

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 31

Parish Priest Fr. Matthew Thomas
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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*

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 30th & 31st July 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Mildura

Anniversaries: Matteo, Agata & Demetrio Zema

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Ilario Circosta, All Souls, Maria, Peter &

Lucia Tran

Sunday 5pm:

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Antonio Brizzi, Rose Lauder

Merbein

Anniversaries: Leo McCarthy, Frank Baric, Ted Pitt,

Peter Willcock, Janice Pezziniti.

(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 COVID 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 Parish office opening Hours will vary slightly over the next week

Tuesday: 1pm-4pm

Wednesday: 11am-4pm

Thursday: Office Closed

Friday: 9am –12.30pm

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we welcome Fr Bill with us, it is so nice to have one of the newly ordained here in the regions even its only for the weekend. We wish Fr Bill all the best for his ministry as a priest in the diocese and especially at Warrnambool where he will be based. There will be a cuppa after the 9am mass and also pizza tea after the 5pm mass all welcome to attend.

If you wanted to watch the ordination here is the link
<https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

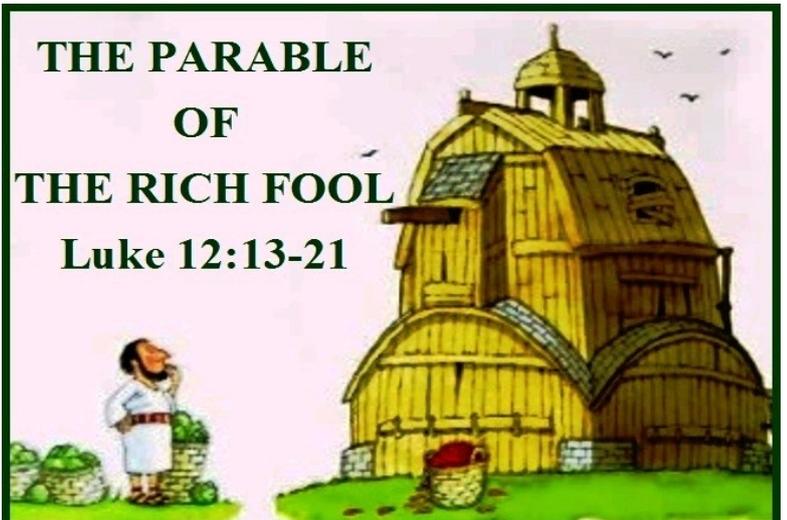
Please be mindful of the different office hours this week, hopefully all back to normal next week.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge is the response to the psalm toady, I believe more than ever at the moment. In the world we live and with everything that is happening God being our refuge and safe place allows all of us to have an internal peace.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL Luke 12:13-21



LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For August 2022

Tuesday 2nd Aug: Bereavement Team Meeting 10.30 am
Tuesday 2nd Aug: Regis Tenth St care service 2pm
Mon 8th Aug: Knight of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.
Sun 14 Aug: Cuppa & Trading Table Mildura Church 9am, Red Cliffs Church 10am
Thurs 18th Aug: Regis Ontario Care service 2pm.
Thu 18th Aug: Anointing Mass, Merbein Church 9.30am.
Sun 21st Aug: Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass
Tue 23rd Aug: Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting 7.30am.
Tues 23rd Aug: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre
Tue 23rd Aug: Priests Zone Meeting.
Wed 24th Aug: Anointing Mass, Mildura church 9.30am
Wed 24th Aug: Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.
Sun 28th Aug: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

Coming Up — 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



Notices for the Bulletin

All requests for notices for the weekend bulletin need to be in by 12noon each Thursday. You can either email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call 5021 2872 during office hours.

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
Charismatic Group: Tuesday after 6pm Mass

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 7th Sept. 7pm, SH Church
Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd October

Reconciliation (Grade 2)

Parent Meeting Wed 12th Oct. 7pm, SH Church
Wednesday 23rd November



RECONCILIATION

Can You undertake an Overseers Mission ?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

Sister Veronica Lawson rsm (East Ballarat) offers a reflection on the Gospel for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C, Luke 12:13-21)

Every faithful Jew and every faithful Christian knows that "the earth belongs to God and all that is in it" (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more, even where there is more than enough to sustain a good quality of life. Those who seek to be "rich toward God" or "rich in God" find life. Those who seek to be rich in all sorts of material possessions will simply be left, at life's end, with a question: "To whom will this hoard belong?" The question is rhetorical in today's gospel. It expects the answer of Psalm 24: the earth and all that is in it belongs to God.

