

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 4

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Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo
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 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*

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 23rd & 24th January 2021

MILDURA

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: Pat Rocca

Sunday 9.30am: Andrea Pasquale (30 day mass)

Sunday 5pm: Cth Byrne Groves, Murray Surace,

Maria Longo (1 year anniversary),

Maria Carlucci (60th anniversary),

Steve Panuccio (20th anniversary)

RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death: Kenneth Dorman

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Piscioneri, Martin Rogers, Noela Crosbie, Pat Penfold, Kathrine Nicholl, Kevin Rogers

(Only immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we hear about Jesus commencing his ministry encouraging people to prepare for the Kingdom of God, repent and believe in the Good News.

This week we as a nation commemorate Australia Day, we come together as people from all nations of the world to unite as one under the Australian Banner. With all of our history, culture and customs we are able to grow and learn from each other.

Schools return this week and we wish all of our staff and students the best for this coming year. We hope that everyone has had a great break.

We as a community also farewell Fr Pat this weekend with his Mass and lunch at St Joseph's Red Cliffs, we pray that this time of transition for him is a peaceful and joyful time.

*God bless!
Fr Matthew Thomas*

Advance Notice

Could all Counting Team members met on Tuesday 2nd February at 10.30am or 5.30pm at the Monaghan Centre to be introduced to some new policies and procedures for counting and recording of Parish Collections.

If you are unable to attend please contact the Parish Office.

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: Maria Sapuppo

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Lily Flanagan, E Mammone, Barry Crosbie, Maurice O'Connor, Faye Rhook, Frank Mammone

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204

St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

OLSH Merbein Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258

St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Principal: Mark Gibson 5024 1654

St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura

Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

IMPORTANT DATES—FEBRUARY 2021



Tuesday 2nd February: Bereavement Team meeting

Tuesday 9th February: Mildura Finance meeting, 7.30am

Mildura Parish Council meeting 7pm

Sunday 14th February: Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting 11.30am

Tuesday 16th February: Reconciliation Parent night 7pm

Wednesday 17th February—Ash Wednesday times TBC

Sunday 21st February: Merbein Parish Council meeting 11.30am

Wednesday 24th February: Baptism Preparation Evening 7.30pm

LOCAL NEWS



Weddings

We congratulate **Martin Rule & Maryanne Caia** who were married at Sacred Heart, Mildura this weekend.

Thursday Scripture Group

Scripture Sharing in preparation for Sunday Readings

Day: Thursdays

Time: 3-4 pm

Venue: Monaghan Centre

All welcome

Please bring Sunday Missal or Bible

Further information contact Sr Helen 0438 734 524



Reconciliation

Advance Notice

Sacrament of Reconciliation Program

for children in Year 4 and above will begin in February. Parent Information Evening will be held pm Tuesday 16 February at

Sacred Heart Church, 7pm.

Enrolment forms to be completed and passed back to the Parish Office before Parent Meeting.

For further information please contact the Parish Office Tuesday - Friday 9am—4pm

LENTEN PROGRAM 2021



If you would like to order a book/s for Lent, or if you are able to organise/host or would like to be part of a group please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Wednesday 27th January.



Parish Ethnic Community Leaders

Call out for all our Ethnic Community Groups within our Parish. So we can update our database please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

Margeruite Gerrard is the Director of ADCS—Australian Disability & Community Services and is a registered NDIS



Provider and will be moving to Mildura early February. If you need assistance with Specialized Disability Accommodation, Home Modification, Household Tasks, Community Nursing, Assist-Travel/Transport, Assis Prod-Pers Care/Safety and Therapeutic Supports please contact Margeruite on 0429 787 911 or 0432 222 468 or email: marg@adcservice.com.au or visit the website: www.adcservice.com.au

Parish Office Hours

Changes to opening hours for January 2021

Please note the Sacred Heart Parish Office opening hours will be from **9am till 12noon** from Tuesday 5th January till Friday 22nd January.

Fr Pat's Farewell Mass & Luncheon

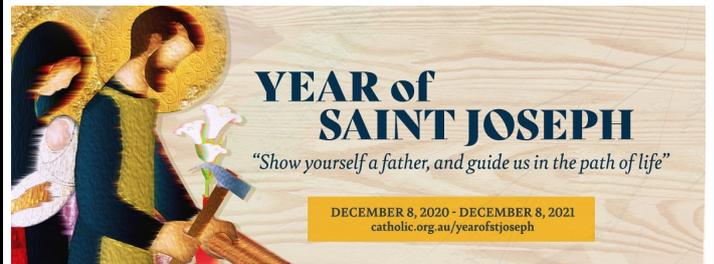
Mass will be held at 10.30am this Sunday followed by a luncheon at the school hall from 12noon.



