

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*

2nd Sunday of Easter / Year B 10th & 11th April 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Rocco Longo (Italy), Colleen Cameron (Wentworth)

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Roccisano (Nichols Point), Francesca Pelle

Mildura

Sunday 9:00am: Mona & Percy Richardson, Paolo & Rosa Panuccio,

Tuesday 6pm: Umberto (Robert) Beakovic (1st yr anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Vincenzo Dichiera

Merbein

Anniversaries: Kevin Forbes, Kathleen Briggs, Max McMillan

(Immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.)

Message from our Assistant Priest

The second Sunday of Easter tells us the story of Apostle Thomas and Jesus. Thomas, an ordinary person like each of us, struggles with doubts and fears in his faith life. Nevertheless, once he decides to stretch out his hands and touch the wounds of Jesus, he is strengthened in his faith. He declares with joy: My Lord and My God! In touching the redeeming wounds of Jesus, Thomas gets fortified and sets out in spreading the Good News. As Pope Francis often stresses, it is only in reaching out and touching others' wounds that we come to know Christ and understand our true identity as Christians. As we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday concluding the Octave of Easter, let us ask the Risen Lord to shelter us in the shadow of the merciful love of God and to transform us into instruments of mercy.

God bless!
Fr Shaiju Mathew

REMEMBER

to still abide by the
COVID Staying Safe Rules
whilst on church grounds

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6:30pm

Devotions and Exposition: Friday 4:00pm
commencing 19th February.

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am in the
Church

Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Mark Gibson 5023 1204

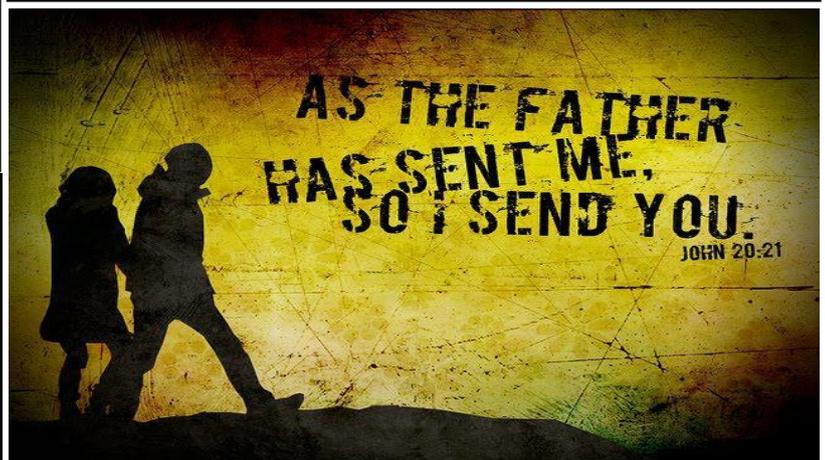
St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

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



LOCAL NEWS

Sacred Heart Church Car Park Permits

Permits will only be granted to those who use the car park weekdays during office hours. **You do not need a permit for evening or weekend use.**

For a permit to be issued you need to call into the parish office and supply your vehicle registration and current contact details.

Failure to present this permit will result in the possibility of your vehicle being towed away.



Confirmation Pentecost Weekend 2021

Enrolments have begun for the 4 week Confirmation Program for children in Grade 5 and 6. Parent Information Evening to be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 21 April 7pm.

Parents/Carers to attend this evening

Retreat Day for enrolled children to be held on Friday 21 May. For further information please contact Parish Office mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Please note: No enrolments will be accepted after 4pm Wednesday 21st April.

Confirmation Dates for 2021

(limit 30 children per mass)

Fri 21st May: 6pm

Sat 22nd May: 9.30am or 6pm

Sun 23rd May: 9am or 5pm



Baptisms

We welcome into our Sunraysia Parish family— **Thomas Corrie and Orlando Portaro** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Sacred Heart Shared Table Market Stall

Will be held this Sunday after the 9am Mass.

All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru. All welcome.

(Unfortunately due to the COVID restrictions there will

be NO Cuppas served until further notice)

TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday 25th April at 9am at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome.

(Due to COVID restrictions—the committee has decided no food will be served this year.)



