

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 36

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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*

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B / 4th & 5th September 2021

### Recent Death:

### Anniversaries:

Mildura: Maria Circosta, Pat Farmer, Robert Marshall

### Red Cliffs:

Merbein: John Barling, Mary Dorman snr, Irene Byrne, John Klaric, John Englefield

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

Will live stream Mass from 6pm this Saturday at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpujOBwu7YYU-LzjhmqE\\_VQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpujOBwu7YYU-LzjhmqE_VQ)

Sacred Heart Church Mildura at least for a couple of weeks.

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

Once the lockdown is lifted all parents will be notified of the new meeting date.

Could parents/carers please drop off the registration form to the **Sacred Heart Presbytery**,

261 11th St Mildura.

For further information please email Sr Helen -  
 pastoral.mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

### Parish Stewardship—Grateful and Generous

Once lockdown is lifted every endeavour will be made to provide parishioners with their new Envelopes.

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

## Message from our Parish Priest

*This weekend we celebrate Father's Day. We acknowledge those men in our lives who are our Fathers living or dead and those special men who are Father like figures.*

*We pray for our Spiritual Fathers, our priests who have and are ministering too and for us that they be blessed in their ministry of service. This weekend we normally have our annual collection for the retired and sick clergy this collection will take place later in the year.*

*Let us continue to pray for each other through this time of COVID Restrictions and hope we get some good news from the Vic Govt. about regional Vic this week.*

*God bless Fr Matthew Thomas*

The Sacred Heart Parish Office is closed and Carmel is working from home. Should you need assistance please email: [mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or contact the Presbytery on 0417 862082.



St Joseph prayer sheets are located at the entrances to the churches as well as the bulletin. Let us devote September to St Joseph and pray with and for each other.

### 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 during this coming week..

## First Reading

Is 35:4-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bound down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading

Jas 2:1-5

*A reading from the letter of St James*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

## Gospel Acclamation

cf. Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

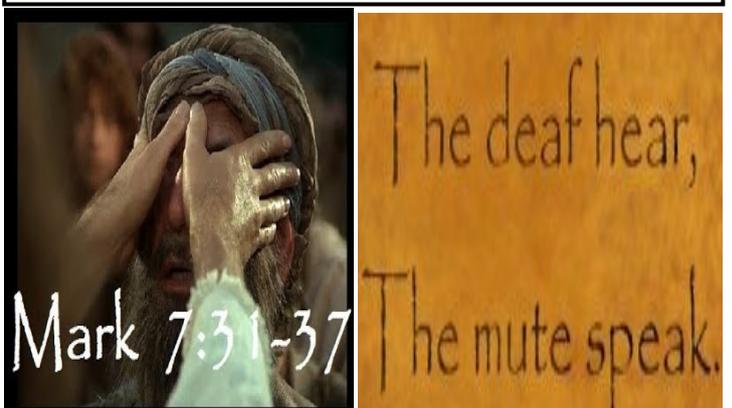
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 7:31-37

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



**Next Weekends Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—11th & 12th September 2021**

1st Reading: Is 50:5-9

Responsorial: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

2nd Reading: Jas 2:14-18

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35

