

# 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*

## 3rd Sunday of Advent / Year A 10th & 11th December 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Irene Tellefson

### Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Vincenzo & Caterina Monteleone, Giuseppe & Leo Monteleone., Peppina Timpano

Sunday 9am: Teresa Capozza

Sunday 5pm: Angelo Filippi (one year anniversary)

Tuesday 6pm: Nick Mazza (20 year anniversary)

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Tony Dimasi, Nick Mazza, Jacob Nemtsas, Regina Dolenc, Sid Wells,

*(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 COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Masks now 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

### Please note

#### Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours for December 2022

The Parish Office will be temporarily closed from **Tuesday 13 December until Friday 16th December 2022**. Please check Office door for actual opening hours for that week. Any notices for the weekend Bulletin of **17th & 18th December** need to be in by Friday 9th December.

For the Christmas break, the Parish Office will be closed from **24th December to 2nd January 2023**.

## Message from our Parish Priest

This week we light the third candle the candle of Joy, as we light the candle we join in the excitement of the birth of Christ being not far away.



With Christmas masses being only a couple of weeks away we are looking for volunteers to assist at the masses, in the foyers of the church will be sign up sheets allowing people to assist during the masses.

God bless you all.

*Fr Matthew Thomas*

## Sunraysia Christmas Mass Times 2022

Christmas Carols 1/2 hour before each Mass

### Christmas Eve Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm St Joseph's Ouyen  
6pm Sacred Heart Mildura  
6pm Our Lady's Werrimull  
8pm Our Lady's Merbein  
8pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs  
8pm St Mary's Robinvale  
10pm Sacred Heart Mildura  
Midnight Sacred Heart Mildura

### Christmas Day Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple  
9am Sacred Heart Mildura  
9am St Patrick's Manangatang  
11am St Mary's Robinvale

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For December 2022

**Sun 11 Dec:** Trading Table—Sacred Heart Church 9am, St Joseph's Church 10am.

**Tue 13 Dec:** Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm

**Wed 14 Dec:** Oasis Aged Care Service 10.30am

**Wed 14 Dec:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm.

**Thu 15 Dec:** Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 2pm

**Tue 20 Dec:** BUPA Aged Care Service 10.30am

**Wed 21 Dec:** Communal Reconciliation 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

## Sacred Heart Church Nativity Play Christmas Eve 2022

Children are invited to attend and be part of our traditional Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 6pm. The first practice session is on Tuesday, **December 13th at 5.30pm** and the second will be a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, **December 20th at 5.30pm**. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



## Piety Stall

**Sacred Heart Parish Office** has 2023 Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards for sale.

**St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs**—Piety stall is opened Sunday's after the 10am Mass with a greater range of Christmas gift ideas, cards and 2023 Columban Calendars or call Janine Cameron to organise an appointment on 0438 730 976.

## Transportation Assistance

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of parishioners who are unable to get themselves to Mass each weekend. If you know of any Parishioners in this circumstance, or if you are willing to assist please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 so that arrangements / rosters can be made.

## The Giving Tree Appeal

If you have taken a tag from the Vinnies Giving Tree please bring your gift either to any Mass this weekend or the Parish Office by no later than Tuesday 13th December. Many thanks.



## The Shared Table Cookbook

Sr Helen has limited copies of the Cookbook for sale. If you would like a copy please contact Sr Helen on 0438 734 524. Cookbooks are \$25.00 each. A great Christmas gift.

## Soup Kitchen Hampers

Fr Matt and the Soup Kitchen Committee would like to put a call out for any interested staff at our local Catholic schools and parishes to donate some non-perishable food items or toiletries to go in the Soup Kitchen Hampers. We will need these items by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December so they can be made up on Sunday ready for the Monday night.

