

# 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*

## 3rd Sunday of Easter / Year C 30th April & 1st May 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Girolima Scopelliti, Anna Tassone, Frank Gadanec, Elizabeth (Betty) Chandler,

### Mildura

Anniversaries:

Sunday 8.30am: Rosa Lamattina

Sunday 9am: Helen Grivec, Karen Belej

Sunday 5pm: Maria Nguyen

Friday 6pm: Maria Dichiera (one year anniversary)

### Red Cliffs

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

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Teresa Dichiera

*(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

## Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

### Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th June

### 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

## Message from our Parish Priest

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Is the psalm response, how many times in my life have I said this. In time of need and of trial but also in the daily moments in life.

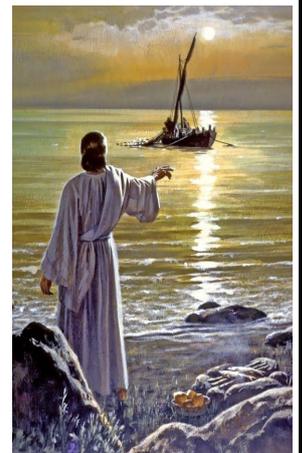
Jesus appears to the disciples again and encourages them to cast the nets in another direction. What happens if we move in another direction in life. What encounters do we have with others and what are the gifts we receive.

This week nearly 200 of our younger members commenced their preparation for Confirmation which will be celebrated in June let us pray for them and their families during this time.

This weekend the Mildura community celebrates St Peter Chanel with the Tongan Community. I hope that there celebration goes well.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas



## Anointing Masses for the month of May

Red Cliffs: 12th May 5.30pm

Merbein: 20th May 9.30am (unless cancelled due to funeral)

Mildura: 27th May 9.30am (unless cancelled due to funeral)

## Advance Notice

### Ordinations to the Priesthood

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 7.00pm.

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For May 2022

**Tue 3 May:** Bereavement Team meeting, Parish Office 10.30am

**Sun 8 May:** Trading Table & Cuppa Red Cliffs Church after 10am Mass.

**Sun 8 May:** Trading Table after the 5pm Mass

**Mon 9 May:** Knights of the Southern Cross meeting, KSC Clubrooms 7.30pm

**Tue 10 May:** Princes Court Aged Care Service 10am

**Sun 15 May:** OLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass

**Wed 18 May:** Oasis Aged Care Service 10.30am

**Sun 22 May:** Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass

**Tue 24 May:** Sacred Heart Finance meeting 7.30am, Parish Office

**Tue 24 May:** BUPA Aged Care Service 10.30am

**Tue 24 May:** Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting, Monaghan Centre after 6pm Mass

**Wed 25 May:** Baptism Preparation meeting, Monaghan Centre 7pm

**Sun 29 May:** Youth Mass

### Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Franky Rizzica** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



### Weddings

We congratulate **Rocky Pignataro & Connie Brigante** who were married this weekend.



### RCIA

Reflection on your Initiation

Thursday 5th May 7pm, Monaghan Centre



### Trading Table Helper

If you are able to help Sr Helen with the Trading Table on Sunday 8th May after the 5pm Mass, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

## 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:** Tuesday after 6pm Mass



**Project  
Compassion  
Envelopes or boxes**



Reminder, that if you still have at home Project Compassion envelopes or box please return to the Sacred Heart Parish Office by Friday 6th May.



### WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our first Werrimull Bus trip for 2020 will be held on Sunday 30th May. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.

### Mass Counts

Mass counts will occur during the next 4 weekends:-  
7th & 8th May, 14th & 15th May and 21st & 22nd May & 28th & 29th May

### Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for May: **For faith-filled young people:** We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

### Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day.

Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome.

We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933].

They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace.

May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests.

Please, no more war.

### National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. There is also, "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

# LOCAL NEWS

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

|           | MILDURA         | RED CLIFFS | MERBEIN |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| MONDAY    |                 |            |         |
| TUESDAY   | 6PM             | 9:30AM     |         |
| WEDNESDAY | FUNERAL 10.30AM |            |         |
| THURSDAY  | FUNERAL 10.30AM | 5:30PM     | 9:30AM  |
| FRIDAY    | 6PM             |            |         |

## 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:** Bernadette Kerr, Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Ruth Michel (Werrimull), Rosemary Byrne

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

| Last week's collections   | Mildura   | Merbein  | Red Cliffs |
|---|-----------|----------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection<br>(supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$1245.90 | \$117.40 | \$138.55   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection<br>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)       | \$ 535.   | \$180.00 | \$137.00   |
| Loose Plate   | \$ 699.80 | \$ 34.60 | \$         |
| Holy Land   | \$1345.20 | \$171.80 | \$249.65   |

## 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 22nd at 9am.

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

**This weekend - 30th April & 1st May 2022**

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: G Huxtable

Sun 9am: T Faingaanuku

Sun 5pm: B Kelly

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3 people

Sat 6pm: A Naray, K Quinlan, V Pileggi

Sun 9am: J Cresp, volunteers please

Sun 5pm: M Rodi, M Irvin, S Hermans

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Sullivan

Sun 9am: Tongan Community, M Guthrie

Sun 5pm: M Hammond & J Ljubic

**Offertory Procession:**

Sat 6pm: Baptism Family

**Counting Team:** Group 10—H Kay

### Irymple

**Reader:** W Schmidt

### Merbein

**Reader:** B Wells

**Offertory:** K McCarthy, K Wagner

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Lewis,

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** C Cavallaro

**Altar Servers:** Group 1

**Eucharistic Minister:** J Vines

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** R Chase

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

**Next weekend - 7th & 8th May 2022**

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: K Quinlan

Sun 9am: J O'Brien

Sun 5pm: B Dolence

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3 people

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

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

Sun 5pm: N Kennedy, T Cirillo, J Zema

**Music:** Sat 6pm: Sacred Heart School

Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon

Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: M Gobbo

**Counting Team:** Group 1—G Lavery

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hill

### Merbein

**Reader:** E Piscioneri

**Offertory:** E & S Iamarino

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Slater, A Higham

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** F Dominelli

**Altar Servers:** Goup 2

**Eucharistic Minister:** G Brizzi

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** R Chase

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

**Next Weekends Readings: - 4th Sunday of Easter Year C — 7th & 8th May 2022**

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:1-3, 5

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30



## First Reading

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading

Rv 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 21:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

## The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart and  
break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.  
Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.  
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.