Thank you!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

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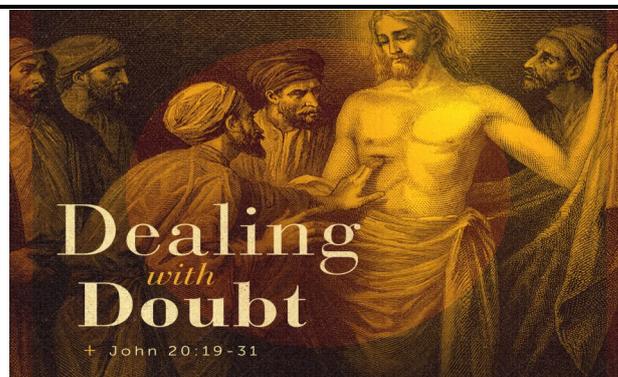


ADVANCE NOTICE FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 2nd at 9am. All welcome.

(Due to COVID restrictions there will be no Morning tea.)

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants).



REMINDER

Important Dates for April 2021

Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting: Sunday 11 April after 10am Mass

KSC meeting: Monday 12 April 7.30pm

Sacred Heart Finance Meeting: Tuesday 13 April 7.30am

Sacred Heart Parish Council: Tuesday 13 April 7pm

Regis Ontario Aged Care Service: Thursday 15 April 2pm

Merbein Parish Council meeting: Sunday 18 April after 10.30am Mass.

St Anthony Committee Meeting: Thursday 22 April 7.30pm KSC clubrooms.

Baptism Preparation Meeting: Wednesday 28 April 7.30pm—Monaghan Centre

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6:00PM	No MASS	
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.

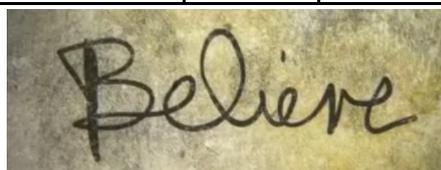
Mildura: Helen Grogan, Tess Kerr, Rosina Gallace

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Maurice O'Connor,

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$2932.45	\$ 345.95	\$ 418.00
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 994.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 187.00
Loose Plate	\$1494.30	\$ 123.25	\$ 101.00
Project Compassion to date	\$3011.85	\$ 19.25	\$1394.50
Good Friday—Holy Land	\$1293.30	\$	\$ 281.75



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 10th & 11th April 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: A Naray
Sunday 9am: P Maloney
Sunday 5pm: S Hermans

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: T Fatai, A Greville
Sunday 9am: L Belej, J Cresp
Sunday 5pm: C Slattery, J Jose

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm: Baptism
Sunday 9am: Baptism
Sunday 5pm: Volunteer

Music: Sat 6pm: M Issanchon, Filipino Group
Sun 9am: M Sullivan, B Lewis, B Prescott
Sun 5pm: S Faia, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Team 5—Jim Farrelly

Irymple

Reader: J Kearney

Merbein

Reader: Bernadette Wells

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, M Lee
Altar Servers: R Carmichael, D Carmichael
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: C Cavallaro
Counting Team: T & J Lewis
Eucharistic Minister x 1: J Strangio
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: J Cameron

Next weekend - 17th & 18th April 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Gary Huxtable
Sunday 9am: Phillip Opie
Sunday 5pm: Tony Finn

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: J Deacon, M McDonald
Sunday 9am: M Modica, L Welsh
Sunday 5pm: V Carlucci, C Carlucci

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm: Baptism
Sunday 9am: M Gobbo
Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, B Prescott
Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic

Counting Team: Team 6—Jim O'Donnell

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: Jeanette Ellis

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, M Monteleone
Altar Servers: A Ban, M Taylor
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: F Dominelli
Counting Team: T & J Lewis
Eucharistic Minister x 1: M Suppa
Church Cleaning: Group 5: G Tassone, S Guigno, J Tassone, V Tassone, M Monteleone
Flowers: J Cameron

Next Weekends Readings: 3rd Sunday of Easter 17th & 18th April 2021

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
Responsorial: Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9
Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.
2nd Reading: John 2:1-5
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has com-
manded us;

this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of
God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen
me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still be-
lieve!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the
week, the doors were closed in the room where the
disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and
stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with
you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The
disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord,
and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the
Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When
the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he an-
swered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in
his hands and can put my finger into the holes they
made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I
refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were
in the house again and Thomas was with them. The
doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood
among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he
spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here
are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my
side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied,
'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet be-
lieve.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and
the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this
book. These are recorded so that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that be-
lieving this you may have life through his name.