Jesus is addressed as "teacher", and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is "teacher" rather than "divider". He tells a hard hitting story. Jesus knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to make life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law.

His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager or steward as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, maybe a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the landowner in upon himself rather than out to others and so "toward God". First person singular pronouns predominate: "What am I to do? I have no place.... I will do this.... I will I will I will" The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular: "You fool..." and the divine judgment on the landowner's self focus and greed.

Just two weeks ago, I was privileged to be at the death bed of a feisty gospel woman who had little by way of material goods. She threw in her lot some fifty years ago with her Mercy sisters and over the decades placed her trust in the goodness of a generous God. Her footprint on the earth was ever so gentle. She knew that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God's people, and she lived in the light of that faith. She was and is forever "rich toward God". She understood today's gospel and showed us how to make it a reality in our lives.

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	9AM	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: Fr Eric Bryant, Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

Merbein:

Redcliffs: Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 646.80	\$102.20	\$138.95
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 695.00	\$ 410	\$112.00
Loose Plate	\$ 193.60	\$ 18.90	\$ 57.60

WomenCan

Apprentice & Trainee Centre for women and girls to re-join 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 - 30th & 31st July 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: Rosemary Barnes

Sun 9am: Lyn Welsh

Sun 5pm: Barb Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr

Sun 9am: L Belej, N Leonardis, R O'Callaghan

Sun 5pm: B Dolence, J Willis, B Bunting

Music: Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir

Sun 9am: Marion Guthrie

Sun 5pm: Youth Mass

Counting Team: Group 3– Peter McDonald

Irymple

Reader: P Riordan

Merbein

Reader: Kevin Aston

Offertory: F Cox, F Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Cameron, T Gardiner

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: Russo Family

Altar Servers: Group 1

Eucharistic Minister: C Russo

Church Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Volunteers

Please find your own Replacement if you are unable to attend on your rostered Day.

Next weekend - 6th & 7th August 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: Ross Tongue

Sun 9am: Peter Issanchon

Sun 5pm: Jancy Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, M McDonald, V Pileggi

Sun 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica, L Welsh

Sun 5pm: K Groves, J Hall, M Rodi

Music: Sat 6pm: St Mary Mackillop

Sun 9am: Italian Choir

Sun 5pm: Marg Hammond

Counting Team: Group 4– Maria Roper

Irymple

Reader: J Kearney

Merbein

Reader: K Aston

Offertory: F Cox, F Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, A Higham

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: M Bell

Altar Servers: Group 2

Eucharistic Minister: C Tassone

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: D Eagle

Please find your own Replacement if you are unable to attend on your rostered Day.

Next Weekends Readings: - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 6th & 7th August 2022

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



First Reading

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

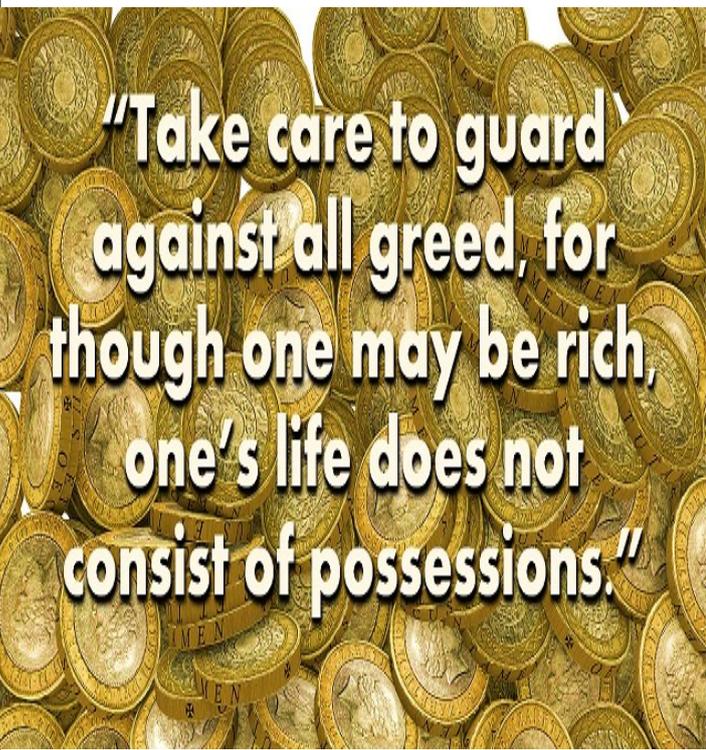
For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**



Second Reading

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

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

Gospel

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'