

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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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*

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 12th & 13th June 2021

### RECENT DEATHS

Mary Caia

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Maria Dichiera (30 day Mass), Feliciano Pancho, Paulina Cabug

Tuesday 6pm: Rosario Casale (1yr anniversary)

Wednesday 9.30am: Maria Kondratow

#### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone, Francesco & Maria Antonia Tassone, Adrianna Tassone

#### Merbein

Anniversaries: Teresa Sabo, Gena Mathews, Rosa Panaia, Michael McGowan, Vin McKee, Lucy Duncan, Stephen Piscioneri, Katerina Canidi, Edward Stanbrock, Frederick Elderidge, Jack Hammence, Paul McCarthy

*(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.

### **Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021**

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

## Message from our Parish Priest

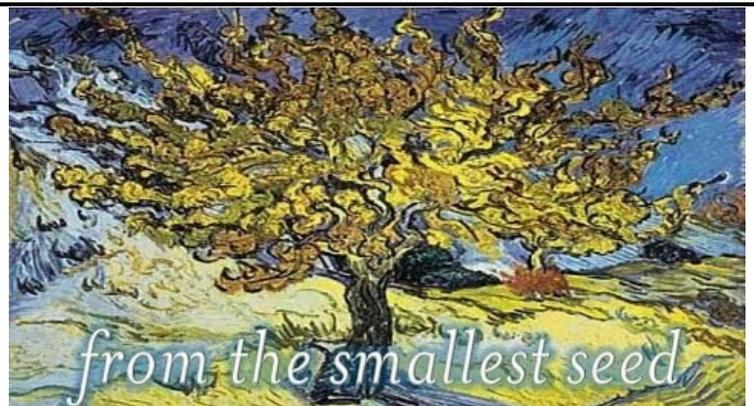
On Friday we celebrated the Feast of Sacred Heart, with all the COVID restrictions it was hard to plan and organise anything for this year but let us celebrate with the Mildura community their patron.

As a few of the restrictions have changed we have now set up on the **I-pads** a sign-in Kiosk so we no longer have to scan the QR code each time we register.

We congratulate the young people at Red Cliffs who are making their Confirmation this weekend.

Lets hope that restrictions change soon and we can be back to some sort of normality, lets enjoy the long weekend.

God bless!  
Fr Matthew



## Update on COVID Restrictions as of Friday 11th June 2021

- Church numbers capped at 75 for Mildura, Red Cliffs & Merbein - 1 per 4sqm.
- Irymple capped at 20
- Funerals - no more than 75 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral
- Baptisms allowed
- Weddings capped at 20
- Hopefully another positive update available next weekend's bulletin.

# LOCAL NEWS

**Reminder!**

## Important Dates for May 2021

**Sunday 13th June:** St Joseph's Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 15th June:** Bereavement Team Meeting, 9am Parish Office

**Sunday 20th June:** OLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.

**Wednesday 23rd June:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7.30pm.

## Baptisms

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish community — **Samuel Caminiti, Audrey Sheehy, Evie Conditorio and Ted & Toby Valentich** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

In these hard economic times help support the work of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society, by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available in the Church on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June. Envelopes may be put on the plate, left at the Parish Office or posted to Box 10125, Mildura 3502.. Information will also be available on the envelopes regarding donating on-line.

A donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship.

## Missionary of Charity Sisters

CATECHISM

The Catechist Program for our younger parishioners, will Commence from this Saturday 12th June . All welcome.

## 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 Church



## New Feast Date

The St Anthony Committee will celebrate the Feast of St Anthony on Sunday 1st August at 9am. A sausage sizzle will follow after the Mass. All welcome Raffle tickets available to purchase at \$2.00 each.

## Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous



**GRATEFUL  
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GENEROUS**

Every few years we begin a new Parish Stewardship Renewal or Thanksgiving Renewal. This is the time when we reflect more consciously on the contribution we make to our parish family, by giving of our time, our talents, and our finances. Our Stewardship Renewal begins **in four weeks' time** with our Key Stewardship Weekends. All sections of the Parish can help in some way: - Young, Old, Regular and New Parishioners.

**What will your contribution be? Serve in some way, contribute financially, and participate in gratitude.** All parishioners are invited to assist during this time.

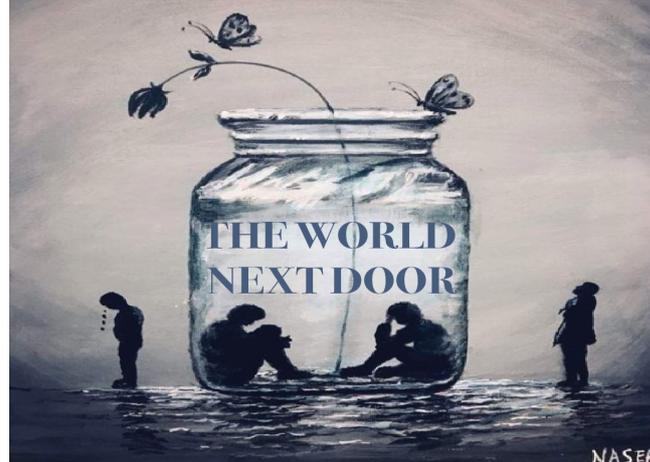
### [STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WORKING BEE #1 – CAN YOU HELP?](#)

**On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**, at 10.00am in the **Monaghan Centre** we are holding a **Working Bee** to assemble letters and Information for all our Parish Families. If you can help us, please come along, and lend a hand. This will entail folding and placing material into envelopes.

