

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 29

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo
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
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*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 16th & 17th July 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Leo Piscioneri, Nick Stefan, Darryn Hooper (Melbourne)

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Joe Lia (one year anniversary), Rita Lia, Kevin Sidney Robinson,

Sunday 9am: Ron Campbell

Sunday 5pm: Bruin Michael Callipari (5 year anniversary), Giuseppe Martino

Red Cliffs

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

Merbein

Anniversaries:

(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.

Please abide by the Staying Safe Rules

- Masks now do not need to be worn in church but if you wish you can continue to wear them.
- Use the hand sanitizer
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours

The Office Opening Hours will vary slightly over the next couple of weeks.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July.

Message from our Parish Priest

We have a few changes for the parish this week, there will be no Masses on Friday or Saturday due to the ordinations of Bill and Matthew to the Priesthood. Please pray for our soon to be newly ordained so that the Holy Spirit truly blesses them through their ministry of service to God and the Community.

We thank Fr Eric Bryant who has celebrated a number of masses this weekend and wish him a safe travel home to Ballarat on Monday.

The office will have some different hours over the next few weeks, I ask that if you have any notices for the bulletin or anniversary masses that you email the details to the office or please leave a message on the phone.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But *one thing is needed,* and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Ordinations to the Priesthood

Please pray for Deacons Bill Lowry and Matt Restall will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7pm. The Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For July 2022

Tue 26 Jul: Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting 7.20am, Parish Office.

Wed 27 Jul: Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.

Please note there will be no Aged Care Services this month.



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Archie Cruikshank, Liliana & Tate Francis, Jack & Layla Jeffers and Darby Kennedy** whose

baptism occurs this weekend.

Weddings

We congratulate **Domenic Sergi & Daniela Capogreco** who were married this weekend.



RCIY

If you are between the **ages of 12 and 18** and are yet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist and /or Confirmation. We are looking at commencing a program in 3rd Term 2022. For further details or if you would like to put your name down please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office on 5021 2872.

DIOCESE OF BROOME

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: **administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. **For further details, and an application form, please contact:** Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web:

www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

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 11:30am Monaghan Centre

Legion of Mary: Sat 10:15am



Sacred Heart Family Group

Will be lunching at the Mildura RSL Club on Sunday 17th July at Noon. Please contact Helen or Gary on 50235035.

Werrimull Bus Trip July 2022

Our next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 31st July.

Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.



Upcoming—Celebrated Feast Days in August

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Will be celebrated on Saturday 6th August at 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and Knights of the Southern Cross.

All parishioners are most welcome.



Mother Mary's Assumption & Indian Independence Day Celebration 2022



Will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 14th August with Holy Mass at 9am.

All welcome.

Organised by the Kerala Community



Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 7th Sept. 7pm, Sacred Heart Church. Celebration of the Sacrament, Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October

Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 12th Oct. 7pm, SH Church. Celebration of the Sacrament, Wednesday 23rd November 7pm-Sacred Heart Church.



Spiritual Books

St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs now has a library of Spiritual Books that you can borrow.

Library is opened Sunday between 10am—11am.

If anyone has any Spiritual books that they no longer need and happy to donate to our library, please leave them at the Sacred Heart Parish Office or at St Joseph's church Sunday mornings.

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider [Mission opportunities abroad](#). If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** about a placement to engage your skills and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

IRYMPLE MILDURA RED CLIFFS MERBEIN

SATURDAY		6PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9AM	10AM	10:30AM
		5PM		

WERRIMULL 11:00AM (5TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

MILDURA RED CLIFFS MERBEIN

MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6PM		
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM		
THURSDAY		5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY			

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: Fr Eric Bryant, Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Maree Adams, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 975.85	\$ 103.00	\$ 134.00
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 920.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 117.00
Loose Plate	\$ 489.95	\$ 52.75	\$ 45.40

WomenCan

Apprentice & Trainee Centre for women and girls to rejoin the workforce. Why not consider a career in the aged care sector. There is a free "Earn and Learn" model which means you get paid to work and study. Please contact Kelly Wandel 0419 517 996 or visit: www.womencanaustralia.com

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 16th & 17th July 2022

Next weekend - 23rd & 24th July 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael
Sun 9am: J O'Brien
Sun 5pm: B Dolence

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, T Fatai
Sun 9am: P O'Donnell, G Johnston, G Raiti
Sun 5pm: J Macri, P Cox, J Boord

Music: Sat 6pm: Singing Group, M Sullivan
Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism

Counting Team: Group 1—G Lavery

Irymple

Reader: W Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor
Offertory: J & A O'Connor

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, J Vines

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Lewis Family

Altar Servers: Group 5

Eucharistic Minister: S Orr

Church Cleaning: Group 2—C Cavallaro

Flowers: Volunteers

Please find your own replacement if you are unable to attend on your Rostered Day.



Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: G Huxtable
Sun 9am: R Tam
Sun 5pm: C Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, A Greville
Sun 9am: J Cresp, volunteers please
Sun 5pm: W, Finn, T Finn, volunteer please

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

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L & C Welsh

Counting Team: Group 2—J DeJong

Irymple

Reader: M Hill

Merbein

Reader: N Gallagher
Offertory: V McCarthy
V McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, D Eagle

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: N Orr

Altar Servers: Group 6

Eucharistic Minister: B Pitt

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteers

Please find your own replacement if you are unable to attend on your Rostered Day.



Next Weekends Readings: - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 23rd & 24th July 2022

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8

Response: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



First Reading

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart

and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope. That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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