

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 Lent / Year C 19th & 20th March 2022

RECENT DEATHS

William (Bill) Duncan

Mildura

Anniversaries: Frank Dichiera (5 year anniversary), Michael James McGlashan (10 year anniversary), Sr Grace Rogers, Brian Weightman

Recent Birthday: Tiana Fakaua (1st Birthday)

Saturday 6pm: Lucia, Maria & Peter Tran & All souls,

Leo Timpano, Natale Mamnone, Lawrence Naray,

Sunday 9am: Sr Grace Rogers

Sunday 5pm: Ilario Dichiera, Domenico Ficarra,

Tuesday 6pm: Antonio Medici (10 year anniversary), Giuseppe Vallelonga

Friday 6pm: Grazia Cammisotto (30 day mass)

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Giuseppe D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone

Merbein: Anniversaries: Vincenzo Bardieri

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.

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

Reconciliation (Grade 3 and above)

The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place
Wednesday 6th April 7pm Sacred Heart Church

Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

Parent Meeting Wed 27th April 7pm, SH Church
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

We welcome Bishop Paul who is visiting us this weekend, we congratulate St Joseph's College on the Blessing and Opening of the Heritage Centre and to the Sisters of Mercy in recognition of their dedicated work and service to the region.

'The Lord is kind and merciful' is the response to the psalm, what does this say to us? How and when do we see the Lord's Kindness and mercy being shown and when do I show it to others?

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

Easter Services

Holy Thursday 14th April

5pm Our Lady's Merbein
6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Lent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 30th March 7pm
Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Good Friday 15th April

3pm Sacred Heart Mildura
3pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
3pm Our Lady's Merbein

The Way of the Cross

Good Friday morning at 9am at
Sacred Heart Church Mildura
Followed by a Cuppa and
Hot Cross Bun

Holy Saturday 16th April

6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Anointing Masses

10th March Red Cliffs 5.30pm
17th March Merbein 9.30am
23rd March Mildura 9.30am

Easter Sunday 17th April

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple
9am Sacred Heart Mildura
10.30am Our Lady's Merbein
11am Our Lady of Lourdes
Werrimull
5pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Mass of the Oils

St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat
Monday 11th April

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

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For March 2022

- Sun 20 Mar:** Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass
Tue 22 Mar: Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting 7.30am.
Tues 22 Mar: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre
Tue 22 Mar: BUPA Aged Care service 10.30am.
Wed 23 Mar: Anointing Mass, Mildura church 9.30am
Wed 23 Mar: Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.
Sun 27 Mar: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.
Wed 30 Mar: Communal Reconciliation 7pm.

Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Tiana Fakaua, Ryan Monssen, & Loui Pullman**, whose baptism occurs this weekend.



RCIA

Prayer including Rosary
Thursday 24th March 7pm, Monaghan Centre.

Sacred Heart Family Group

The Sacred Heart Family Group will be gathering at the Gateway for lunch on Sunday 20th March at noon. Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions regards booking on 0350211918.



Ideas for Making the Most during Lent

Praying

Fasting

Volunteering

Almsgiving

Project Compassion Envelopes



Stations of the Cross:

Fridays from 6.45pm Indian Community. All welcome.
Friday from 7.30pm Tongan Community. All welcome.

Communal celebration of Reconciliation

Wed 30th March 7pm Sacred Heart Church Mildura.

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



3rd Sunday of Lent
19th & 20th March



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Musicians—Sacred Heart Church

A new music roster is about to be drawn up. If you would like to be on the roster, please let the parish office know by the end of this month. All newcomers will be welcome with open arms! For those already rostered, it will be presumed that you wish to continue unless you inform the office otherwise. Thank you all for your support.

Marion Guthrie



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
RED CLIFFS
COMMUNITY CLUB
TRIVIA NIGHT!

Let's Travel
the WORLD

FRIDAY APRIL 1ST
AT ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
17 FITZROY AVENUE, RED CLIFFS VIC 3496

Tickets can be purchased for \$20 by contacting Naomi at the school on 50241654.

Stations of the Cross Red Cliffs Church

Will be held on Monday 21st March at 10am.

All welcome.

Lenten discussion group will follow on from the Stations of the Cross. All welcome.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener: I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by: watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

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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: Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Ruth Michel (Werrimull), Rosemary Byrne, Nancy Panuccio,

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

| Last week's collections | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
|--|-----------|----------|------------|
| 1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$1193.35 | \$ 83.00 | \$163.65 |
| 2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC) | \$ 958.00 | \$128.20 | \$122.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 301.25 | \$ 73.30 | \$ 70.30 |
| Trading Table | | | \$ 95.80 |



SONGS OF ITALY
Diva
In the Outback

22nd of April - Wentworth town hall - 7:00pm
 24th of April - Grand hotel, Mildura
 Chandelier Room - 2:30pm

Bella Italia Duo
 Michelle Francis Cook (International Soprano)
 Roxanne Viggiano (Piano Accompanist)

TICKETS AT DOOR \$45 / \$40 CONCESSION

Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/3BuumlOw>

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 19th & 20th March 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue

Sun 9am: Volunteer

Sun 5pm: Rosemarie Zalec

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: A Naray & 2 volunteers please

Sun 9am: K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, J Webster

Sun 5pm: T Cirillo, J Zema, M Zema

Music: Sat 6pm: M Issanchon, J Ljubic

Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie

Sun 5pm: S Faight, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism

Counting Team: Group 4—Maria Roper

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: V Knight

Offertory: C Knight & F Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, D Eagle

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: N Orr

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Minister: M Monteleone

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteer

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

Next weekend - 26th & 27th March 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Barnes

Sun 9am: P Opie

Sun 5pm: J Joslyn

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

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

Sun 9am: S Opie, P Opie, E Mazza

Sun 5pm: J Jose, C Slattery, C Carlucci

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie. All welcome

Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon

Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L Belej

Counting Team: Group 5—H Kay

Irymple

Reader: K Modoo

Merbein

Reader: K Aston

Offertory: F Cox, V McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, T Gardiner

Music: Tongan Choir

Offertory Procession: Russo Family

Altar Servers: Group 2

Eucharistic Minister: N Morello

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Volunteer

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

Next Weekends Readings: - 4th Sunday of Lent Year C — 26th & 27th March 2022

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-7

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



First Reading

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"' "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

