

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*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 8th & 9th October 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm: Antonio Callipari (20 year anniversary),
Carmela Dessi (10 year anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Pileggi

Merbein

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Taglierini, Margaret O'Conner, Bill
Walsh, Barbara O'Day

(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.

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)

The 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.



Message from our Parish Priest

During the month of October we acknowledge the Blessed Virgin Mary through praying the rosary. It is a great time to focus on the life of Jesus and Mary through the different mysteries in which we pray and reflect.

We thank Fr Adriano who has been here with us this week in leading the retreat at St Joseph's Red Cliffs. He has offered a reflection and service each night and celebrating the mass on Sunday 10am with the Italian community.

On Friday 7th October Fr Anthony became an Australian Citizen. We Congratulate Fr Anthony and continue to celebrate with him on becoming an 'Aussie'.

Just a friendly reminder to our sacramental families that we have a parent information session on Wednesday evening between 5-6pm practise for First Holy Communion and then at 7pm in the church for the children in grade 2 who will begin their preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

Congratulations

To Fr Anthony Nagothu who on Friday 7th October became an Australian Citizen.



Developing a
GRATITUDE
ATTITUDE

Luke 17:11-19



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For October 2022

Sun 9th :Cuppa and Trading Table After Mass-Sacred Heart church 10am

Mon 10th: Knights of Southern Cross Meeting 7.30pm, KSC clubrooms

Wed 12th: Reconciliation Parent Information evening 7pm

Sun 16th: OLSH Parish Council Meeting after 10.30 Mass

Thurs 20th: Anointing Mass OLSH church, Merbein 9.30 am

Thurs 20th: Regis Ontario Aged Care Mass, 2pm

Tues 25th: Sacred Heart Parish Finance Meeting, Parish office 7.30am

Wed 26th: Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart Church, 2pm

Wed 26th : Baptism Preparation Meeting, Monaghan Centre 7pm

RCIA

God & My Spiritual Experiences

Thursday 13th October at 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.



Trading Stalls Mildura 9th October

This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in Mildura after the 9am 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.

Sacred Heart Family Group

Will be lunching at Woodies on Sunday 16th October at Noon. Please let Denise know your intentions on 0437096737.



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



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

Will be held this 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.

St Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

The Sacred Heart Parish Office now has in stock 2023 Columban Calendars for \$9 and Christmas Card packs for \$4. Available also is a limited range of Sacramental Items for First Eucharist.

For a wider range of Religious items please visit St Joseph's Catholic Church Red Cliffs every Sunday either before or after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

Werrimull Bus Trip

Our final Werrimull Bus trip for 2022 will be held on Sunday 30th October. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.



Advent Books

We are now taking orders for Advent Books. If you would like a copy please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872 to book yours in. Bookings will need to be in by Tuesday 21st October so that an order can be placed asap thereafter.

Pakistan Flood Crisis appeal

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1100 people. The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by the flooding. More than one third of the country has been completely submerged by the heaviest recorded monsoon rains in a decade. There are fears that the death toll will continue to rise. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Donate now by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>

Mental Health Week: October 8 – 15, 2022

The theme for Mental Health Week this year is, "Where we live. How we live. What we've lived." Understanding how the body, mind and environment intersect is essential to overall wellbeing. Physical health – both inside of us and in the world around us – has a major impact on mental health. The nutrition we consume, movement of our bodies, the health of the planet and quality of our housing and neighbourhoods all play a part in building health communities and individuals <https://mentalhealthweek.org.au/> Prayer for Mental Health Week: Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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	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: 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)	\$1485.80	\$146.90	\$290.50
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1433.00	\$227.00	\$109.00
Loose Plate	\$ 570.35	\$ 63.25	\$108.75

Advance Notice

Tue 1st November-**All Saints**—Sacred Heart Church 6pm
 Wed 2nd November-**All Souls**—Merbein Cemetery 6pm
 Murray Pines Cemetery 6pm
 Thu 3rd November- Red Cliffs Cemetery 5.30pm
 Nichols Point Cemetery 6pm
Remembrance Mass—Mildura Friday 4th November 6pm
 Red Cliffs Sunday 6th November 10am

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 8th & 9th October 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Barnes
 Sun 9am: J O'Brien
 Sun 5pm: T Finn

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, A Greville
 Sun 9am: P O'Donnell, G Johnston, G Raiti
 Sun 5pm: N Kennedy, S Hermans, M Irvin

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie
 Sun 9am: Filipino Choir
 Sun 5pm: No Music

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: C & P McErvale

Counting Team: Group 3 -

Irymple

Reader: M Duck

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo
Offertory: F Cox, Val McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: Our Lady of the Rosary
Music: Italian Choir
Offertory Procession: Our Lady of the Rosary
Altar Servers: Group 3
Eucharistic Minister: Our Lady of the Rosary
Church Cleaning: Group 5
Flowers: T Pileggi

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



Next weekend - 15th & 16th October 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: K Quinlan
 Sun 9am: R Tam
 Sun 5pm: G Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, A Greville
 Sun 9am: P O'Donnell, G Johnston, G Raiti
 Sun 5pm: J Zema, T Cirillo, volunteer please

Music: Sat 6pm: Singing Group, M Sullivan
 Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
 Sun 5pm: S Faita, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism family

Counting Team: Group 4 - M Roper

Irymple

Reader: W Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: B Wells
Offertory: K McCarthy, K Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, D Eagle
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: G Brizzi
Altar Servers: Group 4
Eucharistic Minister: N Kennedy
Church Cleaning: Volunteer
Flowers: Volunteer

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 15th & 16th October 2022

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps:120
 Response: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
 2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 3:14—4:2
 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



First Reading

2 Kgs 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Tm 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise. © Dianne Bergant CSA