

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 40

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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*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 2nd & 3rd October 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Maree O'Callaghan, Fr John Keane, Marija Grubisic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Antonio Callipari

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Perce Lunn

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Domenico Pediglieri, Brian Chapman, Alf Sylvia,
Mark McKee, Fred Edwards, Daniel Radcliffe

(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.



Feast of St Anthony Raffle Prize Winners

1st Prize: G Iamarino
2nd Prize: T Roccisano
3rd Prize: D Lavery

Message from our Parish Priest

This has been an interesting week, just to inform you that we have had two attempted break-ins, the presbytery on Tuesday night and Thursday after a funeral in the middle of the day. I do not want to alarm you but to inform you that we need to be vigilant.

As there has been no changes for the restrictions I just encourage people to keep moving forward and looking to celebrate and be with family and friends soon.

October is normally the month in which we dedicate to the praying the Rosary. Its as fantastic time to think of others and have a focus on Our Lady.

As school resumes this week for some students and others over the next few weeks we support all in our school communities at this time, and wish everyone well for term four.

I also ask that if you contribute to the plan giving that you come to the office to collect your envelopes.

God bless
Fr Matthew Thomas

Update on COVID Restrictions

- All Churches opened with limited capacity of 20 people. Please contact the Parish Office to book in for all Masses.
- No visitors to your home.
- Weddings capped at 10 including the bride & groom
- Funerals capped at 20.
- Baptisms allowed.



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Meetings 2021

Tuesday 12th: Sacred Heart Parish Council after 6pm Mass—Monaghan Centre

Sunday 17th: Merbein Parish Council after 10am Mass.

Sunday 24th: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

Tuesday 26th: Sacred Heart Mildura Finance 7.30am Parish Office.

Wednesday 27th: Baptism Preparation Evening 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre

Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs

The new Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection, so please collect your envelopes from the church's foyer

Please do not use your old envelopes as many parishioners now have a new Planned Giving number, if in doubt please contact the Parish Office.

If you are able to collect on behalf of family members or friends please do so as this will save on postage.

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.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



Sacrament of First Eucharist



Thank you for your extreme patience through this difficult year we are unable to have our information night due to the restrictions. Our First Eucharist program will continue as planned for the weekend of the Fri 22nd, Sat 23rd and Sun 24th October.

The information packs and worksheets will be able to be collected from your school St Paul's and Sacred Heart next week and we ask that all registered children collect their packs from the parish office (Tues-Fri 9am-4pm).

We are asking families to contact the office during the week of the 5th to the 8th October to confirm mass times, as we are unsure of number of people who can attend at this stage.

The masses over the weekend will be

Friday 22nd October	6pm
Saturday 23rd October	9.30am and 6pm
Sunday 24th October	9am, 12noon and 5pm

If you have any questions or enquiries please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please note that with the current situation we have decided to postpone from Term 4 to Term 1 next year. More information will follow in later editions of the bulletin.



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter Gospel Reflection

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

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

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		
THURSDAY	9:30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	4PM & 6PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	IRYMPLE	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
SATURDAY		4PM & 6PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10AM & 12NOON	10:30AM
		3pm & 5PM		
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, Sr Alphonsus McCarthy

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Pollock, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$546.95	\$ 52.25	\$122.10
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$806.80	\$545.00	\$570.00
Loose Plate	\$ 70.90	\$ 25.15	\$ 15.65

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 - 2nd & 3rd October 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Barnes

Sunday 9am: T Faingaanuku

Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: T & M Faingaanuku

Sun 9am: M Sullivan & 2 Italian Choir members

Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Counting Team: Team 10 — W Carmichael

Irymple

Reader: G McCracken

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis

Altar Servers: COVID

Music: Guitar

Counting Team: G Brizzi, C Russo

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer

Mass permitted with up to 20 persons (No full choirs—only individual musicians). All churches need to be mindful not to exceed numbers.



Next weekend - 9th & 10th October 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: A Naray

Sunday 9am: J O'Brien

Sunday 5pm: S Hermans

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Ljubic

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

Sun 5pm: S Faista, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Team 1 — G Lavery

Irymple

Reader: M Duck

Merbein

Reader: J Ellis

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater

Altar Servers: COVID

Music: Guitar

Counting Team: B Gardner, S Williams

Church Cleaning: Group 2—C Cavallaro, R Chase, D Eagle, C Jamieson, B Pitt

Flowers: Volunteer

Mass permitted with up to 20 persons (No full choirs—only individual musicians). All churches need to be mindful not to exceed numbers.



Next Weekends Readings: — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—9th & 10th October 2021

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial: Ps 89: 12-17

Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30



First Reading

Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish
Community — Antonio Romeo
whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Day light savings starts this
weekend—don't forget to
move clocks forward one hour.