

# 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*

## 4th Sunday of Easter / Year C 7th & 8th May 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

#### Mildura

#### Anniversaries:

Sunday 8.30am: Caterina Treccase (De Maria)

Tuesday 6pm: Magdaletha John

Friday 6pm: Emma Deluca

#### Red Cliffs

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

#### Merbein

Anniversaries: Raymond Deed, Jack Lang, Colleen Hill, Connie Croft, June Jewell, Marj Onslow

*(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

This weekend we celebrate Mothers Day! This is a great way to celebrate our Mothers, and those who are motherly figures in our lives. We give thanks for all that they offer us. We also pray for and acknowledge those who long to be mothers and are unable to have children of their own.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock today's response calls us to follow Jesus as our Shepherd and as being part of his flock we are working together to build up the kingdom of God.

This weekend we also have our Confirmation candidates with us as they receive the Nicene Creed, as part of their preparation for the celebration of the sacrament.

God bless you all.

*Fr Matthew Thomas*

### 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. All welcome.

Due to COVID there will be no food and drinks served this year.

### 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)

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For May 2022

**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

## Weddings

We congratulate **Marlon Estrada & Charmaine Tutud** who were married last week and **Daniel Calvi & Sophie McKenzie** who were married this weekend.

## Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Emma Circosta & Dante Mazza** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



## RCIA



Social Justice

Thursday 12th May 7pm, Monaghan Centre

## Mass Counts

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

## 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

## Musicians/Leaders

The new 'Music Roster' is now available to all parish musicians and leaders.



Please collect your copy from the top of the cupboard near the organ.

Thank you for giving your time and gifts to our parish community. It is appreciated.

Thank you,  
Marion Guthrie



## WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our first Werrimull Bus trip for 2022 will be held on Sunday 29th May. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.

## Trading Table Helper—Sacred Heart Church

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



Also looking for helpers for CUPPAS—at this stage we are unable to have CUPPAS unless we have a few volunteers to help out.

## Trading Stalls Red Cliffs 8th May

This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in at Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass. Proceeds from the Trading Stall will go to St Joseph's Primary School Breakfast Club.

## 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.

## Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God, we pray for our mothers,  
who have given us life and love,  
that we may show them reverence and love,  
and others who show us a mother's love.  
We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to  
give birth but experience challenges,  
that they know your care.  
We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death,  
that their faith may give them hope,  
and their family and friends support and console them.  
We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers,  
but are not able to do so,  
that they know your comfort.  
We pray for mothers who have died,  
that God may bring them into the joy of his  
kingdom.  
Amen.

# LOCAL NEWS

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6PM	NO MASS	
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:** Caleb Bowers, Bernadette Kerr, Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 1074.25	\$146.30	\$102.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1001.00	\$120.00	\$125.00
Loose Plate	\$ 596.00	\$ 74.65	\$ 26.70



## ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This 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:** J O'Connor  
**Offertory:** J & A O'Connor

### 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 weekend - 14th & 15th May 2022

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: R Barnes  
Sun 9am: R Tam  
Sun 5pm: C Slattery

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, T Fatai  
Sun 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica, L Welsh  
Sun 5pm: M Zema, J Jose, C Slattery

**Music:** Sat 6pm:  
Sun 9am:  
Sun 5pm: No Music

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: Baptism Family

**Counting Team:** Group 2—J De Jong

### Irymple

**Reader:** P Riordan

### Merbein

**Reader:** E Piscioneri  
**Offertory:** E & S Iamarino

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Bell, T Gardiner  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Offertory Procession:** Lewis Family  
**Altar Servers:** Group 3  
**Eucharistic Minister:** J Cameron  
**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers  
**Flowers:** R Chase

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

Next Weekends Readings: - 5th Sunday of Easter Year C — 14th & 15th May 2022

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13  
Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.  
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5  
Gospel: John 13:31-35



## First Reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading

Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than  
anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'



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Invitation to the  
The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat  
Pre-Synodal Celebration Synod of Bishops 2021 -2023  
Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass  
to acknowledge the conclusion of the first phase of the  
Synodal process on Sunday,  
May 15, 2022 at 10.30am in  
St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.  
All people of the diocese are welcome to attend.