

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*

1st Sunday of Advent / Year A 26th & 27th November 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Domenico Carfora, Valli Leake

Mildura

Anniversaries: Rocco Mammone

Saturday 6pm: Frank Cirillo and all deceased members of the Cirillo family, Alessandro & Caterina Piscioneri, Bessie Hague

Irymple 8.30am: Maria Allegritti,

Sunday 9am: Tim Bowring

Sunday 5pm: Giuseppe & Angela Ficarra, Annunziata DeMaria

Friday 6pm: Giuseppe Multari (Sydney-30 day Mass)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Jeffrey Power, Robert Cox, Santo Rullo, Nancy McCarthy, Harry Farrell, Elena Bradie, Barry Rowe, John Olden, Laurie Smith

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

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we commence Advent, we light the first candle of the wreath with is the candle of HOPE. This candle symbolises a shining light in anticipation of the coming of Christ. It is sometimes called the Prophecy Candle.

Please note there will be no mass this week at Red Cliffs on Tuesday 9.30am or Thursday Mildura 9.30am.

Please collect the latest copy of ODC in from the foyers of the churches.

God bless you all.

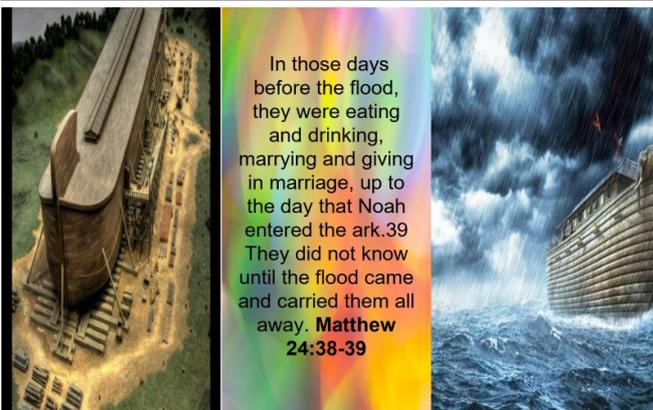
Fr Matthew Thomas



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



In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark.39 They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. **Matthew 24:38-39**

Sunraysia Christmas Mass Times 2022

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

5.30pm St Joseph's Ouyen
 6pm Sacred Heart Mildura
 6pm Our Lady's Werrimull
 8pm Our Lady's Merbein
 8pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
 8pm St Mary's Robinvale
 10pm Sacred Heart Mildura
 Midnight Sacred Heart Mildura

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple
 9am Sacred Heart Mildura
 9am St Patrick's Manangatang
 11am St Mary's Robinvale

LOCAL NEWS

For November / December 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 27 Nov: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

Tue 6 Dec: Regis Tenth Aged Care Service 2pm.

Tue 6 Dec: Deceased members Mass KSC 6pm

Sun 11 Dec: Trading Table—Sacred Heart Church 9am, St Joseph's Church 10am.

Tue 13 Dec: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm

Wed 14 Dec: Oasis Aged Care Service 10.30am

Wed 14 Dec: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm.

Thu 15 Dec: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 2pm

Tue 20 Dec: BUPA Aged Care Service 10.30am

Wed 21 Dec: Communal Reconciliation 7pm, Sacred Heart Church



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Riley Kilpatrick & Maleko Mapapalangi**, whose baptism occurs this weekend.

RCIA

The Holy Trinity

Thursday 1st December at 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.



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

Communal Celebration of Reconciliation Wednesday 21st December 7pm



Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's Peace at Christmas by acknowledging our need for healing and forgiveness.

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 19th November and conclude on December 4th

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.



Advent Books—Incarnate

Ordered Advent Books are now available please collect from the Parish Office. Have a couple books left. Cost is \$6.00 each.



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.



Sacred Heart Church Rosters

As new rosters are about to be compiled for 2023, if you haven't contacted the Parish Office to confirm any changes, it would be assumed that you no longer wish to be on the roster.

New readers and Eucharistic Ministers are most welcomed to join with training provided for new EM.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only *God* knows! We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

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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	9:30AM		
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 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1328.80	\$201.70	\$190.45
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1963.00	\$170.00	\$114.00
Loose Plate	\$ 804.95	\$ 33.10	\$ 34.30

St Joseph's Parish Fuel Raffle

The winners for the St Joseph's Parish Fuel vouchers were:-

- 1st Prize**—Fr Shaiju Mathew
2nd Prize—Melissa Gale
3rd Prize—Kerry Adams



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 26th & 27th November 2022

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 Faïta, 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 weekend - 3rd & 4th December 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue
 Sun 9am: L Welsh
 Sun 5pm: G Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, T Fatai
 Sun 9am: S Opie, P Opie, E Mazza
 Sun 5pm: J Jose, 2 x volunteers please

Music: Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic
 Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
 Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism family

Counting Team: Group 1—G Lavery

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: N Gallagher
Offertory: J & A Ellis

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, T Gardiner

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Russo Family

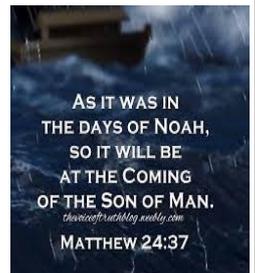
Altar Servers: Group 5

Eucharistic Minister: J Cameron

Church Cleaning: Group 2—C Cavallaro

Flowers: J Cameron

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Next Weekends Readings: - 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A — 3rd & 4th December 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-6, 12-13, 17
 Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
 2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9
 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



First Reading

Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(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. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
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.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

Piety Stall

Sacred Heart Parish Office has 2023 Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards for sale.

St Joseph’s Church Red Cliffs—Piety stall is opened Sunday’s after the 10am Mass with a greater range of Christmas gift ideas, cards and 2023 Columban Calendars or call Janine Cameron to organise an appointment on 0438 730 976.

Second Reading

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Carpooling

The Parish is looking into car pooling as a number of Parishioners who haven’t been able to come to Mass due to changed circumstances would still like to continue to come to Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office so that we can hopefully accommodate these Parishioners and compile a list and roster.

Shared Table Recipe Book

A very limited amount of Cookbooks are now available.

If you require a Cookbook please contact Sr Helen Nolan on 0438 734 524.

Copies are \$25.00

Great Christmas gift idea.

