

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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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*

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 26th & 27th June 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Betty Bland, Mary Stevens

ANNIVERSARIES

Helen & John Hrascenec, Grazia Callipari

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Maria Matulin

Sunday 9am: Luka Marlais

Sunday 5pm: Michelle & Bruno Mammone,

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Domenico & Giuseppe Mammone

Merbein

Anniversaries:

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

Message from our Assistant Priest

We are in the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time and the coming week sets inspiring life examples for our Faith journey. On 29th June, we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, considered as great Apostles of Jesus and known as two pillars of the early Church. Their fidelity towards Jesus was remarkable and they laid their lives for the Gospel.

On the 3rd of July we celebrate the great feast of St Thomas who is known as the Apostle of India. He is one of my favourite Apostles. The Gospel of St John portrays St Thomas seeing and touching the wounds of Jesus and he reacts with the most splendid profession of faith in the whole of New Testament: My Lord and My God (Jn :20:28). It was this close encounter with the risen but wounded Lord that strengthened his missionary journey as far as India, and he never stepped back from proclaiming the Gospel, even from dying for it.

Let the life of these great Apostles inspire us to bear witness to the Gospel and even to sacrifice our lives. As we begin our school holidays, I wish all students, teachers and parents fruitful and safe holidays. Enjoy your time with your loved ones and return to schools with more vigour and enthusiasm.

*God bless all
Fr Shaiju Mathew*

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.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

In these hard economic times help support the work of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society, by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available in the Church on 26th/27th June.

Envelopes may be put on the plate, left at the Parish Office or posted to Box 10125, Mildura 3502.

Information will also be available on the envelopes regarding donating on-line. A donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship.

Update on COVID Restrictions as of Friday 25th June 2021

- Church numbers Mildura 450
250 for Red Cliffs & Merbein - 1 per 4sqm.
Irymple 30
- Funerals - no more than 300 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral
- Baptisms allowed
- Weddings capped at 300
- Hopefully another positive update available next weekend's bulletin.

LOCAL NEWS

Reminder!

Important Dates for July 2021

Thursday 1st: St Anthony Committee meeting KSC clubrooms 7.30pm
Sunday 11th: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.
Monday 12th: Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm clubrooms.
Tuesday 13th: Sacred Heart Finance Meeting, Parish Office 7.30am.
Tuesday 13th: Princes Court Aged Care Mass 10am, TBC
Tuesday 13th: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre
Sunday 18th: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass
Wednesday 21st: Oasis Aged Care Mass 10.30am. TBC
Tuesday 27th: BUPA Aged Care Mass 10.30am. TBC
Sunday 25th: Red Cliffs Parish AGM after 10am Mass.
Wednesday 28th: Baptism Preparation meeting, 7.30pm, Monaghan Centre.

Feast of St Anthony

The St Anthony Committee will celebrate the Feast of St Anthony on Sunday 1st August at 9am. A sausage sizzle will follow after the Mass. All welcome
Raffle tickets available to purchase at \$2.00 each.



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

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Sacred Heart Mildura

Scripture Group: Thursday 3:00pm – Monaghan Centre
Devotions and Exposition: Friday 4:00pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am
Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Monaghan Centre

Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous



Our parish Stewardship Renewal is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our faith and the life of our parish.

We know that the coronavirus has changed our economic life. Some parishioners have lost their employment, others have closed businesses or operating in reduced income; for others, their self-funded retirement plans have been hard hit. These are difficult times.

**GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS**

We thank you for your generous efforts and your vital participation in the life and mission of our parish. But if your circumstances have really changed, then it is perfectly understandable that some families will have to reduce their participation and contributions, or even drop out of our Parish Thanksgiving Programme.

Please join us in praying for the success of the Renewal.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WORKING BEE #1 – CAN YOU HELP?

On **Wednesday 30th June**, at 10.00am in the **Monaghan Centre** there will be a **Working Bee** to assemble letters and information for all our Parish Families. If you can help us, please come along, and lend a hand. This will entail folding and placing material into envelopes.

Approximately 10 to 15 Helpers are required to assist (approx. 2hrs)

If you are able and willing to assist, please telephone the Parish Office this week and leave your name.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

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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	10:00AM	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: Helen Grogan, Nancy Panuccio

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1322.75	\$304.20	\$110.10
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1531.00	\$190.00	\$187.00
Loose Plate	\$ 202.05	\$ 24.70	\$ 24.00

Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- Wear a face mask
- Use the QR Code
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 26th & 27th June 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Barnes
 Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog
 Sunday 5pm: R Zalec

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: K Quinlan, V Pileggi
 Sunday 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica
 Sunday 5pm: K Groves, S Hermans

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: C & L Welsh
 Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, K Ljubic
 Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Counting Team: Team 6 Jim O'Donnell

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: V Knight

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, J Cameron
Altar Servers: N Monteleone, M Collihole
Music: Tongan Choir
Offertory Procession: J Cameron
Counting Team: L Grivec, A Njegovan, J Tassone
Eucharistic Minister x 1:
Church Cleaning: Cleaner
Flowers: Volunteer

Next weekend - 3rd & 4th July 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: A Naray
 Sunday 9am: L Fry
 Sunday 5pm: J Joslyn

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: J Deacon, M Cirillo
 Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog
 Sunday 5pm: C Slattery, J Jose

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am:
 Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
 Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
 Sun 5pm: S Faita, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: 7— Helen Kay

Irymple

Reader: K Modoo

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt T Hawkes
Altar Servers: L Dowling, G Strangio
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: G Brizzi
Counting Team: P Hunt, B Pitt
Eucharistic Minister x 1:
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Volunteer

Next Weekends Readings: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time— 3rd & 4th July 2021

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
 Responsorial: Ps 122
 Response: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
 2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6



First Reading

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.
Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the
world,
as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the
grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through
life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.
(R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into
dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

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

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of
eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any
cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we
expect you to put the most into this work of mercy
too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was:
he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to
make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean
that to give relief to others you ought to make things
difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing
what happens to be your surplus now against their
present need, and one day they may have something
to spare that will supply your own need. That is how
we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who
gathered much had none too much, the man who
gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 5:21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other
side, a large crowd gathered round him and he
stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue
officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him,
fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying,
'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and
lay your hands on her to make her better and save
her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd fol-
lowed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a
haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful
treatment under various doctors, she had spent all
she had without being any the better for it, in fact,
she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus,
and she came up behind him through the crowd and
touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,'
she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the
source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt
in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Imme-
diately aware that power had gone out from him, Je-
sus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who
touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You
see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you
say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all
round to see who had done it. Then the woman came
forward, frightened and trembling because she knew
what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet
and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said
'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace
and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from
the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your
daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further
trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of
theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid;
only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with
him except Peter and James and John the brother of
James. So they came to the official's house and Je-
sus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping
and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to
them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child
is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So
he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's
father and mother and his own companions, he went
into the place where the child lay. And taking the
child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which
means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got
up at once and began to walk about, for she was
twelve years old. At this they were overcome with
astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let
anyone know about it, and told them to give her
something to eat.