

# 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*

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 11th & 12th September 2021

### RECENT DEATHS

Sr. Anne McMillan RSM

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rosina Pezzano

### Mildura

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone,  
Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone, Adrianna Tassone

### Merbein

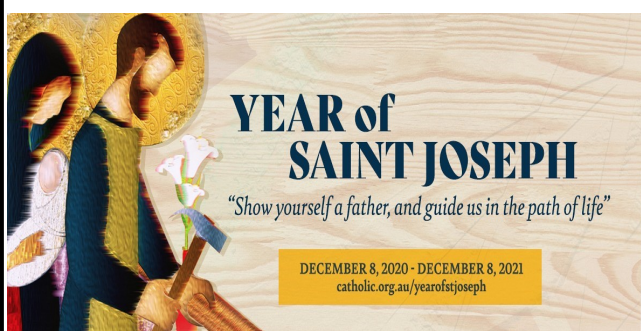
Anniversaries: Mavis Murphy, Joan Marshall, Maureen Aston,  
Edmond Betlinzki

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

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 Joseph

In the month of September, Fr Matthew is organising special events to incorporate the Year of Saint Joseph in all our Churches. Further information will be available in the next week.



## Message from our Parish Priest

Welcome back, it is great to have some of the restrictions lifted and to have people back in the churches. We are commencing masses as from Tuesday 14th September, please note that with limited numbers to 20 people we ask that you please contact the office to book in for mass.

This weekend we have Safeguarding Sunday, this allows all of us to learn from the past and make changes for the future. We support those people who were victims, their family and friends and the greater community who have been effected by the actions of others.

There will be other changes happening and restrictions will continue to change please be patient and assist each other and hopefully back to some sort of normality soon.

### Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

God bless

Fr Matthew Thomas

## Update on COVID Restrictions

- All Churches opened with limited capacity of 20 people. Please contact the Parish Office to book in.
- No visitors to your home.
- Weddings capped at 10 including the bride & groom
- Funerals capped at 20.
- Baptism allowed.

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Meeting Dates for September 2021

**Tuesday 14th:** Mildura Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass.

**Sunday 19th:** Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.

**Wednesday 22nd:** Baptism Preparation, Monaghan Centre 7.30pm.

**Sunday 26th:** Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



If people know of anybody who has expressed interest in becoming Catholic, you can direct them to the Parish Office 5021 2872.

We currently have 3 people who have expressed interest.

### *Bishops of Victoria stand in solidarity with our Afghani communities across Victoria*

The Catholic Bishops of Victoria have expressed their solidarity and support for the local Afghan community and their families back home in a joint statement.

Read the statement on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/cssv-stands-in-solidarity-with-our-afghani-communities-across-victoria/>

### Season of Creation September 1st—October 4th

The Season of Creation is the time of year when the world's 2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for creation. This prayerful season runs annually from September 1 through to October 4 – the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The Season of Creation is dedicated to prayer, reflection and celebration of God as Creator. It also celebrates and reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation and the mission given to us by God to care for creation and respond to its needs and crises today.

This year our theme is 'A Home for All? Renewing the *oikos* of God'. (One of the meanings for the ancient Greek word *oikos* is *home*.) *Oikos* is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger because of people's greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation.

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

### 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



The new envelopes will be available to collect from the weekend of the 18th and 19th September.

GRATEFUL AND



### Safeguarding Sunday

The Parishes of the Sunraysia Region and the Diocese of Ballarat are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

### *Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday 2021*

*Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.*

*Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.*

*Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.*

*We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support,*

*so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.*

*We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the*

*Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen*

### 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

# 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		
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)			

### Sacrament of First Eucharist

Thank you for your extreme patience through this difficult year we are unable to have our information night due to the restrictions. Our First Eucharist program will continue as planned for the weekend of the Fri 22nd, Sat 23rd and Sun 24th October.



The information packs and worksheets will be able to be collected from your school St Paul's and Sacred Heart next week and we ask that all registered children collect their packs from the parish office (Tues-Fri 9am-4pm).

We are asking families to contact the office during the week of the 5th to the 8th October to confirm mass times, as we are unsure of number of people who can attend at this stage.

The masses over the weekend will be

Friday 22nd October	6pm
Saturday 23rd October	9.30am and 6pm
Sunday 24th October	9am, 12noon and 5pm

If you have any questions or enquiries please contact the parish office.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please note that with the current situation we have decided to postpone from Term 4 to Term 1 next year. More information will follow in later editions of the bulletin.



## 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 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	L/DOWN	L/DOWN	L/DOWN
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$	\$	\$
Loose Plate	\$	\$	\$

### 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

Next weekend - 21st & 22nd August 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: Mary Jackson

Sunday 9am: Soane Fatai

Sunday 5pm: Peter Hammond

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Ljubic

Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie

Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

**Counting Team:** Team 8 — P Hammond

### Irymple

**Reader:** D Knight

### Merbein

**Reader:** N Prevedello

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Duck, J Vines

**Altar Servers:** School Holidays

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** G Brizzi

**Counting Team:** G Brizzi, A Ziguras

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** D Eagle



**Next Weekends Readings:** — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—18th & 19th September 2021

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial: Ps 53:3-6, 8

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading: James 3:16- 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



## First Reading

Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

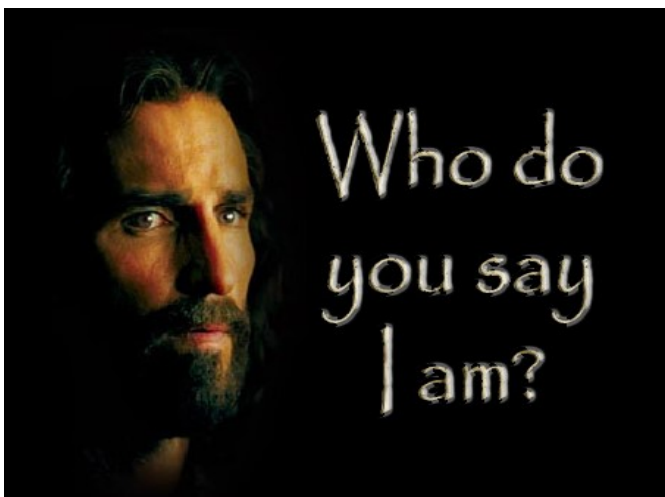
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

## Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. (R.)



## Second Reading

Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

