

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*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 30th & 31st October 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Mildura

Anniversaries: Fr Frank Monaghan, Leo Camarotto, Felimar Navarrete

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Ariodante Venneri (30 day Mass)
Sunday 5pm: Clemente Pascale, Bruno Timpano, Domenica Ficarra
Wednesday 9.30am: Leo Camarotto

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Domenico & Giuseppe Mammone

Merbein

Anniversaries: George Kremor, Jean O'Day, Leroy Liddicoat, Roy Klaric, Ilario Dichiera, Joyce Fraser, Ken Hamence, Cath Sepping, Mona Wells, Peg MiMase, Zelinda Manno, Maine Rosevear, Peg Stack, Irene O'Connor, Martin McCarthy, Mac Bradley, Des McCoy

(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.

Mass times for All Saints Day & All Souls Day

All Saints Day

Monday 1st November: 9.30am Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

All Souls Day

Tuesday 2nd November: 9.30am, Red Cliffs
9.30am, Merbein
6pm, Mildura

Memorial Services at the different Cemeteries will occur during the later part of the month, once we have confirmed dates with the different Cemetery Trusts.

Message from our Parish Priest

I am very grateful to everyone who has been able to assist us with the constant changes through the Covid-19 Lockdowns. I believe this has made us a stronger and more adaptable community through all the restrictions and constant changes. I hope we have now turned a corner and hopefully these changes will be the last ones, we have a couple of new changes for masses as from Monday.

Anyone who is unvaccinated can attend mass but only at the following times as long as the numbers attending do not exceed 30,

*Mildura Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am,
Red Cliffs Tuesday 9.30am Thursday 5.30pm
Merbein Thursday 9.30am.*

For those who are fully vaccinated or have a current medical exemption (you will need to show the priest on arrival) you will be free to attend weekend masses as long as our density numbers are not exceeded.

Mildura 300
Merbein 80
Irymple 30
Red Cliffs 150

The above number will also apply to Weddings and Funerals but if one person attends who is not fully vaccinated then we revert back to 30 people.

God bless
Fr Matthew Thomas

**Parish Office will be closed on
Tuesday due to the Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday.**

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Meetings 2021

- Monday 8 Nov:** KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm KSC clubrooms.
- Tuesday 9 Nov:** Princes Court Aged Care Mass 10am.
- Tuesday 9 Nov:** Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre.
- Sunday 14 Nov:** Mildura Cuppa and Trading Table after 9am Mass.
- Sunday 14 Nov:** Red Cliffs, Cuppa and Trading Table after 10am Mass.
- Sunday 21 Nov:** Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.
- Tuesday 23 Nov:** Mildura Finance meeting, 7.30am, Parish Office.
- Tuesday 23 Nov:** BUPA Aged Care Mass 10.30am
- Wednesday 24 Nov:** Baptism Preparation evening, 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.
- Sunday 28 Nov:** Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — Parker Zaxos whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs

Please collect your new Planned Giving envelopes from the Sacred Heart Parish Office.



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:

Where: Monaghan Centre Mildura or at home via Zoom

Further information contact Sr Helen on 0438 734 524 or visit: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

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

All Saints Day

Every year on November 1, many Roman Catholics and other Christians around the world observe All Saints Day, which honors all saints of the church deemed to have attained heaven.

While now observed in November, All Saints' Day was originally celebrated on May 13. Pope Boniface IV formally started what would later be known as All Saints Day on May 13 in 609 AD when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church in honor of the Virgin Mary and all martyrs.

The current date of November 1 was established by Pope Gregory III during his reign (731-741 AD) when he dedicated a chapel in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all saints.

While this celebration was originally limited to Rome, later in 837 Pope Gregory IV ordered the official observance of All Saints Day every November 1 and extended its celebration to the entire Church.

While many canonized saints are celebrated with their own individual feast days (such as St. Patrick), saints that have not been canonized have no particular holiday.

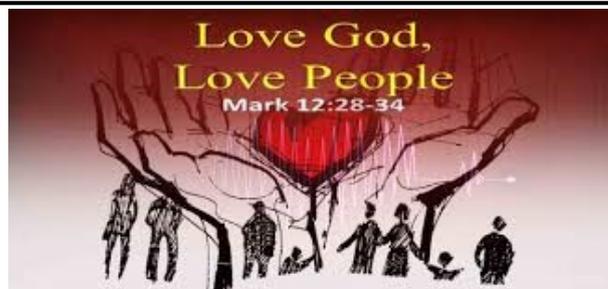
All Saints' Day recognizes those whose sainthood is known only to God. Even so, Catholic observances tend to focus on known saints, those canonized by the Catholic Church.

