

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 2

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Sacred Heart
Mildura

Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Merbein

St. Francis Xavier
Trymple

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*

The Epiphany of the Lord / Year A 7th & 8th August 2023

RECENT DEATHS

Monica Knez, Materna Esteves (Philippines)

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Domenico & Concetta Fotia, Antonio & Giulia Scullino

Sunday 5pm: Filomena Garreffa (one month mass), Carmine Garreffa,
Rosa Rocca (one year anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone,
Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone, Adrianna Tassone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Teresa Gadzinski, Emma Sedgmen, Bob Berriman,
Rita Tellefson

(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.



Bishops Christmas Appeal

Will be held this weekend at all church centers.

Collectors will be available at each church entrance at the conclusion of each Mass.

This Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities for near and far who turn to the Diocese for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have personal links with the Diocese of Ballarat.

A letter from the Bishop outlining the distribution of the 2021 Appeal is available from the Parish Office.

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany, with the arrival of the Kings who have the elements of worldly life given to the new king, but the Kings received something more valuable than that of being in Christ's presence.

At the arrival of a new baby we often bring a gift, what's the importance of the gift and how does it make you feel. If we get to hold the baby or get a smile it can give us the best gift of all.

On Thursday night we as a Catholic Community farewelled Pope Benedict, a simple yet humble funeral. What were the gifts that he shared with the world and the faith community? Can I do the same?

'Lord every nation on earth will adore you is the psalm response for this weekend. How do we as people who represent the nations of the world acknowledge the Lord in our lives.

Just a reminder that the office is only open from 9am—12noon for January.

*God Bless
Fr Matthew*

Tap & Go—Presbytery 1st Collection

The Sacred Heart Parish has purchased a Tap & Go unit to trial at the Sacred Heart Church for the Presbytery—1st Collection during the next few months.

Should the trial be successful units will then be installed at all churches for 1st Collection.

The unit is currently located on the bench near the Baptismal font.

LOCAL NEWS

Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours January 2023

Please take note of the Office hours for January:

From: 3rd January till 25th January **9am - 12noon only.**

Thursday 26th January Office closed Public Holiday.

The return to normal office hours will commence from Friday 27th January 2023.

Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen

Will reopen on Monday 9th January at 5.30pm as per normal operating days and time.

Monday's & Wednesday's—5.30pm

Advance Notice Sacramental Dates for 2023

Parent meeting & celebration dates for the following sacraments will take place on:

Penance (Grade 3 and above)

Parent meeting 15th February 7pm, SH Church.
Celebration 5th April, 7pm SH Church

Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

Parent meeting 22nd March 7pm, SH Church
Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May.

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Parent meeting 6th September 7pm, SH Church
Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd October

Penance (Grade 2 and above)

Parent meeting 4th October 7pm, SH Church
Celebration Wednesday 22nd November 7pm



RECONCILIATION



Confirmation



Eucharist

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

Weekly Prayer Opportunities **Sacred Heart Mildura**

Charismatic Group: Tuesday after 6pm Mass

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

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

WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our first Werrimull Bus trip for 2023 will be held on Sunday 29th January.

To make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



Trading Stall

Red Cliffs 8th January 2023

This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stall will be held in Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass.

Seeking donations of produce: fruit, vegetables, plants, seedlings, **conserves:** jams, chutneys, relish, **baked goods:** cakes, biscuits, slices, bread etc. If these can be brought in on the day of the stall it would be appreciated

Proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading Stall this month will go to The Lenten Ladies.

Lenten Program 2023

We are now taking orders for those who wish to participate or organise a group for the 2023 Lenten Program. For further information or to place an order please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE 2023

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.

Notices for the Bulletin

All requests for notices for the weekend bulletin need to be in by 12noon each Thursday. You can either email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call 5021 2872 during office hours.

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.

Anniversary Masses

Anniversary Masses are celebrated during Weekend Masses or during any normal Weekday Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office to register your Mass Intention and a reminder to notify the priest prior to Mass.

Fr Matthew

Communion to the Sick—All Parishes

If you have a family member who is house bound or in aged care and they would like to receive communion, please consider this opportunity for you to help with our Communion to the Sick. This list continues to grow in all parishes. We will organise a short training session for new ministers after a weekend Mass in January/February 2023. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

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	9.30AM		
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, Maria Raboteg

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 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1287.55	\$139.05	\$131.50
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 592.00	\$205.00	\$75.00
Loose Plate	\$ 786.40	\$ 57.45	\$40.00



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 7th & 8th January 2023

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue

Sun 9am: J O'Brien

Sun 5pm: B Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: N Naray, R Tongue, V Pileggi

Sun 9am: P O'Donnell, T Fainganuku, J Crespo

Sun 5pm: M Bowring, B Bunting, K Groves

Music: Sat 6pm: S Faitai, K Mapapalangi

Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon

Sun 5pm: No music

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L Belej

Counting Team: Group 5— H Kay

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: Val McCarthy

Offertory: P Sylvia, J Rogers

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, J Cameron

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Cameron Family

Altar Servers: Volunteers most welcome

Eucharistic Minister: P Hill

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteer

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

Next weekend - 14th & 15th January 2023

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray

Sun 9am: R Tam

Sun 5pm: B Dolence

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, A Greville, P Kerr

Sun 9am: N Fatai, B Castillo, R O'Callaghan

Sun 5pm: S Hermans, M Rodi, M Irvin

Music: Sat 6pm: Singing group, M Sullivan

Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie

Sun 5pm: No Music

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: M Gobbo

Counting Team: Group 6— W Carmichael

Irymple

Reader: G McCracken

Merbein

Reader: N Baby

Offertory: N Baby & Isabel

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, J Cameron

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: F Dominelli

Altar Servers: Volunteers most welcome

Eucharistic Minister: P Hill

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteer

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

Next Weekends Readings: - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A — 15th January 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

Response: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34



First Reading

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)



Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.