

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 32

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Sacred Heart
Mildura

Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier
Irymple

St. Joseph's
Red Cliffs

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Merbein

*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*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A 8th & 9th August 2020

MILDURA

Anniversaries: Michael O'Halloran (Melbourne)

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Mabel Benfield

MERBEIN

Anniversaries: Steve Dolenc, Mario Burton, Carl Sabo

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

Message from our Parish Priest

COVID restrictions have now changed the way we are able to gather and practice our faith. Let us use this time wisely and practically and develop a new way of praying for and with each other.

A suggestion could be praying the rosary at 5.30pm each night, taking the Sunday psalm and reading it each day, inviting those in your household to say the Our Father or Hail Mary before bed or something which is unique to your family and culture.

All churches will be closed and we ask no one enters the churches until after the Govt. review on the 12th Sept. when we have a clearer understanding of what the new regulations will be.

Online Mass:

We are in the midst of setting up live streaming of parish masses which will go to youtube on Saturday 5.30pm commencing Saturday 15th Aug.

Bulletins are available for collection outside all main Church doors.

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: Janelle Carney, Bill Antonie, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Teresita Eliquen-Dy (Manila), Melita Suppa, Celia-Dy Dela Tena, Perla Tuionisio, Lily Chumg, Lorna Kearney, Sandra McCarthy, Brian Ramsey, Hailey Crossan, Geraldine Brunner, Albis Dy

Merbein: Mary Avery, John Dorman

Red Cliffs: Bill Antonie, Martin Cameron, Maureen Lee, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Reynaldo Chan, Albis Dy, Roman & Joe Dy, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Maurice O'Connor

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204

St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

OLSH Merbein Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258

St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Principal: Mark Gibson 5024 1654

St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura

Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE

Due to Stage 3 COVID-19 restrictions Sacred Heart Parish Office will be closed. However, you can contact the Parish Office either by email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5021 2872. You must wear a mask if you have made arrangements to come to the Parish Office—**no mask NO ENTRY.**

Please note: Preferably, no handling of cash for any payments as the safety of staff, volunteers and parishioners is our utmost concern.

Carmel is only too happy to help out over the phone for any payments via EFT and now with the new CDFpay online portals for all Parishes: Mildura, Red Cliffs and Merbein you can follow the Links below:

Mildura: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMildura>

Merbein: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMerbein>

Red Cliffs: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayRedCliffs> or

<https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/>

PARISH SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup Kitchen is not operating during Stage 3 restrictions. However if people are aware of families who are genuinely struggling to provide meals for their children, they can be directed to the Presbytery.

First Reading

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 565.25	\$ 35.00	\$73.15
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1340.00	\$140.00	\$20.00
Loose Plate	\$	\$ 10.05	\$25.05

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!



Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 8th August: St Mary of the Cross, St Mary MacKillop

Saturday 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mildura members of the Knights of the Southern Cross sincerely regret that we are unable to hold a celebration for the Anniversary of our Patron Saint, "Mary of the Cross"



Mackillop on Saturday, August 8th, with Parishioners this year. Hopefully in 2021, we can resume celebrating this very special Anniversary.

KSC Mildura