Accordingly, within the Catholic Church, All Saints' Day is generally considered a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics must attend Mass unless they are prevented by illness or another sufficient excuse.

All Souls Day

The importance of All Souls Day was made clear by Pope Benedict XV (1914-22) when he granted all priests the privilege of celebrating three Masses on All Souls Day: one for the faithful departed; one for the priest's intentions; and one for the intentions of the Holy Father. On only a handful of other very important feast days are priests allowed to celebrate more than two Masses.

While All Souls Day is now paired with All Saints Day (November 1), which celebrates all of the faithful who are in Heaven, it originally was celebrated in the Easter season, around Pentecost Sunday (and still is in the Eastern Catholic Churches). By the tenth century, the celebration had been moved to October; and sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo of Cluny decreed that it should be celebrated on November 2 in all of the monasteries of his Benedictine congregation. Over the next two centuries, other Benedictines and the Carthusians began to celebrate it in their monasteries as well, and soon the commemoration of all the Holy Souls in Purgatory spread to the entire Church.



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		6PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10AM	10:30AM
		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: Rosemary Byrne, 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)	\$ 288.85	\$103.30	\$ 65.85
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$3918.25	\$564.50	\$287.50
Loose Plate	\$ 53.00	\$ 31.20	\$ 16.50

Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- Wear a face mask if you like
- Use the QR Code
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 30th & 31st October 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: K Quinlan
Sunday 9am: L Welsh
Sunday 5pm: B Kelly

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir
Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi, L Duy
Counting Team: Team 4—M Roper

Irymple

Reader: P Riordan

Merbein

Reader: N Prevedello

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck
Music: Guitar
Church Cleaning: J Hazeldine
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 - 6th & 7th November 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm:
Sunday 9am: Maria Munro
Sunday 5pm: Bill Dolence

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, A Naray
Sunday 9am: G Johnston, L Belej, J Cresp
Sunday 5pm: W Finn, T Finn, J Willis

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic

Counting Team: Team 5—J Farrelly

Irymple

Reader: J Kearney

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, D Eagle
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession:
Altar Servers:
Eucharistic Ministers: S Orr
Church Cleaning: Volunteer
Flowers: Volunteer



Next Weekends Readings: — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—6th & 7th November 2021

1st Reading: Kings 17:10-16
Responsorial: Ps 145:7-10
Response: Praise the Lord, my soul
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Thank You—Message from Fr Michael McKinnon

Goodbyes are never easy, but in the time of the pandemic it has been almost impossible to organise or coordinate an occasion when I was able to formally say goodbye and thank you to the people of Sunraysia and Ouyen. I welcomed the opportunity to get back for some of the masses a few months ago, but even that visit was cut short by another lockdown before the week was over. So, the Parish Bulletin seems to be the best means of communication given our present circumstances.

I will always consider my years in Mildura a time of great blessing. I am so grateful to you all for the extraordinary love and support I experienced. We all shared some sad moments during my nine and a half years, but the good times were shared in abundance.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to the priests with whom I lived and worked, in particular Fr Pat Flanagan and Fr James Kerr, with whom I spent the most years. I was also blessed with the constant support of the Sisters of Mercy and Sister Denise Cusack. I am deeply indebted to them.

Carmel, as well as the many volunteers who assisted us, made each day something to really look forward to. Margaret's care for us in the Parish house was always much appreciated. The Finance Committees and the Parish Councils always offered invaluable support and advice. Those who committed themselves to the various pastoral groups of each parish were an inspiration to me. I will always admire those involved in St Vincent de Paul, the Knights of the Southern Cross and the Soup Kitchen – wonderful groups of people.

Liturgical celebrations were a highlight, with so many generous and talented people assisting and ensuring that our gatherings were so life-giving. In each community there were reliable people who ensured that the special celebrations, in particular funerals and weddings, ran smoothly.

I will carry very fond memories of our school communities – the students, principals, staff and families. Each of those communities made me feel very much at home. For that, I am grateful.

I wish Fr Matthew and Fr Shaiju all the best and pray that their ministry will be fruitful. I have no doubt that they will be supported.

I arrived in Lima on the 22nd of October via the United States – a long flight, but without any hitches. I am presently getting a few documents in order such as a Peruvian licence and my Identity Card. By the end of next week, I hope to be up in the Andes Mountains and beginning to settle into the Parish of Yanaoca, about three hours from Cusco. What happens from there awaits to be seen, but I know I have the support of your prayers.

Once again, thank you all, and God bless.

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