

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 9

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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 Lent / Year B 6th & 7th March 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Noeline Harris

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio Carrazza (1yr anniversary)

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Angela Venneri (30 day Mass),
Maria Rosa Vaticano, Joseph Scopelliti

Irymple 8.30am:

Sunday 9.00am: Helen Grivec, Una Khan, Elvie McGlynn,
Antonio Tassone (30 day Mass)

Sunday 5pm: Giuseppe Mammone

Friday 7pm Merbein: Ilario Dichiera

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Larry Dichiera, Mary Weeks, Rosalind McDonald

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

Message from our Parish Priest

This week we in the parish office have been challenged by the NBN we have temporarily lost all phones. Until further notice we are not able to receive or make phone calls, the only communication we have are emails and to visit the office in person, and hopefully back to normal with the phones soon. Thankyou for your understanding and patience.

Please note that we are making an adjustment to the weekend Mass times, that from Sunday 14th of March the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's Red Cliffs will move to 10am.

The psalm for this weekend reminds us of the Lord providing us with everlasting life. Sit with the scripture and allow the words to wash over us, renewing and giving us new life.

*God bless!
Fr Matthew Thomas*

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6:30pm

Devotions and Exposition: Friday 4:00pm
commencing 19th February.

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am in the
Church

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Mark Gibson 5023 1204

St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

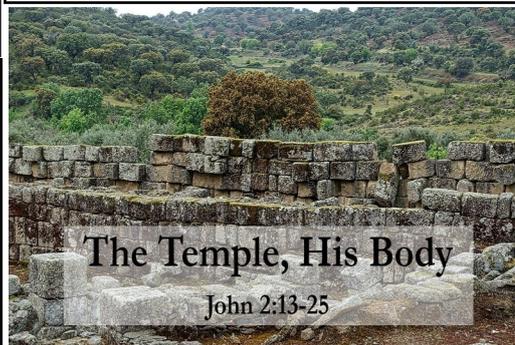
OLSH Merbein Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258

St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Principal: Naomi Kennedy 5024 1654

St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura

Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

REMEMBER
to still abide by the
COVID Staying Safe Rules



LOCAL NEWS

Sacred Heart Church Car Park Passes

Passes will only be granted to those who use the car park weekdays during office hours. **You do not need a pass for evening or weekend use.** If you require a pass you need to call into the Parish Office and collect one from Wednesday 10th March. Passes will take effect from Monday 15th March. Failure to present this pass will result in the possibility of your vehicle being towed away.

Ideas for Making the Most of Lent

Praying

Fasting

Volunteering

Almsgiving

Project Compassion Envelopes

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays from 7pm-8pm Indian Community

Friday from 8pm-9pm Tongan Community

All welcome.

Communal celebration of Reconciliation

Tuesday 23rd March 7pm Sacred Heart Church Mildura. All welcome.



Lenten discussion groups

Group 1: Thursdays, 3pm, Monaghan Centre.

For further information contact Sr Helen 0438 734 524

Group 2: Aileen Curran—Thursdays, 10.30am.

For further information contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.

Group 3: Red Cliffs LLL & L Lenten Group, Mondays 10am. For further information contact Janine Cameron 0438 730 976.



3rd Sunday of Lent—7th March 2021

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Easter Ceremonies

Palm Sunday

26th and 27th March (Masses at normal times)

Holy Thursday (1st April)

6pm Our Lady's Merbein
6.30pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Good Friday (2nd April)

(No Ecumenical Way of the Cross this year)

3pm Our Lady's Merbein
3pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
3pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Vigil (3rd April)

6pm Our Lady's Merbein
6.30pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Sunday (4th April)

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple
9am Sacred Heart Mildura
10am St Joseph's Red Cliffs
10.30am Our Lady's Merbein
11am Our Lady of Lourdes Werrimull
(please note that there will be no 5pm Mass)

Piety Stall

Please note that the Piety Stall at St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs will be opened from 10am—12 noon each Sunday and each Monday by appointment only between the hours of 2.30pm—3.15pm.

For further information contact Janine 0438 730 976.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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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	9:30AM	
THURSDAY	9:30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6:00PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

IRYMPLE MILDURA RED CLIFFS MERBEIN

SATURDAY	6:00PM			
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	10:30AM
		5:00PM		
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: Maria Sapuppo

Merbein: Mary Avery

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

CUPPA & TRADING STALL SACRED HEART CHURCH

Will be held next Sunday after the 9am Mass—goods for the trading stall would be greatly appreciated.

REMINDER

IMPORTANT DATES—MARCH 2021

Knights of the Southern Cross: Monday 8th March 7.30pm in the clubrooms.

Sacred Heart Finance Meeting: Tuesday 9th March 7.30am Parish Office

Princes Court Aged Care Mass: Tuesday 9th March 10am.

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 9th March after 6pm Mass—Monaghan Centre.

Red Cliffs Parish Council: Sunday 14th March after 10.30am Mass—Gathering Area.

St Anthony Committee Meeting: Tuesday 16th March 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

Oasis Aged Care Mass: Wednesday 17th March 10.30am.

Merbein Parish Council: Sunday 21st March after 10.30am Mass.

BUPA Aged Care Mass: Tuesday 23rd March 10.30am.

Baptism Preparation Evening: Wednesday 24th March 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 6th & 7th March 2021

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Katy Quinlan

Sunday 9am: Narie Lewis

Sunday 5pm: Jancy Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai

Sunday 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica

Sunday 5pm: M & J Zema

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome

Sun 9am: M Issanchon

Sun 5pm: M Sullivan, J Macri

Counting Team: Team 10—

Irymple Reader: G McCracken

Merbein

Reader: V Knight

Red Cliffs

Readers: T Hawkes, M Duck, D Eagle

Altar Servers: Nathan, Megan, Elektra

Music: Guitar

Counting Team: M Adams, L Mayes

Eucharistic Minister: T Gardiner

Flowers: Volunteers

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Next weekend - 13th & 14th March 2021

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Gary Huxtable

Sunday 9am: Nicholas Mataele

Sunday 5pm: Peter Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: M Cirillo, J Deacon

Sunday 9am: Rini & Rose Op't Hoog

Sunday 5pm: Clem & Vittorio Carlucci

Music: Sat 6pm: M Issanchon, Filipino Group

Sun 9am: M Guthrie, J Ljubic

Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Counting Team: Team 1—Gerry Lavery

Irymple Reader: M Duck

Merbein

Reader: Kay Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Vines, T Gardiner, A Higham

Altar Servers: Gabriella, Ruben, Darcy & Aidan

Music: Guitar

Counting Team: M Adams, L Mayes

Eucharistic Minister: P Hunt, N Kennedy

Flowers: Volunteers

Church Cleaning: Group 3 C Russo team

Number of People Attending Mass

Approximate people to church size:

Mildura: 450 people

Merbein: 150 people

Irymple: 50 people

Red Cliffs: 250 people

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 781.90	\$ 73.10	\$145.80
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1175.00	\$205.00	\$792.00
Loose Plate	\$ 345.30	\$ 2.00	\$ 31.65

First Reading

Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

