

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*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 13th & 14th November 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Heather Manfield,
Margaret Lawson (Horsham-mother of Marg Nugent)

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Marion Sharman
Sunday 9am: Margaret Bowring Rogers
Friday 6pm: Giovanna Di Gorgi (one year anniversary), Ilario Vallelonga

Red Cliffs

Recent Death: Giuseppe D'Anna (Melbourne)
Anniversaries: Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone,
Francesco & Maria Antonia Tassone, Adrianna Tassone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Cosimo Dichiera, James McAllister, Charlie Mangan, Pasqualina Grande, Daniel Byrnes, Eunice Adolph, Bill Foreman

(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.

Christmas Masses 2021

Christmas Eve

6pm Mildura
6pm Werrimull
8pm Merbein
8pm Red Cliffs
10pm Mildura
12am Midnight Mildura

We will look at
having
Christmas Carols
half an hour before
at each mass

Christmas Day

8.30am Irymple
9am Mildura

Message from our Assistant Priest

We are in 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time and we march towards the end of this liturgical year by next weekend, with the celebration of the feast of Christ the King of the Universe and today the church is calling us to reflect on the notion of end of the world.

The weekend readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, protecting and strengthening us in spite of our necessary uncertainty concerning the end time when "Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead". Hence, let us be prepared ourselves by living a witnessing Christian life.

God bless you all.
Fr Shaiju Mathew

Please Note: There will be no Masses on Tuesday 16th November and Wednesday 17th November at Mildura and Red Cliffs as the Priests will be at a Council of Priests meeting in Ballarat.

Cemetery Masses—during November

Murray Pines Cemetery: Thursday 18th 6pm
Red Cliffs Lawn Cemetery: Monday 22nd 6pm
Merbein Cemetery: Wednesday 24th time TBC
Nichols Point Cemetery: Thursday 25th 6pm

Please abide by the COVID safe rules and everyone must sign in with the QR code provided.

My words will not pass away
Mk 13:31

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Meetings 2021

Sunday 14 Nov: Mildura, Cuppa and Trading Table after 9am Mass.

Sunday 14 Nov: Red Cliffs, Cuppa and Trading Table after 10am Mass.

Monday 15 Nov: KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm KSC clubrooms.

Sunday 21 Nov: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.

Tuesday 23 Nov: Mildura Finance meeting, 7.30am, Parish Office.

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 — **Isaiah Zara, Daisy Eaton, Mya Roccisano & Paris Panuccio** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Sacred Heart Shared Table— Market Stall



Will be held after the 9am Mass this weekend.

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.

Wanting donations of produce:

fruit, vegetables, plants, seedlings, **conserves:** jams, chutneys, relish, **baked goods:** cakes, biscuits, slices, bread etc.

Remembrance Mass 2021



Invitations for a Remembrance Mass of deceased family members during these past two years have now been sent.

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

Church COVID Restrictions Sunraysia Region

- Anyone unvaccinated can attend mass but only at the following times and numbers not to exceed 30:

Mildura: Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am,

Red Cliffs: Tuesday 9.30am Thursday 5.30pm

Merbein: Thursday 9.30am.

- For those 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.

Church density numbers are not to exceed:

Mildura	300	Irymple	30
Merbein	80	Red Cliffs	150

Baptisms are now occurring during our scheduled weekend masses.

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



After months of COVID lockdowns congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who were confirmed last weekend.

Save the date FOR THE OFFICIAL ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MILDURA MERCY HERITAGE CENTRE BLESSING

TO BE OFFICIATED BY BISHOP PAUL BIRD CSsR BISHOP OF BALLARAT
AT THE SISTERS OF MERCY CONVENT, 154 TWELFTH STREET, MILDURA

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022
10:00AM UNTIL 1:00PM

Please contact Paula Cox at St Joseph's College by email
pcox@sjcmda.vic.edu.au should you have any queries.



Mercy Heritage Centre

St Joseph's College is currently refurbishing the Mercy Heritage Centre in the Mercy Convent at the School. The official opening and blessing of the Mercy Heritage Centre to be officiated by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR - Bishop of Ballarat at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, 154 Twelfth Street, Mildura will occur on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Please contact Paula Cox at St Joseph's College by email: pcox@sjcmda.vic.edu.au should you have any queries or wish to attend the blessing ceremony.

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	NO MASS	NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY	NO MASS		
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, Nancy Panuccio,

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 720.05	\$ 29.00	\$165.10
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$3006.75	\$567.50	\$777.25
Loose Plate	\$ 154.20	\$ 25.00	\$ 41.65

Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the QR Check in App
- Wear a face mask when in church
- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 13th & 14th November 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Barnes
Sunday 9am: Mary Jackson
Sunday 5pm: C Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Saturday 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
Sunday 9am: L Welsh, M Modica, E Garreffa
Sunday 5pm: K Groves, J Hall, M Rodi

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis, J O'Bryan
Sun 5pm: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis, J O'Bryan

Counting Team: Team 6 - J O'Donnell

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: K Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, T Gardiner

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: M Adams

Altar Servers: Group 2

Eucharistic Minister: N Morello

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer

Cuppa: C Cavallaro, M Cavallaro



Next weekend - 20th & 21st November 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Tongue
Sunday 9am: Narie Lewis
Sunday 5pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Saturday 6pm: R O'Callaghan, M McDonald, A Naray

Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog, R Byra

Sunday 5pm: T Cirillo, J Jose, C Slattery

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Ljubic

Sun 9am:

Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Counting Team: Team 7—Helen Kay

Irymple

Reader: K Modoo

Merbein

Reader: E Piscioneri

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, A Higham

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: M Bell

Altar Servers: Group 2

Eucharistic Minister: M Monteleone

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer



Next Weekends Readings: — Christ the King Year B—20th & 21st November 2021

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2, 5

Response: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37



First Reading

Dn 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
(R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of
Man.
Alleluia!



Gospel

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

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