

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 34

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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*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 21st & 22nd August 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Dioscora Tac-an (Philippines)

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Annamma Joseph

Sunday 9am: Giuseppe Simonetta (6 month anniversary),

Mary McFadyen (25th anniversary), Dennis Ryan, Ilario Dimasi,

Sunday 5pm: Phonse Taggert (5 year anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Recent Death: Fr Aldo Montanari

Anniversaries: Lance Davis

Merbein

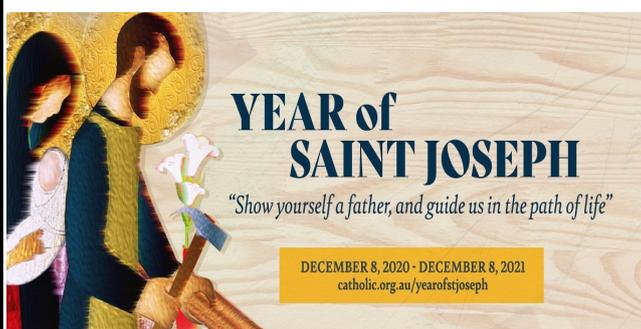
Anniversaries: Dominic Pezzaniti

(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 Assistant Priest

“Lord, to whom can we go?” (Jn 6:68). Our sensibilities find unprecedented closeness to these words of St. Peter as we are facing this convulsive time. We too cry out with him as we hear the disconcerting news from Afghanistan, as our hearts melt at the sufferings of the people in Haiti after the earthquake, as we see those affected by flash floods in Germany, Netherlands, Nigeria, Japan, Somalia, and Columbia, as we witness the devastating wildfires in several parts of the world. The clutches of the pandemic Covid-19 still exerts its force on us and our country. Just as Peter’s was not a disparate question but an answer to the Lord out of his own confidence and hope in the Master, we too “know that...[He] is the Holy One of God” (Jn 6: 69), and we, the churches across Australia, come together under his patronage. The day being designated as “Australia Prays” imparts us an opportunity to come together as disciples of the Lord and pray for all, especially those suffering from Covid-19. Let us extend our hands before the Lord and across each other. Let us strengthen our spirit through daily prayers and participation in the Sacraments. Let us reinforce our commitment towards our brethren.

God bless you all
Fr Shaiju Mathew

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

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

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



WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

The Werrimull Bus trip with Mass at 11am followed by lunch at the pub will be held on Sunday 29th August. Please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872 to make a booking.

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

You are the
Holy One
of God

John 6:69

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

The intensive phase of our Stewardship Renewal has now been completed and our parish has had a successful outcome from this Renewal. The new sets of **Envelopes** and **Letters** to all renewal respondents will be available for collection **NEXT WEEKEND**. There is still room for improvement!

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card or Ministry Form, these can be placed in the collection plate this weekend or taken to the Parish Office during this week.

REMINDER: Thursday 26th August, at 10.00am in the **Monaghan Centre** there will be a **Working Bee** to assemble Acknowledgement Letters and the new issue of the PG Offertory Envelopes.



Fr Michael McKinnon Visit

Fr Michael who has been in Mildura since 14th August will be celebrating the last of his Farewell Masses this weekend at the following churches. If you were not able to catch up with him prior, this will be another opportunity to do so.

Sacred Heart Mildura:
Saturday 6pm, 21st August
St Francis Irymple:

Sunday 8.30am, 22nd August

St Joseph's Red Cliffs:

Sunday 10am 22nd August

We take this opportunity in thanking Fr Michael for being able to be here this past week and we wish him all the very best as he prepares for his travels to Peru sometime in October. God Bless and safe travels.

Social Justice Statement 2021-2022



Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor and associated resources can be downloaded at

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Cuppa and Trading Stalls

Sacred Heart Church—Sunday after 9am Mass
St Josephs Church Red Cliffs—Sunday after 10am Mass

Looking for donations of plants, seedlings, preserves, fruit and veggies and baked goods. Please note that if you provide baked goods, a list of ingredients needs to be attached to the item, to cater for people with food sensitivities and allergies.

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	NO MASS	
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

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1367.75	\$ 53.20	\$373.55
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1417.00	\$305.00	\$385.00
Loose Plate	\$ 484.05	\$ 18.65	\$ 135.25

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 — 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 weekend - 28th & 29th August 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: C Carmichael
Sunday 9am: P Maloney
Sunday 5pm: B Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: M McDonald, R)'Callaghan
Sunday 9am: S Visona, A Vartuli
Sunday 5pm: C Slattery, T Cirillo

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
Sunday 9am: L Belej
Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 5pm: S Faista, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: 5—J Farrelly

Irymple

Reader: Volunteer

Merbein

Reader: K Aston

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, M Lee
Altar Servers: Group 4: G Cory, H McCarthy
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: M Suppa
Counting Team: D Eagle
Eucharistic Minister x 1: C Tassone
Church Cleaning: HJ Hazeldine
Flowers: D Eagle

Next Weekends Readings: — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—28th & 29th August 2021

1st Reading:
Responsorial:
Response:
2nd Reading:
Gospel:



First Reading

Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

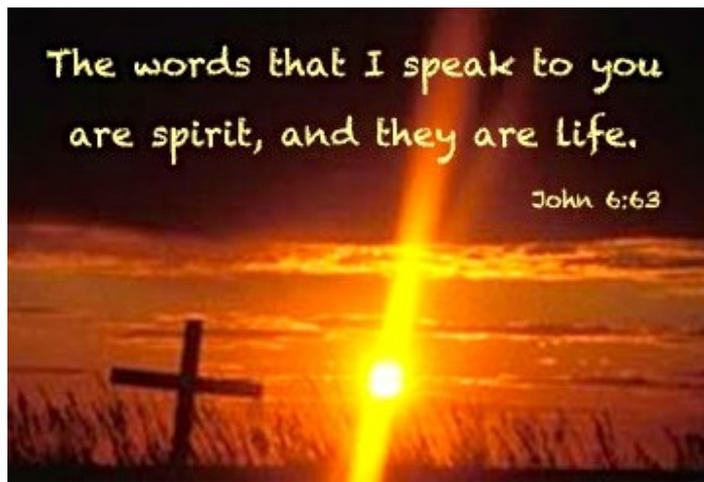
The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)



Second Reading

Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'