

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 41

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Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00am—4:00pm

**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*

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 9th & 10th October 2021

### RECENT DEATHS

Sr Alphonsus McCarthy (Therese McCarthy), Venacio Carlon,  
Ario Dante Venneri (Clunes)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Anna & Joseph Andrasek

### Mildura

Saturday 4pm: Rosa Muscatello Coco, Maria Navarette

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Taglierini, Margaret O'Connor,  
Bill Walsh, Barbara O'Day, Dom Zappia, Leon Wagner

*(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.



## October

As October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the Liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th.

## Message from our Parish Priest

*As we continue with life through these challenging times here in the Sunraysia and Victoria, we need to keep vigilant with our COVID restrictions and how they change and impact all of us.*

*As we prepare for First Communion in the next couple of weeks, let us pray and support our younger people who are preparing to celebrate this important part of their sacramental lives.*

*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*  
Is the response to the psalm, I think this is ideal for now, we need to allow God to fill our hearts with his love and to sing of his joy. Today let us all celebrate something in our lives that brings us joy.

Just a reminder to register for mass and if attending the office you will need to QR, wear a mask and use the sanitizer as you enter.

*Lets us ask Mary to intercede for us during this month of October either by praying the rosary or a Hail Mary each day.*

God bless  
Fr Matthew Thomas

*Walking With Jesus*  
*Wealth and Sacrifice*  
*Mark 10:17-31*

## 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

### October Meetings 2021

**Tuesday 12th:** Sacred Heart Parish Council after 6pm Mass—Monaghan Centre

**Sunday 17th:** Merbein Parish Council after 10am Mass.

**Sunday 24th:** Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 26th:** Sacred Heart Mildura Finance 7.30am Parish Office.

**Wednesday 27th:** Baptism Preparation Evening 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre

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 with new dates as planned from Thursday 21st October until Friday 29th October.

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.



### 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 Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs

New Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection.

Please **do not use your old envelopes** as many parishioners now have a new Planned Giving number, if in doubt please contact the Parish Office.

**If you are able to collect on behalf of family members or friends please do so as this will save on postage.**



Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a Zoom forum Sat 6th of Nov 2021 10am to 3pm.

Four Speakers have been invited to respond to key sections of the document:

- Janet Morris: Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer.
- Bishop Paul Bird: Introduce the Statement *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*.
- Dr Mark Diesendorf: *Listening to and learning from the world – what the science is telling us*.
- Dr Sandie Cornish: *Listening and drawing wisdom from our own wells – responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*.
- Vicki Clark: *Listening to creation – a call to care for Country*.

Jacqui Remond: *Caring for creation – watering the seeds of change*.

Where: Monaghan Centre Mildura or at home via Zoom

Registration opens 22nd of October.

Further information contact Sr Helen

### **The Plenary Council is underway!**

The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has opened:

To see updates from the diocese go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

• Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

• We continue to extend to people in the diocese an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. **Contact the Parish Office for the handout.** Please feel free to complete this, while the Assembly is still continuing, with thoughts and observations and email to [pastoral-ministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoral-ministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.

• Another way of supporting the Plenary Council is through prayer or watch this video <https://youtu.be/HXor1YbKaPs>

# 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 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 443.90	\$	\$106.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2387.25	\$209.50	\$402.50
Loose Plate	\$ 132.00	\$ 35.20	\$ 11.60

## 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 - 9th & 10th October 2021

**Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am**

### Mildura

**Readers: Saturday 6pm:** A Naray  
**Sunday 9am:** J O'Brien  
**Sunday 5pm:** S Hermans

**Music: Sat 6pm:** M Sullivan, J Ljubic  
**Sun 9am:** M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis  
**Sun 5pm:** S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team:** Team 1 — G Lavery

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Duck

### Merbein

**Reader:** J Ellis

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Slater  
**Altar Servers:** COVID  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Counting Team:** B Gardner, S Williams  
**Church Cleaning:** Group 2—C Cavallaro, R Chase, D Eagle, C Jamieson, B Pitt  
**Flowers:** Volunteer

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



## Next weekend - 16th & 17th October 2021

**Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am**

### Mildura

**Readers: Saturday 6pm:** C Carmichael  
**Sunday 9am:** R Tam  
**Sunday 5pm:** T Finn

**Music: Sat 6pm:** M Issanchon & Filipino Choir  
**Sun 9am:** Tongan Choir, M Guthrie  
**Sun 5pm:** S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team:** Team 2 — J De Jong

### Irymple

**Reader:** W Schmidt

### Merbein

**Reader:** V Knight

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Bell  
**Altar Servers:** COVID  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Counting Team:** C Russo, T Gardiner  
**Church Cleaning:** Volunteer  
**Flowers:** Volunteer

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



## Next Weekends Readings: — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—16th & 17th October 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11  
Responsorial: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22  
Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:4-16  
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45





## First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)
3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

## Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.



## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

### 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>

Envelopes available at church doors.



*Reach out. Give life.*