

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 39

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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*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 25th & 26th September 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Vincenzo Dichiera

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildura

Saturday 9.30am: Libero Bachetti

Saturday 6pm: Carmelo (Charlie) Taverna, Leon Odal

Sunday 9am: Mario Sapuppo (1st anniversary)

Sunday 3pm: Teresa Panuccio, Leo Timpano,

Vincenzo Mammone

Sunday 5pm: John Falzo, Mario Sapuppo (1st anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Vince Manno, Margaret Code, Rosa Pezzaniti,
Bobby Schottler, Bert Halls

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.

Prayer for Migrant & Refugee Sunday:

*Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing
in heaven whenever someone lost is found,
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded
is gathered into our "we",
which thus becomes ever wider.*

*We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will, the grace to do your will
on earth. Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile into the "we"
of community and of the Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be: the common home
of all our brothers and sisters.*

Amen

Message from our Parish Priest

There has been so much happening in and around the State of Victoria this week, we have had restriction changes, earth quakes and protesting. People are emotionally tired, some even find it hard to see a positive in the world, but lets find hope that we can see the love of God in the world and be a support for each other.

If we focus on the Gospel for the weekend if we are working for God we are going to be positive for those around us and we are the light of Christ in the world we live. Remember we are only one person in the world but we are the world to another person.

During this week let us be in contact with someone who is near and dear to us and make an effect to spend sometime with them, either physically, over the phone or by email.

During the next few weeks we are offering some extra masses to enable more people to be able to attend mass, these services will be

Friday 4pm and 6pm

Saturday 9.30am, 4pm and 6pm

Sunday 9am, 3pm and 5pm

It is very important that you book and also turn up on time.

We are also filming mass again for the next six weeks.

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 for all Masses.
- No visitors to your home.
- Weddings capped at 10 including the bride & groom
- Funerals capped at 20.
- Baptisms allowed.

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting Dates for September 2021

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

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.

Interested in learning more about

the Catholic faith?



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.



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>

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 Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs

The new Planned Giving envelopes will be available this weekend for collection from each church foyer.

From Tuesday 21st September all uncollected envelopes will be available for collection from the parish office.

Available for you to collect this weekend from the foyer of the church current copies of the:-

**Australian Catholics—Spring Edition 2021 and
Our Diocesan Community July 2021**

Catholic Mission Month

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. Cycle 7, the last for 2021, begins October 10. Registrations are open now until October 1. The first Cycle for 2022 will begin on January 16. More information for 2022 subjects is now available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Diocesan Director of Caritas

After many years of generous service, Sue Searls is retiring from the role of Diocesan Director of Caritas. Bishop Paul would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking up this role. The position will be funded by Caritas as a part-time role, averaging one day a week, although most of the work is concentrated in the months of February to May in relation to Project Compassion. There is a role description available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. If you would like to be considered for this position or if you would like more information, please contact Bishop Paul at bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au by Thursday, October 7. Please include your contact details and some notes about your interest in this position and the experience you could bring to this role.

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	4PM & 6PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	IRYMPLE	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
SATURDAY		4PM & 6PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10AM & 12NOON	10:30AM
		3pm & 5PM		
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)	\$ 722.80	\$ 83.90	\$93.80
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1788.00	\$360.00	\$185.00
Loose Plate	\$ 144.85	\$ 20.00	\$

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 - 25th & 26th September 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Barnes

Sunday 9am: S Opie

Sunday 5pm: R Zalec

Music: Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Sun 9am: M Issanchon

Sun 5pm: S Fatai, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Team 9 — G Dolence

Irymple

Reader: M Hoy

Merbein

Reader: B Wells

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, D Eagle

Altar Servers: School Holidays

Music: Tongan Choir

Offertory Procession: L Bugno

Counting Team: C Russo, T Gardiner

Church Cleaning: J Hazeldine

Flowers: D Eagle

Mass permitted with up to 20 persons (No choirs—only individual musicians). All churches need to be mindful not to exceed numbers.



Next weekend - 2nd & 3rd October 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Tongue

Sunday 9am: T Faingaanuku

Sunday 5pm: R Zalec

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie

Sun 9am: M Issanchon, Filipino Choir

Sun 5pm: S Fatai, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Team 10 — W Carmichael

Irymple

Reader: G McCracken

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, T Hawkes

Altar Servers: School Holidays

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Cameron Family

Counting Team: G Brizzi, C Russo

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: D Eagle

Mass permitted with up to 20 persons (No choirs—only individual musicians). All churches need to be mindful not to exceed numbers.



Next Weekends Readings: — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—2nd & 3rd October 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial: Ps 127

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



First Reading

Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. *(R.)*
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. *(R.)*
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James
An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

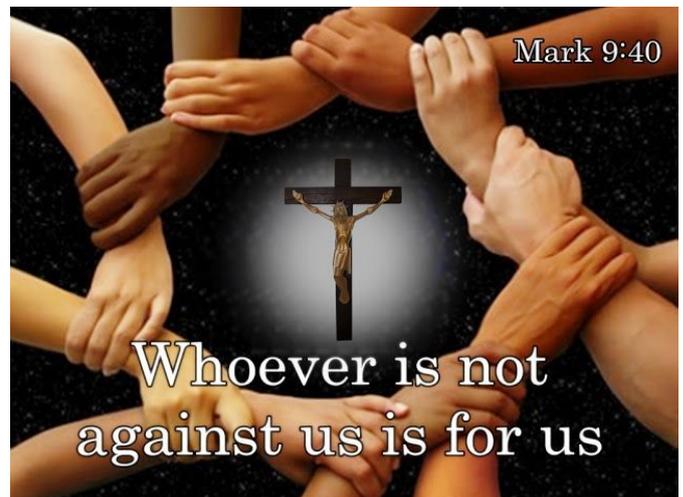
Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

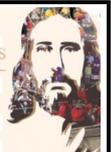


*Migrant & Refugee
Sunday 2021
September 26*

107th
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

TOWARDS AN EVER
WIDER "WE"



Pope Francis has chosen the theme, Towards An Ever Wider "We", for the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Download the 2021 kit from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>