

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 47

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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*

Feast of Christ the King / Year B 20th & 21st November 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Elma Pongraz

Mildura

Anniversaries: Pietro Callipari

Sunday 5pm: Peter Belej

Tuesday 6pm: Antonio Lenzi (one year anniversary)

Thursday 9.30am: Giovanni Bachetti

Friday 6pm: Tim Bowring

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Giuseppe D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Brian Deed, Brian Burke, Maria Piscioneri, Bill Farrell, Jan Martin, Jeff Power, Robert Cox

(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.

Christmas Masses 2021

Christmas Eve

6pm Mildura

6pm Werrimull

8pm Merbein

8pm Red Cliffs

10pm Mildura

12am Midnight Mildura

We will look at having Christmas Carols half an hour before at each mass

Christmas Day

8.30am Irymple

9am Mildura

Message from our Assistant Priest

The solemnity of Christ the King marks the definitive end of the Church's Ordinary time, and of course, the entire liturgical calendar Year B. Today, we acknowledge and adore Christ as the King of Kings, the Lord of lords, and the beginning and the end.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing nationalism and secularism. Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "Pax Christi in regno Christi" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to Him every day, accept Him as our God, Saviour and King and allow Him to rule our lives.

In his "motu proprio Mysterii Paschalis" of 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the celebration a new title: "Iesu Christi universorum Regis" (Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). He also moved the feast to the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar and transformed it from a feast to "Solemnity".

Let today's celebration calls us to ensure that Christ, the King, is our role model. He cares, loves and lives in peace with his people. He does not rule with military might or financial strength. Instead, he is a Good Shepherd.

God bless you all.
Fr Shaiju Mathew

Cemetery Masses—during November

Red Cliffs Lawn Cemetery: Monday 22nd 6pm

Merbein Cemetery: Wednesday 24th 6pm

Nichols Point Cemetery: Thursday 25th 6pm

Please abide by the COVID safe rules and everyone must sign in with the QR code provided.

Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the QR Check in App when entering church
- Use the hand sanitizer
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Meetings 2021

Sunday 21 Nov: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.

Wednesday 24 Nov: Baptism Preparation evening, 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

Sunday 28 Nov: Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Cameron Haaja, Arna Mammone, Harlon Murphy, Molly Brown, Ada Mammone, Max & Rogan Waters and Lenny Waters** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Meeting with Candidates & Sponsors

Thursday 25th November, 7pm in the in the Monaghan Centre.

Blessed Advent Program 2021

Red Cliffs church will be hosting an Advent group after the 10am Mass commencing 28th November. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Di on 5024 5326.

Mildura have a very limited number of Advent books available, if you would like a copy please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872. Books are \$6.00 each.



Remembrance Mass 2021

Our Mass for the families of those who have lost loved ones over the past two years will be held on Friday 26th November at 6pm. Special thanks to the Bereavement Team for their care and support to our bereaved families.

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

Easing of further Restrictions for fully vaccinated

- Weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies have no capacity or density limits.
- If vaccination status isn't being checked, these events are restricted to one person per 4 sqm up to a maximum of **50** people per facility.
- The cap at funerals doesn't include those required to conduct the funeral and the cap at weddings doesn't include the marrying couple celebrant or photographer.
- Our weekday masses at all churches are available for those who have only had one vaccination or remain unvaccinated.
- Those unvaccinated will need to wear masks when indoors.

Rosters

We are currently in the process of updating our Ministries rosters within our churches, as we are very aware that circumstances change during the course of time with each volunteer.

So, if you are currently on a roster especially, Eucharistic minister, counting money or reader and wish to make any changes or if you would like to take part in any of these ministries please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office.



Save the date
FOR THE OFFICIAL
ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MILDURA
MERCY HERITAGE CENTRE BLESSING
TO BE OFFICIATED BY BISHOP PAUL BIRD CSsR BISHOP OF BALLARAT
AT THE SISTERS OF MERCY CONVENT, 154 TWELFTH STREET, MILDURA
SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022
10:00AM UNTIL 1:00PM
Please contact Paula Cox at St Joseph's College by email pcox@sjcmnda.vic.edu.au should you have any queries.



