

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 35

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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*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B / 28th & 29th August 2021

Recent Death:
Anton Ferdelja, Leonardo Coppola
Teresa Zappia-Italy (30 day Mass)

Anniversaries:
Mildura: Marietta Demaria, Joseph Grivec, Tony & Joseph Habjan,
Maria Circosta

Red Cliffs: Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

Merbein:

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Will live stream Mass from 6pm this Saturday at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpujOBwu7YYU-LzjhmqE_VQ

Sacred Heart Church Mildura for the next couple of weekends.

We take this opportunity in thanking Robert Klarich for his availability, support and initiative for providing this service to local parishioners and beyond.

First Eucharist Parent Information Evening

This meeting which was to be held on Wednesday 1st September is cancelled due to the current lockdown. Once the lockdown is lifted all parents will be notified of the new meeting date. For further information you can email Sr Helen - pastoral.mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Stewardship—Grateful and Generous

Please be mindful that our current Planned Giving envelopes end this weekend. Due to our current lockdown the working bee scheduled for last Thursday was postponed and will be rescheduled when we can open up again. Every endeavour will be made to provide parishioners with their new Envelopes in due course. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

Message from our Parish Priest

As we are still in a state of Lockdown, I ask that we make this a positive. This time will allow us to focus on things that are important and in a way it is a spring clean. We as a parish are faith filled people and have a fantastic sense of what it is to be part of something bigger than ourselves. For the month of September I am inviting all of us to have St Joseph as our focus. I have put together a prayer sheet and I ask that we collect them and pray these prayers daily for the whole month. This weekend I will place copies of the prayer sheets as well as the bulletin at the doors of each of the churches.

I ask that we pray for the people of Afghanistan and those being impacted by these acts of Terror. That peace may once again be present in their lives.

Let us continue to support each other with phone calls, prayer and even writing letters to keep in contact and hopefully we will have the churches open again soon.

God bless Fr Matthew Thomas

*The Heart of the Problem
is the Problem of the Heart
Mark 7:14-23*

Update on COVID Restrictions

- Churches closed.
- Funerals no more than 10 plus those conducting the funeral.
- Weddings not allowed.
- Baptisms not allowed.
- Update will be provided by the State Government on Thursday 2nd September.

First Reading

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



What is important for Jesus is what is in our hearts.

Next Weekends Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—28th & 29th August 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7
Responsorial: Ps 145:7-10
Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!
2nd Reading: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

