religious affiliation <https://aparliamentforall.com/>. Contact your local Member of Parliament to register your concerns.

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)	\$	\$	\$
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 — 31st July & 1st August 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: M Jackson
Sunday 9am: N Lewis
Sunday 5pm: Volunteer please

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, A Naray
Sunday 9am: V Carlucci, C Carlucci
Sunday 5pm: T Cirillo, J Jose

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
Sunday 9am: Feast St Anthony
Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome

Sun 9am: Italian Choir

Sun 5pm: S Faite, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: 1— G Lavery

Irymple

Reader: M Duck

Merbein

Reader: B Wells

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron, J Vines

Altar Servers: M Holt, L Cameron

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: F Dominelli

Counting Team: D Eagle

Eucharistic Minister x 1: S Orr

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: D Eagle

Next weekend - 7th & 8th August 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: G Huxtable
Sunday 9am: N Mataele
Sunday 5pm: B Dolence

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael
Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog
Sunday 5pm: J Macri, P Cox

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm: Baptism
Sunday 9am: Baptism
Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: St Mary MacKillop, KSC

Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis

Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Ljubie, J Macri

Counting Team: 2 — Joe DeJong

Irymple

Reader: W Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: J Ellis

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, D Eagle

Altar Servers: S Mapapalangi, G Mapapalangi

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Lewis Family

Counting Team: D Eagle

Eucharistic Minister x 1: B Pitt

Church Cleaning: Group 6 J & T Lewis, B Gardner, S Williams

Flowers: D Eagle

Next Weekends Readings: St Mary of the Cross Ordinary Time— 7th & 8th August 2021

1st Reading: Kings 7:8-16

Responsorial: PS 62:1-8

Response: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34



First Reading

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading

Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been

created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

