

## STUDENTS REFLECT

*Year 9 Students from St Joseph's College Mildura recently attended a weekday Mass and on another occasion, a reflection time at Sacred Heart Parish with Fr Mick McKinnon. Reflections from some of our Year 9 students attending these occasions can be read below:*

The Year 9 students joined the Tuesday Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Mass which was celebrated by Fr Mick. The Mass gave all students time to reflect on themselves as young individuals and their lives. The Gospel was Luke's Parable of The Good Samaritan. A number of the Year 9 students read the Prayers of the Faithful and were involved in the Offertory Procession. Mr Bill Lowry prepared a reflection about his faith Journey in becoming a priest, his childhood in country Victoria and how he discovered his ultimate dream to becoming a priest.

*Maddison Smart Year 9*

Mass was celebrated by Fr Mick and the whole Year 9 cohort and staff attended. This celebration was a Parish Week Day Mass and some students read the Prayers of the Faithful and Bill Lowry read a personal reflection. The well-known Gospel reading of the 'Good Samaritan,' the parable which demonstrates the qualities of the most unlikely hero, the Samaritan, was read. In this period both Jews and Samaritans despised each other, which gives us the learning experience of putting aside our differences and treating others how we would like to be treated, in any situation, in order to be led into the gates of Heaven in the future.

*Emily Burns Year 9*

The Year 9 Religious Education class visited the Monaghan centre for a reflection about the Eucharist and what we had learnt for the term. While we were there, we were joined by Fr Mick. As a class we brainstormed and wrote down the different ways we can share the presence of Jesus with our close friends and family. Fr Mick shared with our class where he has been for the past couple of weeks and how that has affected him.

After the liturgy was over, we shared food to celebrate what we had done for the term and to also resemble the last supper that Jesus had shared with his disciples.

*Madeline Dent Year 9*



