

Sunraysia Catholic Communities

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Newsheet: Week 13

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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*

Palm Sunday / Year B 27th & 28th March 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Brian O'Connor, Agnes van Kooten (Deana Brown's sister)

ANNIVERSARIES

Gino Zappia

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Larry Cavallo

Sunday 9.00am: Carol Green, Giuseppe Maiorana

Sunday 5pm:

Thursday 9.30am: Gino Zappia

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: Terry Rowe, Domenico Manna, Isobel Russell,
Harry Deed, Joy Andrews.

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

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we are celebrating Palm Sunday, the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people welcomed him with great joy and excitement, how things changed for Jesus in a week. We commence Holy Week as a time of reflection and thanks giving and a reality of where we are with our relationship with God.

Holy Thursday we gather for the last supper, the institution of the Eucharist and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. Good Friday we gather at 3pm for the death of Jesus, where we come and venerate the cross. The Easter Vigil we gather in darkness and bring the light of Christ into the world. Easter Sunday we celebrate the Risen Christ amongst us.

Let us journey together this week in prayer and reflection.

*God bless!
Fr Matthew Thomas*

REMEMBER
to still abide by the
COVID Staying Safe Rules
whilst on church grounds

COVID update on Restrictions

- Face Masks to be carried at all times and worn in sensitive settings like aged care and hospitals or if when you choose to.
- Density limits—1 person per 2 sqm
- Continue to use the QR code or manual completion is s
- Continue to use the hand sanitizer provided

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

Palm Sunday

LOCAL NEWS

Sacred Heart Church Car Park Permits

Permits will only be granted to those who use the car park weekdays during office hours. **You do not need a permit for evening or weekend use.**

For a permit to be issued you need to call into the parish office and supply your vehicle registration and current contact details.

Failure to present this permit 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.



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.



6th Sunday of Lent—28th March 2021

(Palm Sunday)

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

or phoning 1800 024 413.



Easter Ceremonies

Palm Sunday

27th and 28th 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)

Musicians Wanted

Sacred Heart Church

Dear Parishioners,

If there is anyone in our community who would like to offer their musical talents to our community celebrations, we would love to hear from you.

If you play an instrument or sing, please leave your name and contact number at the parish office and we 'promise' we will get in touch with you!

As the saying goes: Many hands make light work!

We look forward to hearing from you!

With thanks on behalf of the musicians in our parish.

Marion Guthrie



Holy Week Roster

Volunteers are needed for Holy Week Masses at Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs churches: readers, Eucharistic ministers; altar servers etc.



Please place your names on the roster sheets provided in the breezeway.

Sacred Heart Presbytery Contact Number

The Parish Office phone line is still down and the **Presbytery** now has new mobile phone (0417 862 082) which replaces the old landline (5022 9959). This number is to be used if a priest is needed urgently—please all other general enquiries to be directed to the Parish Office email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or come and visit Carmel at the office.

Weddings

We congratulate **Jordan Adams & Maria-Chiara Bozzi** who were married this weekend.



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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	7:00PM	6:30PM	6:00PM
FRIDAY	3:00PM	3:00PM	3:00PM
SATURDAY	(REFER TO EASTER MASS TIMES)		

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: Tess Kerr, Maria Sapuppo, Rosina Gallace

Merbein:

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



Confirmation Pentecost Weekend 2021

Enrolments have begun for the 4 week Confirmation Program for children in Grade 5 and 6. Parent Information Evening to be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 21 April 7pm.

Parents/Carers to attend this evening

Retreat Day for enrolled children to be held on Friday 21 May. For further information please contact Parish Office mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Please note: No enrolments will be accepted after 4pm Wednesday 21st April.

Confirmation Dates for 2021
(limit 30 children per mass)

Fri 21st May: 6pm
Sat 22nd May: 9.30am or 6pm
Sun 23rd May: 9am or 5pm

Number of People Attending Mass

Approximate people to church size:

Mildura: 450 people
Merbein: 150 people
Irymple: 50 people
Red Cliffs: 250 people

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1001.25	\$ 492.15	\$169.05
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 727.00	\$ 125.00	\$137.00
Loose Plate	\$ 125.30	\$ 22.35	\$ 33.80
Project Compassion to date	\$2411.85		\$230.00
Trading Table	\$82.30		

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 27th & 28th March 2021

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Rosemary Barnes

Sunday 9am: Peter Issanchon

Sunday 5pm: Jill Joslyn

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: M Cirillo, V Pileggi

Sunday 9am: T & M Faingaanuku

Sunday 5pm: K Groves, M Irvin

Music: Sat 6pm: Mary Issanchon

Sun 9am: Sacred Heart School, St Pauls School

Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Counting Team: Team 3— Peter McDonald

Irymple Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: Josephine O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, J Lewis, M Monteleone

Altar Servers: L Dowling, S & J Foster

Music: Tongan Choir

Counting Team: M Adams, L Mayes

Eucharistic Minister x 1: B Pitt,

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

(If you put your name down to help with any of the Holy Week Masses please check the rosters in the church foyers)

Next weekend - 3rd & 4th April 2021

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 7pm: M Jackson, R Tongue

Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog, S Fatai

Prayers of the Faithful: Saturday 7pm: K Quinlan
Sunday 9am:

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Saturday 7pm: A Naray, V Carlucci, C Carlucci

Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog, L Welsh, N Fatai

Offertory Procession: Saturday 7pm: Carlin Family
Sunday 9am:

Music: Sat 7pm: Meg Sullivan and Singers

Sun 9am: Marion Guthrie—all welcome

Counting Team: Team 4—Maria Roper

Irymple Reader: P Riordan

Merbein

Reader: E Nemtsas

Red Cliffs

Readers: T Hawkes, A Higham

Altar Servers: E Papanicolaou, G Strangio

Music: Guitar

Counting Team: T & J Lewis

Eucharistic Minister x 1: C Russo

Church Cleaning: M Dominelli, J Njegovan, A Duck

(If you put your name down to help with any of the Holy Week Masses please check the rosters in the church foyers)

Flowers-Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs Churches

We are needing flowers for the Altar of Repose on **Holy Thursday** and for the **Church for Saturday**. If you can help please deliver to the church by 2pm on Thursday and/or Saturday. Thank you



Palm Crosses Thank you

A huge thank you to Teresa Parente, Paula Cox, staff and students at St Joseph's College in organising and making the Palm Crosses for all Masses this weekend.



First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave, and became as
men are, and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless
glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless
glory!

Gospel

Mk 14:1 – 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

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