**Approximately 10 to 15 Helpers** are required to assist for (approx. 2 hours)

**If you are able and willing to assist, please telephone the Parish Office this week and leave your name.**

# NASER MORADI



An exhibition of the work of Naser Moradi - an Afghani asylum seeker and self-taught artist finding hope in the darkest of places.

## OPENING NIGHT

Monday June 21st 2021, 5:30-8:30pm

The Mercy Hub 617 Nicholson St Carlton North 3054

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=761725&>  
(Booking required for Opening Night only)

Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th June, 10:30-5:30pm

Friday 25th June, 5-8:00pm

Saturday 26th June; 11-3:00pm & 6-8:00pm

## FINAL SHOWING

Sunday 27th June, 11-4:00pm



# 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	9:30AM	
THURSDAY	9:30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6:00PM		
SATURDAY	9:30AM		

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

IRYMPLE MILDURA RED CLIFFS MERBEIN

SATURDAY	6:00PM			
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10:00AM	10:30AM
	5:00PM			
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)	\$ 542.20	\$144.20	\$103.90
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$703.00	\$175.00	\$240.00
Loose Plate	\$ 50.55	\$ 35.45	\$ 5.25

## 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 — 12th & 13th June 2021

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: G Huxtable  
 Sunday 9am: G Johnston  
 Sunday 5pm: J Thomas

**Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: C Carmichael, J Deacon  
 Sunday 9am: T Faingaanuku, M Faingaanuku  
 Sunday 5pm: C Carlucci, V Carlucci

**Offertory Procession:**

Saturday 6pm:  
 Sunday 9am: J Morvell  
 Sunday 5pm:

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, J Ljubic  
 Sun 9am: M Sullivan, B Prescott, B Lewis, JO'Bryan  
 Sun 5pm: S Faita, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team: Team 4 M Roper**

### Irymple

**Reader:** P Riordan

### Merbein

**Reader:** K Aston

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Monteleone, M Slater

**Altar Servers:**

**Music:** Guitar—T Lewis

**Offertory Procession:** G Brizzi

**Counting Team:** L Grivec, A Njegovan, J Tassone

**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** T Gardiner

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** Volunteer

## Next weekend - 19th & 20th June 2021

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: M Jackson  
 Sunday 9am: J O'Brien  
 Sunday 5pm: P Hammond

**Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray  
 Sunday 9am: G Johnston, J Cresp  
 Sunday 5pm: B Dolence, B Bunting

**Offertory Procession:**

Saturday 6pm:  
 Sunday 9am: C & L Welsh  
 Sunday 5pm:

**Music:** Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon  
 Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie  
 Sun 5pm: M Sullivan

**Counting Team: 5 Jim Farrelly**

### Irymple

**Reader:** D Knight

### Merbein

**Reader:** K Wagner

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Vines, M Bell

**Altar Servers:** G Zaccone, S Morello

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** L Bugno

**Counting Team:** L Grivec, A Njegovan, J Tassone

**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** A Higham

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** Volunteer

## Next Weekends Readings: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time— 19th & 20th June 2021

1st Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Responsorial: Ps 106:23-26, 28-31

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41



## First Reading

Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its  
branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the  
Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones  
grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the withered  
green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

## Second Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember  
that to live in the body means to be exiled from the  
Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we  
are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be  
exiled from the body and make our home with the  
Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from  
it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth  
about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ,  
and each of us will get what he deserves for the  
things he did in the body, good or bad.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom  
of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night  
and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the  
seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not  
know. Of its own accord the land produces first the  
shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And  
when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to  
reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God  
is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a  
mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the  
soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once  
it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all  
and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air  
can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word  
to them, so far as they were capable of understand-  
ing it. He would not  
speak to them  
except in  
parables, but he  
explained every-  
thing to his disciples  
when they were  
alone.



## Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the  
teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would  
not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used  
the parable form almost exclusively to share his mes-  
sage. He used imagery that was familiar to his audi-  
ence; parables about the everyday life of a rural com-  
munity: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The se-  
cret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cul-  
tural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the  
tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that  
turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of  
the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is  
about the kingdom of God starting from very small,  
humble beginnings and growing into something  
great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom  
parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community  
makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat  
for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed  
describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub  
'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A  
farming community that was growing grain crops  
would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually  
attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus'  
message about the kingdom of God is that it is actu-  
ally disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings un-  
rest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of  
God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging  
parable than it appears from a literal reading.