

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 39

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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*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 24th & 25th September 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Maree O'Callaghan, Mary Turvey, Margaret Cook, Peg McCarthy, Theresa Panuccio, Vince Manno, Rosa Pezzaniti, Bert Halls, Bobby Schottler, Bev LeGassick

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

Message from our Assistant Priest

The Gospel of the Sunday asks a very fundamental question to every Christian: Have you recognized 'the Lazarus' at your gate? Did we ever fail or lag behind in answering this question? We live in a world of wants and needs. No doubt that there is always someone in real need, maybe in our neighbourhood or far off. But our faith calls us to transcend the distances spatial or otherwise. It is both a call and a duty laid on us, our mission as Christians. When good things come on our way, do we tend to give up our compassionate face?

We have Fr John Corrigan among us this weekend to celebrate Holy Eucharist in Mildura and Merbein as Fr Matt Thomas is away. Dear Fr John, a hearty welcome to our Parish and we appreciate your readiness and the sacrifice that stems from your good heart.

Kindly note the office timing given in the bulletin for this week and thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

God bless you all.

Fr Shaiju Mathew.

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the *Oikos* of God, ending of the Feast of St Francis, the patron saint of ecology.
September 1- Oct 4.

Many resources to help us pray and celebrate the Season of Creation can be found on the Ballarat Diocesan website



<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/>

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

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Celebration weekend is Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd October

Reconciliation (Grade 2)

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

The celebration of the sacrament will be held on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm.



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For September 2022

Tue 27: Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting, Parish Office 7.30am

Tue 27: BUPA Aged Care service 10.30am

Wed 28: Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart Church 2pm

Wed 28: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm.

Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Louie Caristo, Milana Circosta and Eva Ross** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Weddings

We congratulate Angus Dearlove and Francine Cabale who were married this week.



RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) for adults interested in committing to the Catholic Faith. Commencing on **Thursday 6th October at 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.**

No prior notice required - just turn up.

Notices for the Bulletin

Due to different opening hours for the Parish Office during the next two weeks all requests for notices for the weekend bulletin need to be in by 12noon **Wednesdays.** You can either email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or leave a message on 5021 2872.



Reminder to set your clocks forward 1 hour next Saturday night.

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

Advance Notice

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs

Will be held on Sunday 9th October 2022 with a Solemn Mass at 10am. Followed by the procession and the Traditional Feast with entertainment and stalls. Drawing of raffle 4.30pm. All welcome.



Fuel Raffle

St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs is having a Fuel Raffle with 1st Prize \$750 worth of fuel, 2nd Prize \$350 worth of fuel and 3rd Prize is \$100 worth of fuel. Raffle drawn 20th November at St Joseph's Red Cliffs

Tickets can be purchased at the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

Raffle books come in booklets of either 10 tickets or 20 tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

For further information please contact the Parish Office

Queen Elizabeth II

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has released a statement following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The statement can be accessed from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The Victorian Council of Churches have provided a prayer for use/adaptation at <https://>

Mary MacKillop Today

Is an organization helping the poorest of the poor with used stamps.

Used stamps enable Mary MacKillop Today to:

- Give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea
- Fund training programs for poor women to learn life-skills in Peru
- Provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste

If you would like to help and have been or will be collecting used stamps please leave them at the Parish Office in the box provided. For further details please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



Shared Table Recipe Book

To support Fr Michael McKinnon's Shared Table Projects in Peru we are preparing a recipe book. If you have a favourite recipe within your family, we would love to receive it and include in the book. You will be acknowledged as the contributor. Recipes can be starters/soups, mains, salads, desserts, one pot, stir fry.

We have so many wonderful cultures represented in our community and we would love recipes from as many parts of the world as possible. We look forward to your contributions with cut off date October 7.

The editorial committee may need to be selective with the final compilation.

The booklet will be available for prepaid order in November.

If you want to become involved please contact Sr Helen as soon as possible.

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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	2.00PM		
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: Joe de Jong, Fr Eric Bryant, Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Faye Cufari, Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 1289.05	\$69.80	\$151.20
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1478.20	\$130.00	\$109.00
Loose Plate	\$ 880.40	\$ 31.35	\$ 45.20

ACU Public Lecture - Catholic Sacrament of Marriage

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is very pleased to host an upcoming public lecture on the future of the Catholic sacrament of Marriage on October 10, 2022 from 10.00am - 11.30am AEDT to be presented by Professor Julie Hanlon Rubio, an expert in marriage theology, from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA. More information and booking details at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>.

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 24th & 25th September 2022

Next weekend - 1st & 2nd October 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: Chris Carmichael

Sun 9am: Rose Op't Hoog

Sun 5pm: Jancy Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr

Sun 9am: J Rocca, B Castillo, T Faingaanuku

Sun 5pm: B Bunting, J Hall, K Groves

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir

Sun 9am: Marion Guthrie

Sun 5pm: S Faita, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Group 1—Gerry Lavery

Irymple

Reader: Mary Hoy

Merbein

Reader: Elvira Piscioneri

Offertory: Elvira & Sam Iamarino

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, T Gardiner

Music: Tongan Choir

Offertory Procession: N Orr

Altar Servers: School Holidays

Eucharistic Minister: T Gardiner

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteers

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: Gary Huxtable

Sun 9am: Talia Fainga'anuku

Sun 5pm: Peter Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, T Fatai

Sun 9am: N Fatai, J Webster, Volunteer

Sun 5pm: M Rodi, S Hermans, K Groves

Music: Sat 6pm: Marion Guthrie, Marlene Bowring

Sun 9am: Italian Choir, Meg Sullivan

Sun 5pm: No Music

Counting Team: Group 2—Joe DeJong

Irymple

Reader: G McCracken

Merbein

Reader: Nancy Prevedello

Offertory: N & B Prevedello

Red Cliffs

Readers:

Music:

Offertory Procession:

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Minister:

Church Cleaning:

Flowers:

Next Weekends Readings: - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 1st & 2nd October 2022

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



First Reading

Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day.

Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome.

We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933].

They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace.

May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests.

Please, no more war.