

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 42

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Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00am—4:00pm

**Sacred Heart  
Mildura**

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull**

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Merbein**

**St. Francis Xavier  
Trymple**

**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*

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B  
16th & 17th October 2021**

## RECENT DEATHS

Beverley LeGassick, Stefanija Ban

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Zacharias Thomas

## Mildura

## Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

## Merbein

Anniversaries:

*(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.



## October

As October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the Liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th.

## Message from our Parish Priest

Another week of lockdown has us waiting and being prepared for the re-opening of our communities. With the current lockdown in the Mildura Regional Area, and this continuing for another 7 days. Please note there will be no masses and churches will remain closed until Saturday 23rd at this stage.

This weekend's psalm is ideal for us Lord, Let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you. Having trust in God and allowing his mercy and love can shine in our lives. Placing our trust in someone else is a gift that we should never take for granted because they are allowing us to have total care for them in certain or all aspects of their lives.

Let us look after ourselves at this time and I look forward to seeing you soon.

God bless  
Fr Matthew Thomas



**TO SERVE IS TO LEAD**

MARK 10: 45-46

## Update on COVID Restrictions

- All Churches remain closed for another 7 days
- No visitors to your home.
- No Weddings
- Funerals capped at 10.
- No Baptisms allowed.

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October Meetings 2021

**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

If you know of anybody who has expressed interest in becoming Catholic, you can direct them to the Parish Office 5021 2872.

We currently have 4 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.

Our First Eucharist program will continue with new dates as planned from Thursday 21st October until Friday 29th October.

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.



### 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

**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 Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs

New Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection at the Parish Office.

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.**



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-22

### CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR



Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a Zoom forum Sat 6th of Nov 2021 10am to 3pm.

Four Speakers have been invited to respond to key sections of the document:

- Janet Morris: Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer.
- Bishop Paul Bird: Introduce the Statement *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*.
- Dr Mark Diesendorf: *Listening to and learning from the world – what the science is telling us*.
- Dr Sandie Cornish: *Listening and drawing wisdom from our own wells – responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*.
- Vicki Clark: *Listening to creation – a call to care for Country*.

Jacqui Remond: *Caring for creation – watering the seeds of change*.

Where: Monaghan Centre Mildura or at home via Zoom

Registration opens 22nd of October.

Further information contact Sr Helen

### **Plenary Council – it's a wrap!**

The first Assembly of the Plenary Council was held last week and concluded on Sunday. Daily diocesan updates from the Plenary Council and reflections from diocesan members are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. To watch recordings of sessions and Masses from the Council go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>. We will keep you updated on the progress of the Plenary Council towards Assembly Two in July 2022.

### **Catholic Mission Month**

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

# 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)			

## Prayer

### *We cry out to you*

God of all,  
we cry out to you for help.  
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect us, Lord, and be with us  
especially those of us most vulnerable  
during this coronavirus crisis.

Move us to reach out in love  
to our neighbours near and far.  
So that the humble may be exalted,  
the hungry filled with good things.

Grant us the courage  
not to rush back to our old ways,  
but to rebuild our world together,  
creating foundations of justice,  
with equality and peace for all.

Amen.

Prayer: Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

## 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

## SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	COVID	COVID	COVID
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1398.25	\$ 62.00	\$ 67.50
Loose Plate	COVID	COVID	COVID

## 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

Next weekend - 23rd & 24th October 2021

**Werrimull** 5th Sunday of each month 11am

### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: Gary Huxtable

Sunday 9am: 1st Eucharist

Sunday 5pm: Barb Bunting

**Music:** Sat 6pm: 1st Eucharist

Sun 9am: 1st Eucharist

Sun 5pm: 1st Eucharist

**Counting Team:** Team 3—P McDonald

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hill

### Merbein

**Reader:** F Cox

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Cameron

**Altar Servers:** COVID

**Music:** Guitar

**Counting Team:** G Brizzi, A Ziguras

**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 Weekends Readings: — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—23rd & 24th October 2021

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial: Ps 125

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



## First Reading

Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading

Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

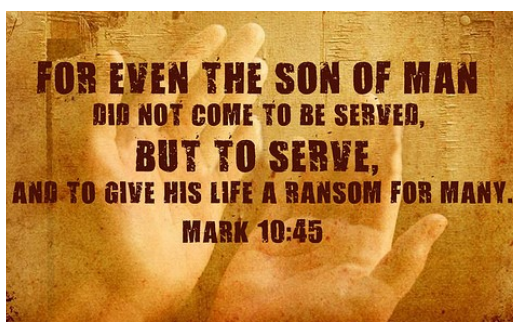
Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!



## Gospel

Mk 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

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