

# 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  
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*

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 25th & 26th June 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Peter McKee

### Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Maria De Palma (one year anniversary)

Sunday 9am: Maria, Peter & Lucy Tran, All Souls

Sunday 5pm: Michele Mammone, Bruno Mammone, Anunziata Demaria, Paul Mandragona, Helen Hrascenec

Tuesday 6pm: Francesca Tassone (30 day mass)

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Flo Bell, Bill Chandler, Brian Ashdown, Jim McSwain, Florence Matheson, Joan Edwards, Josephine Murphy, Alice Avery, Charlie Sanford, Moya Petty

*(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

## Thank You

A huge thank you to all who helped organise and prepare the food for our celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart dinner on Friday.

A wonderful evening was had by all.

## Message from our Assistant Priest

We are in the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary time and the Church calls us to be fully committed to Christ. In the first reading we see Elisha slaughtering his oxen as a significant action, as he “abandoned everything” that could become an obstacle to his decision to serve God in feature. In the second reading St Paul reminds us of the freedom we have or enjoy in Christ. Through the Gospel Jesus invites us to respond to the call of discipleship without “looking back”.

The school holidays commenced this weekend and we wish you all a wonderful & relaxing time of holidays to all students, teachers, staff and parents.

I'm going on holidays to India on 28th June and hope to be back on 23rd July 2022.

Please keep me in your valuable prayers.

With regards,

God bless you all.

Fr Shaiju Mathew

Luke 9:62

No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For June 2022

**Sun 26 June:** St Joseph's Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass. **Cancelled**

**Tue 28 June:** Sacred Heart Finance Committee meeting 7.30am, Parish Office.



### Weddings

We congratulate **Michael Sergi & Cassandra Rodi** who were married this weekend.

### 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.

**RECONCILIATION**

### Advance Notice—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.  
Holy Mass at 9am.  
All welcome.

Organised by the Kerala Community



### 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's of Mary:** Teusday after 6pm Mass

### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal



Envelopes have been provided at all the Church entrances for the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter

Appeal.

In these hard economic times help support those of us volunteering in the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal. Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. Many thanks.

### Werrimull Bus Trip July 2022

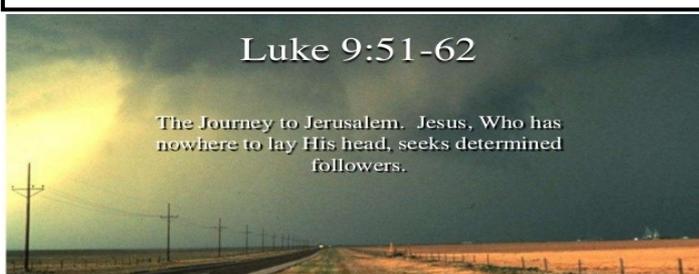
Our next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 31st July.

Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.



### Luke 9:51-62

The Journey to Jerusalem. Jesus, Who has nowhere to lay His head, seeks determined followers.



### Plenary Council

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at:

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

### Soul Searching in Light of the Plenary Council - Online Prayer and Discussion Forum

Catholic Social Services Victoria invite all friends, supporters, staff and volunteers of Catholic social services to join in a 'before work' reflective prayer time for the Plenary Council members on Friday, July 1 at 8.30am – 9.00am via Zoom. The time of prayer will be led by Sr Joan Healy rsj and Fr Bruce Duncan CSSR. This will be followed by a vital discussion led by an inspiring array of leaders and experts in the field from 9.00am – 10.00am. Hear from:

- Bernie Cronin, Chair, CSSV Council
- Fr Fred Kammer SJ, Immediate past Executive Director, Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University New Orleans (former President of Catholic Charities USA 1992 – 2001)
- Sandie Cornish, Director of the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
- Julie Edwards, Chief Executive Officer, Jesuit Social Services.

More information and registration details are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=903107&>. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link information. If you would like any further information, please contact Kate Stilwell at [kate.stilwell@css.org.au](mailto:kate.stilwell@css.org.au)

# 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	9:30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM		
THURSDAY	NO MASS	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	NO MASS		
SATURDAY	NO MASS		

## 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:** Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram,

**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)	\$1533.45	\$183.20	\$
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 980.00	\$295.00	\$
Loose Plate	\$ 514.50	\$ 54.45	\$



## 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>

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 25th & 26th June 2022

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: R Barnes  
Sun 9am: L Welsh  
Sun 5pm: Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3

Sat 6pm: M Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald  
Sun 9am: R Tongue, L Cirillo, L Fry  
Sun 5pm: S Hermans, N Kennedy, T Cirillo

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

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: C & P McErvale

**Counting Team:** Group 8—L Welsh

### Irymple

**Reader:** G McCracken

### Merbein

**Reader:** F Sabo

**Offertory:** F Cox V McCarthy

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Bell, D Eagle

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** Cameron Family

**Altar Servers:** Group 3

**Eucharistic Minister:** P Hill

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** Volunteers



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

Next weekend - 2nd & 3rd July 2022

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

**Mildura**—all Masses this weekend—Lay Led Assemblies

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: R Tongue  
Sun 9am: R Op't Hoog  
Sun 5pm: T Finn

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3

Sat 6pm: A Naray, M McDonald, V Pileggi  
Sun 9am: J Rocca, B Castillo T Faingaanuku  
Sun 5pm: J Zema, M Zema, J Jose

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic  
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan  
Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: L Belej

**Counting Team:** Group 9—G Macri

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Duck

### Merbein

**Reader:** N Prevedello

**Offertory:** K Wagner, K McCarthy

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Cameron, A Higham

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** C Cavallaro

**Altar Servers:** Group 4

**Eucharistic Minister:** P Hunt

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** Volunteers



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

Next Weekends Readings: - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 2nd & 3rd July 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



## First Reading

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.  
(R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading

Gal 5:1. 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind of freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

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