

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*

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 22nd & 23rd January 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Rosa Rocca,

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Giuseppe Simonetta, Maria & Vincenzo Simonetta, Maria Longo, Kayleen Branch (1 year anniversary)

Sunday 9am: Pat Rocca, Steve Panuccio

Sunday 5pm: Mario Panetta, Vincenzo & Giuseppina Panetta, Patrick & John Donnellon

Friday 6pm: Caterina Brizzi (1 year anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

Merbein

Anniversaries: George Russell, Joe Olden, Vincenzo Piscioneri, Martin Rogers, Noela Crosbie, Pat Penfold, Mary Dorman jnr

(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.

Advance Notice Sacramental Dates 2022

Reconciliation (Grade 3)
(TBC)

Confirmation (Grade 3)
Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th June

First Eucharist (Grade 4)
Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd October

Reconciliation (Grade 2)
Wednesday 23rd November



RECONCILIATION



Confirmation



Eucharist

Message from our Assistant Priest

We are on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's readings, we witness both Ezra and Jesus proclaiming the Word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration. According to the teachings of Vatican II, liturgy is the source and summit of our lives. Naturally, the liturgy of the Word is an essential and integral part of the eucharistic celebration. The Word of God must be given more importance in our lives as it gives us courage, strength, and direction. It nourishes us in our everyday life.

We celebrate 26th January as Australia Day. It's an opportunity to remember with gratitude our previous generations and to pray for our nation and people.

The school authorities, teachers, staff, children and youth are concerned about the start of this school year because of the pandemic. Let's support each other, work in harmony, and let the school officials get enough support from parents and government officials for a smooth start for the new academic year. Let's keep them all in our prayers, especially in the coming days.

God bless you all.

Fr Shaiju Mathew

so that you may know the

EXACT TRUTH

about the things you
have been taught
Luke 1:4

Please abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- . Masks to be worn in church from 8 years old & up
- . Use the QR Check in App when entering church
- . Use the hand sanitizer
- . If you are feeling unwell please stay home

LOCAL NEWS

Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours for January 2022

Please note that from **18th to 25th January** the Parish Office will be opened from **9am till 12noon only**.
Wednesday 26th Office closed Public Holiday.
Normal operating hours will commence from Thursday 27th January.



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **William Chatfield** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Communion to the Sick—All Parishes

If you have a family member who is house bound or aged care (because of COVID hospital visits are not allowed at the moment) and they would like to receive communion, please consider this opportunity for you to help with our Communion to the Sick. This list continues to grow in all parishes. We will organise a short training session for new ministers after a weekend Mass in January 2022.

For more information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

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 when school returns in 2022. For further details please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office on 5021 2872.

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.

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

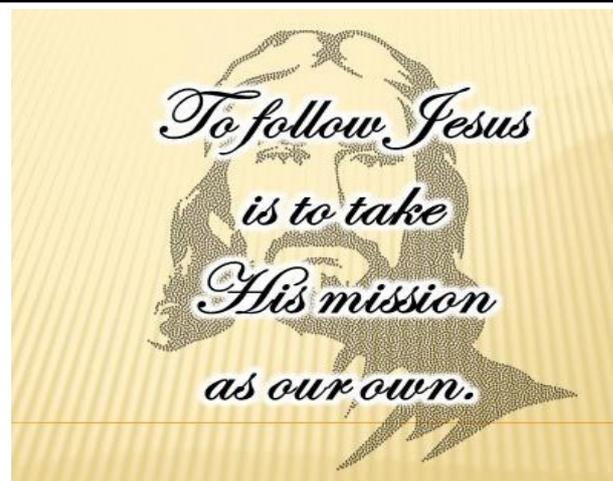
Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30am Monaghan Centre

Legion's of Mary: Sat 10:15am

Caritas Appeal for Tonga

Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation. Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas. The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth *is* divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming "the Lord's Year of *Acceptance*", Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to *relax!!* Holiness is not a matter of our *striving*, but of *accepting* that we are *accepted* by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is.

We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of *Acceptance*', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

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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.

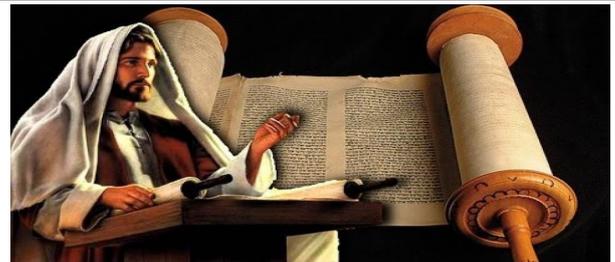
Mildura: Rosemary Byrne, Nancy Panuccio,

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 982.75	\$140.60	\$115.45
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2333.40	\$173.50	\$228.80
Loose Plate	\$ 570.80	\$ 51.35	\$ 12.80



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 22nd & 23rd January 2022

Next weekend - 29th & 30th January 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael
Sun 9am: T Faingaanuku
Sun 5pm: G Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, Taiana Fatai
Sun 9am: M Faingaanuku, N Fatai, J Webster
Sun 5pm: S Hermans, N Kennedy, T Cirillo

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 5pm: No Music

Counting Team: Group 6—W Carmichael

Irymple

Reader: K Modoo

Merbein

Reader: F Sabo
Offertory: O'Connor Family

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, M Lee
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: Russo Family
Altar Servers: School Holidays
Eucharistic Minister: J Cameron
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: J Cameron



Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: G Huxtable
Sun 9am: J O'Brien
Sun 5pm: B Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers: 3

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, K Quinlan
Sun 9am: P O'Donnell, G Johnston, G Raiti
Sun 5pm: J Zema, M Zema, J Jose

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri
Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis,
J O'Bryan
Sun 5pm: No Music

Counting Team: Group 7—J Farrelly

Irymple

Reader: D Knight

Merbein

Reader: J O'Connor
Offertory: Prevedello Family

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, M Monteleone
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: M Bell
Altar Servers: School Holidays
Eucharistic Minister: M Dominelli
Church Cleaning: J Hazeldene
Flowers: J Cameron



Next Weekends Readings: - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 29th & 30th January 2022

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17
Response: I will sing of your salvation.
2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31—13:13
Gospel: Luke 4:21-20



First Reading

Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

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

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’