

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*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 13th & 14th August 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Mildura

Anniversaries: Leonardo Coppola—1 year Mass—Saturday 20th August 6pm

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm: Elizabeth Pollifrone, Ada Filippi (30 day Mass)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Frank & Maureen Aston, Alice Wagner, Giuseppe Capogreco, Kathleen Nicolou, David McCarthy, Annunziata Monteleone,

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

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate with the Indian Community Independence Day and also on Monday 15th August there will be a special mass at 6pm for the feast of the Assumption. The Assumption is a great honour for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We have also had some damage done to the Mildura Church where someone early on Friday morning smashed the glass sliding door at the entrance into the church. We are asking people not to use the door near the carpark until this is repaired, please use the main front door or the glass door near Eleventh Street.

This week is Vocations Awareness Week, let us have a conversation with someone who we think may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Often people are thinking about it and sometime it just takes someone asking the question have you considered it.

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



Mother Mary's Assumption & Indian Independence Day Celebration 2022

This Sunday 14th August with Holy Mass at 9am at the Sacred Heart Church

All welcome.
Organised by the Kerala Community



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For August 2022

Sun 14 Aug: Cuppa & Trading Table Mildura Church 9am, Red Cliffs Church 10am

Thurs 18th Aug: Regis Ontario Care service 2pm.

Thu 18th Aug: Anointing Mass, Merbein Church 9.30am.

Sun 21st Aug: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass

Tues 23rd Aug: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

Tue 23rd Aug: Priests Zone Meeting.

Wed 24th Aug: Anointing Mass, Mildura church 2pm

Wed 24th Aug: Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.

Sun 28th Aug: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 7th Sept. 7pm, at Sacred Heart Church.

Celebration of the sacrament weekend: Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd October.



Reconciliation (Grade 2)

Parent Meeting Wed 12th Oct. 7pm, at Sacred Heart Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament: Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.



Feast Days in August

Monday 15th —The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tuesday 16th—St Stephen of Hungary

Friday 19th—St John Eudes

Saturday 20th—St Bernard

Monday 22nd—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 23rd—St Rose of Lima

Wednesday 24th—St Bartholomew, Apostle

Thursday 25th—St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz

Saturday 27th—St Monica

Monday 29th—The Passion of St John the Baptist

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

Stewardship **Planned Giving Program**

As we are nearing completion of our first year of a three year cycle program, new envelope packs and statements will be available to collect from all churches from the weekend of 27th & 28th August.

If you would like to go Direct Debit please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that new arrangements can be made before the commencement of the second year.



GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS

Jacaranda Village

The monthly Prayer Service at Jacaranda Village, Red Cliffs has recommenced. St Joseph's Catholic Church is looking for volunteers who are willing to help out.

The Prayer Service is held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10.30am. For further information please contact Di Eagle on 5024 5326.

Trading Stalls

Mildura & Red Cliffs 12th December 14th August

This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass.

Seeking donations of produce: fruit, vegetables, plants, seedlings, **conserves:** jams, chutneys, relish, **baked goods:** cakes, biscuits, slices, bread etc. If these can be brought in on the day of the stall it would be appreciated

Proceeds from the Mildura Trading Stall goes to The Shared Table and proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading Stall this month will go to **St Vinnies Christmas Appeal.**

National Vocations Awareness Week **August 7-14, 2022**

Today is the second weekend of National Vocations Awareness Week. In the context of the call to all the baptised we especially pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, the Diaconate and the Priesthood. (Prayer shared by the Archdiocese of Adelaide)

Africa Food Crisis

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. We must act now and "Make Hunger History." Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Feast of Saint Rocco

Will be held on Sunday 21st August at St Michaels Archangel Catholic Church Buronga. Evening Masses will be held on Thursday 18th August & Friday 19th August at 6pm.

Sunday 21st August Mass at 10am. Procession departing after Mass outside Church and school grounds. Followed by complementary lunch, music and entertainment in Church Grounds. All welcome.

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	9:30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM		
THURSDAY	9:30AM	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: Fr Eric Bryant, Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1261.20	\$85.35	\$101.90
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1997.50	\$140.00	\$184.90
Loose Plate	\$ 583.30	\$27.70	\$ 8.90

Online breakfast gathering to discuss plenary, women and leadership

ACRATH is hosting an online breakfast on Tuesday, August 16 at 8.00am (AEST) to celebrate women leaders going forward from the recent Plenary Council. The breakfast will feature speakers Clare Condon SGS and Elizabeth Young rsm sharing their thoughts about the Plenary Council, with breakout room discussions to follow. More information available at <https://acrath.org.au/join-acrath-for-breakfast/>

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 13th & 14th August 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray
Sun 9am: Indian Community
Sun 5pm: P Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald
Sun 9am: G Scopacasa, M Modica, L Welsh
Sun 5pm: M Irvin, S Hermans, N Kennedy

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir
Sun 9am: Holy Mother Mary
Sun 5pm: S Faita, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: C & P McEervale

Counting Team: Group 5—H Kay

Irymple

Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: B Wells
Offertory: K Aston, K Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, J Vines
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: G Brizzi
Altar Servers: Group 3
Eucharistic Minister: J Vines
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: D Eagle



Please find your own Replacement if you are unable to attend on your rostered Day.

Next weekend - 20th & 21st August 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael
Sun 9am: T Fainga'anuku
Sun 5pm: T Finn

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: A Naray, P Kerr, V Pileggi
Sun 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog, volunteer
Sun 5pm: T Cirillo, J Zema, M Zema

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

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism

Counting Team: Group 6—W Carmichael

Irymple

Reader: P Riordan

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor
Offertory: J & A O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, D Eagle
Music: Tongan Choir
Offertory Procession: L Bugno
Altar Servers: Group 4
Eucharistic Minister: G Brizzi
Church Cleaning: Volunteer
Flowers: D Eagle



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

Next Weekends Readings: - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 20th & 21st August 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116
Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



First Reading

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

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- Luke 12:49-53 -