If you are wondering what items to donate for the hampers - below are some ideas: long life milk, 2 min noodles, tinned sliced fruit, tinned soup, packet soup, sugar, cereal, biscuits, tinned spaghetti/baked beans, jar/tin pasta sauces, packet Past, packet rice, re-made packet Pasta mix, milo, tea, coffee, vegemite, jams, honey, dried fruit, eggs, gravy, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap

I thank you in anticipation of your support. If possible, could you please let me know by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, if there are any items to pick up so I can arrange delivery.

Paula Cox



## RCIA

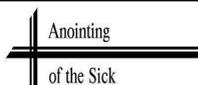
The Creeds— Our core beliefs



Thursday 15th December at 7pm in the Monaghan Centre.

## Anointing Mass—December 2022

December Anointing Masses will be held at the following churches:



**Mildura:** Wednesday 14th December 2pm

**Merbein:** Thursday 15th December 9.30am

## Communal Celebration of Reconciliation Wednesday 21st December 7pm



Let us prepare to celebrate the gift of Christ's Peace at Christmas by acknowledging our need for healing and forgiveness.

## Trading Stalls

### Mildura & Red Cliffs 11th December

This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass.



Proceeds from the Mildura Trading Stall goes to The Shared Table and proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading Stall this month will go to St Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

## 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 11:30am Monaghan Centre

**Legion's of Mary:** Tuesday after 6pm Mass

# 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 2PM  
 THURSDAY 9:30AM 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:** Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Jenny Boyd, Catherine Bell, Faye Cufari, Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1413.60	\$93.90	\$149.45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 970.00	\$120.00	\$125.00
Loose Plate	\$ 707.50	\$ 75.10	\$ 45.40

## Rosters for 2023

Updated rosters for 2023 have been now been sent via email. If any changes need to be made or you prefer a hard copy please contact the Parish Office asap on 5021 2872.

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 10th & 11th December 2022

Next weekend - 17th & 18th December 2022

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

### Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray  
 Sun 9am: P Issanchon  
 Sun 5pm: B Dolence

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, A Greville  
 Sun 9am: Lisa Cirillo, 2 x volunteers please  
 Sun 5pm: C Carlucci, V Carlucci, volunteer please

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon  
 Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis, M Bowring  
 Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L & C Welsh

Counting Team: Group 2 — J DeJong

### Irymple

Reader: G McCracken

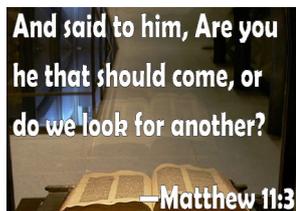
### Merbein

Reader: B Wells  
 Offertory: F Cox, Val McCarthy

### Red Cliffs

Readers: St Joseph's Graduation  
 Music: Tongan Choir  
 Offertory Procession: Graduation  
 Altar Servers: Group 6  
 Eucharistic Minister: C Cavallaro  
 Church Cleaning: Volunteers  
 Flowers: J Cameron  
 Cuppa: C Russo, T Hill

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



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

### Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael  
 Sun 9am: R Op't Hoog  
 Sun 5pm: St Pauls Graduation

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr  
 Sun 9am: J Rocca, B Castilo, T Faingaanuku  
 Sun 5pm: P Cox, J Boord, volunteer please

Music: Sat 6pm: Singing Group, M Sullivan  
 Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie  
 Sun 5pm: St Pauls Graduation

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism

Counting Team: Group 3—P McDonald

### Irymple

Reader: M Duck

### Merbein

Reader: N Prevedello  
 Offertory: N & B Prevedello

### Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, T Gardiner  
 Music: Guitar  
 Offertory Procession: G Brizzi  
 Altar Servers: School Holidays  
 Eucharistic Minister: M Dominelli  
 Church Cleaning: Volunteers  
 Flowers: J Cameron

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 4th Sunday of Advent Year A — 17th & 18th December 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14  
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6  
 Response: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.  
 2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7  
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24



## First Reading

Is 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*God himself will come and save us.*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy on their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women  
there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist.

**YET THE ONE WHO IS LEAST  
IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
IS GREATER THAN HE.**

Matthew 11:11

## Second Reading

Jas 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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