Mercy Heritage Centre

St Joseph's College is currently refurbishing the Mercy Heritage Centre in the Mercy Convent at the School. The official opening and blessing of the Mercy Heritage Centre to be officiated by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR - Bishop of Ballarat at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, 154 Twelfth Street, Mildura will occur on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Please contact Paula Cox at St Joseph's College by email: pcox@sjcmnda.vic.edu.au should you have any queries or wish to attend the blessing ceremony.

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6PM	9.30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM		
THURSDAY	9:30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	IRYMPLE	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
SATURDAY		6PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10AM	10:30AM
		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: Rosemary Byrne, Nancy Panuccio,

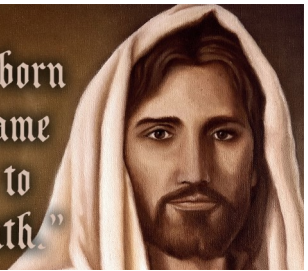
Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1081.75	\$ 45.55	\$164.55
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$3265.75	\$207.50	\$382.25
Loose Plate	\$ 393.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 27.00

"For this I was born
and for this I came
into the world, to
testify to the truth."



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 20th & 21st November 2021

Next weekend - 27th & 28th November 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: R Tongue
Sunday 9am: Narie Lewis
Sunday 5pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Saturday 6pm: R O'Callaghan, M McDonald,
A Naray
Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog, R Byra
Sunday 5pm: T Cirillo, J Jose, C Slattery

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Ljubic
Sun 9am:
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Counting Team: Team 7—H Kay

Irymple

Reader: K Modoo

Merbein

Reader: E Piscioneri

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, A Higham

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: M Bell

Altar Servers: Group 2

Eucharistic Minister: M Monteleone

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteer



Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: A Naray
Sunday 9am: N Mataele
Sunday 5pm: B Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Saturday 6pm: C Carmichael, M Cirillo, P Kerr
Sunday 9am: S Opie, P Opie, J Webster
Sunday 5pm: C Carlucci, V Carlucci, J Boord

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon

Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie

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

Counting Team: Team 8—C Welsh

Irymple

Reader: D Knight

Merbein

Reader: V Knight

Offertory: Iamarino Family

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, M Lee

Music: Guitar

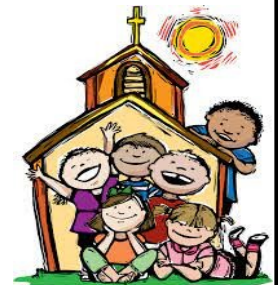
Offertory Procession: G Brizzi

Altar Servers: Group 3

Eucharistic Minister: S Orr

Church Cleaning: J Hazeldine

Flowers: Volunteer



Next Weekends Readings: — 1st Sunday of Advent Year C B—27th & 28th November 2021

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading: Paul 3:12 — 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



First Reading

Dn 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages be-
came his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

(R.) The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R.)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

Pilate asked Him,
“Are you the king of the Jews?”

I AM A KING

John 18:33,37

Second Reading

Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born
from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He
loves us and has washed away our sins with his
blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve
his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power
for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on
the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who
pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn
over him. This is the truth. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and
the Omega’ says the Lord God, who is, who was, and
who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus
replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have
others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered,
‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief
priests who have handed you over to me: what have
you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of
this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men
would have fought to prevent my being surrendered
to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So
you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’
answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for
this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to
the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to
my voice.’

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: ‘My kingdom is not *of this world*’? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live other-worldly lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: ‘My kingdom is not *from* this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.’ Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs from his Father’s will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

We can easily criticise ISIL’s blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord’s teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent. We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an ‘out of this world’ experience, but in the words of the Our Father: ‘Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done *on earth* as it is in heaven.’