Our Diocesan Community

Don't forget to pick up a copy of Our Diocesan Community. A wonderful article from Di Eagle, Red Cliffs Parishioner. Fr Patrick Flanagan reminiscing on 60 years as a priest. Teachers in Training—Sacred Heart Primary School and A vision for History—St Joseph's College

2021 the year of St Joseph



Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021
catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph

LOCAL NEWS

Sunraysia Parishes Mass Times this week

Weekdays

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.30am Red Cliffs 6pm Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am Red Cliffs 9.30am Mildura
Thursday	9.30am Merbein 9.30am Mildura 5.30pm Red Cliffs
Friday	6pm Mildura
Saturday	9.30am Mildura

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6pm—Mildura
Sunday	8.30am—Irymple 9am—Mildura 10.30am—Red Cliffs 10.30am Merbein 5pm Mildura

Parishioners from all Parishes are encouraged to use the QR Code displayed in all churches.

Sacred Heart Parish Office

New CDFpay online payment portals are now available for Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs. Please follow the links below:

Mildura: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMildura>)

Merbein: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMerbein>)

Red Cliffs: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayRedCliffs>)

If you are contributing to the 2nd Collection please include your Planned Giving number in the comments section. (Please do not use the Presbytery option when using the links above).

The preferred & dedicated link for Presbytery (1st Collection) is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpaySunraysia>

Carmel will gladly help with any enquiries.

Mass Collections – COVID rules

Mildura: Two collection baskets clearly labelled 1st Collection and 2nd Collection are available for your use on either side of the sanctuary.

Irymple: Baskets left on offertory table

Merbein: Baskets left on offertory table.

Red Cliffs: Baskets left on offertory table.

Opportunities will be available before, during and after Mass for you to contribute.



Number of People Attending Mass

Approximate people to church size:

Mildura: 450 people

Merbein: 150 people

Irymple: 50 people

Red Cliffs: 250 people

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 23rd & 24th January 2021

MILDURA

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Christine Carmichael

Sunday 9am: Rebecca Tam

Sunday 5pm: Bill Dolence

Eucharistic Ministers: 2 volunteers at each Mass.

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri

Sun 9am: M Issanchon

Sun 5pm: No music

Counting Team: Team 4—Maria Roper

Irymple Reader: M Smith

MERBEIN

Reader: Frances Sabo

RED CLIFFS

Readers: T Hawkes, T Gardiner, A Higham

Altar Servers: Jessica, Tenzin & Kaleb Bertoli, M Taylor

Music: Tongan Choir / Guitar

Counting Team: G & S Warman

Eucharistic Minister: 2 volunteers

Flowers: Volunteers

(If you are rostered on please contact Office to book in for Mass)

Next weekend - 30th & 31st January 2021

MILDURA

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Katy Quinlan

Sunday 9am: Laurie Fry

Sunday 5pm: Barb Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: 2 volunteers at each Mass.

Music: Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic

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

Sun 5pm: NO MUSIC

Counting Team: Team 5—Jim Farrelly

Irymple Reader: J Kearney

MERBEIN

Reader: Bernadette Wells

RED CLIFFS

Readers: M Bell, P Hunt, M Lee

Altar Servers: Lay Led Liturgy

Music: Tongan Choir / Guitar

Counting Team: G & S Warman

Eucharistic Minister: 2 volunteers

Flowers: Volunteers

(If you are rostered on please contact Office to book in for Mass)



Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 26th January due to the Australia Day Public Holiday.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 670.45	\$ 40.55	\$225.05
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 922.00	\$130.00	\$170.00
Loose Plate	\$ 210.65	\$ 26.00	\$ 68.55

First Reading

Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

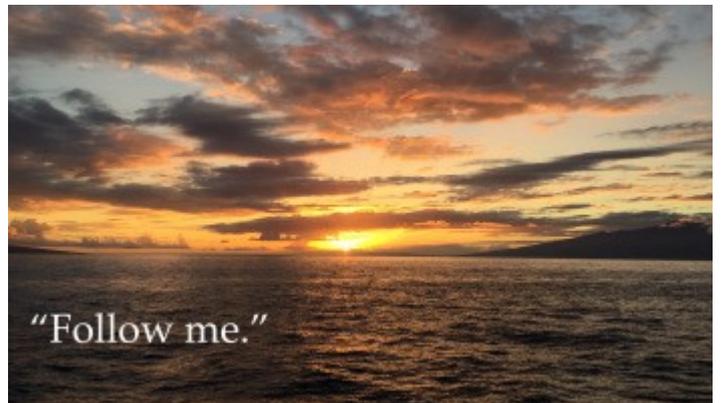
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Eyes Have It

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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