

# 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*

## 5th Sunday of Easter / Year B 1st & 2nd May 2021

### RECENT DEATHS

Lily Flanagan (Fr Pat's sister-in-law)  
 Teresa Chiera –30 day Mass (Sunday 9th May 10.30am Merbein)

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Mildura

Sunday 9am: Giovanna Rizzuto, Godofredo Tac-an, Helen Grivec, Karen Belej (5yr anniversary)  
 Sunday 5pm:

#### Red Cliffs

#### Merbein

Anniversaries: Harry Jay, Jack McDonald, Frank Chandler, Cosimo Dichiera

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

## Message from our Parish Priest

*This weekend we welcome Fr James back to the region. Fr James will celebrate the Sunday Masses at 9am and 5pm at Mildura and 1030am at Merbein. This is an opportunity to thank him for his ministry while here as a the assistant priest over the past few years.*

*This coming week Fr Shaiju will be away from Sunday afternoon until Saturday night please note that a couple of the weekday masses have been cancelled, please check bulletin for weekday mass times. We hope that he enjoys his week away.*

God bless!  
 Fr Matthew

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.

### Mass Counts

Over the month of May at all masses there will be the annual mass count. I ask that the collector at the masses count the people attending that service.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF SUNRAYISIA  
 ARE NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

## ENROLMENTS OPEN

St Paul's, Mildura  
 Sacred Heart, Mildura  
 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Merbein  
 St Joseph's, Red Cliffs



Please contact the required school to find out more information

<b>St Paul's</b>	Ph 03 5023 4567	Email office@spmildura.catholic.edu.au
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Ph 03 5023 1204	Email office@shmildura.catholic.edu.au
<b>OLSH Merbein</b>	Ph 03 5025 2258	Email admin@olshmerbein.catholic.edu.au
<b>St Joseph's Red Cliffs</b>	Ph 03 5024 1654	Email admin@jredcliffs.catholic.edu.au

Information  
 & 2022  
 Enrolment  
 Packs  
 available

# LOCAL NEWS

“Engaging Your Faith” is a series of short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Church History, Reading the Church Classics, The Eucharist, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of CTC. Choose from 8 online sessions – choose one, choose all, choose what interests you. Sessions will be delivered via zoom and will be held from May 11– 31, 2021 at \$20.00 per session. Registration is essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=747351&>



## Telephone Update

At this stage our 5021 2872 phone line has been diverted to the Presbytery mobile phone number and we are currently in dialogue with our provider to see if we are able to keep our existing number. Unfortunately, we have been told that this will take a number of weeks.

## Confirmation Preparation

Please pray for our families who are preparing their children to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost by saying the St Augustine’s Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



## St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

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## 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).



The Mildura Tongan Catholic Community would like to thank all involved with the celebration of the St Peter Chanel Mass last weekend. It was wonderful to see such support and attendance for this yearly feast.

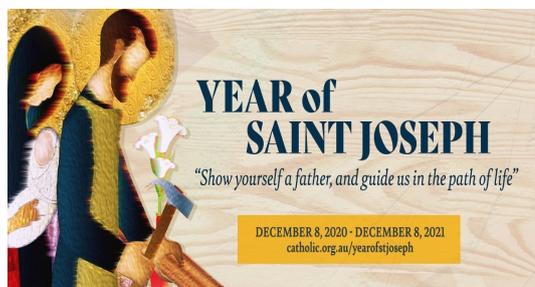
The Sacred Heart Parish would also like to take this opportunity in thanking the Mildura Tongan Catholic Community for their wonderful donation of \$4,500.00 which they have asked to go towards the Monaghan Centre Loan.

## Red Cliffs Trading Table

Raised \$44.60 which will go towards the Project Compassion total for Red Cliffs.

## Year of St Joseph

Daily and monthly reflections can be found on the Australian Bishops Conference Webpage <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



## Important Dates for May 2021

- Tuesday 4th May:** Bereavement Team Meeting, Sacred Heart Parish Office 9am
- Sunday 9th May:** Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.
- Monday 10th May:** KSC monthly meeting KSC clubrooms 7.30pm
- Tuesday 11th May:** Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting 7.30am
- Tuesday 11th May:** Princes Court Aged Care Mass 10am
- Tuesday 11th May:** Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre.
- Sunday 16th May:** OLSH Merbein Parish Council after 10.30am Mass
- Wednesday 19th May:** Oasis Aged Care Mass 10.30am
- Tuesday 25th May:** BUPA Aged Care Mass 10.30am
- Wednesday 26th May:** Baptism Preparation Evening, 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

## 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 11:30 am Church

# LOCAL NEWS

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6:00PM	9.30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	No 9.30AM	
THURSDAY	No 9.30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	No 6PM	(FR MATT HAS FUNERAL BERRIWILLOCK)	
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, Rosina Gallace, Nancy Panuccio

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1250.75	\$ 89.85	\$186.55
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 930.65	\$127.00	\$187.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$ 476.70	\$ 30.10	\$ 47.20
<b>Project Compassion to date</b>	\$3011.85	\$ 19.25	\$1479.10

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

## ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

### This weekend — 1st & 2nd May 2021

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

#### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: K Quinlan  
Sunday 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sunday 5pm: Barb Kelly

**Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: M Cirillo, V Pileggi  
Sunday 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sunday 5pm: M Irvin, S Hermans

**Offertory Procession:**

Saturday 6pm:  
Sunday 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sunday 5pm:

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, B Prescott  
Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo, Filipino Community  
Sun 5pm: S Faight, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team:** Team 8—T Aust

#### Irymple

**Reader:** D Knight

#### Merbein

**Reader:** Elvira Piscioneri

#### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Bell, M Bowering  
**Altar Servers:** L Dowling, S Foster, J Foster  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Offertory Procession:** N Orr  
**Counting Team:** K Castle, P Roy  
**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** J Vines  
**Church Cleaning:** Cleaner  
**Flowers:** R Chase

### Next weekend - 8th & 9th May 2021

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

#### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: Mary Jackson  
Sunday 9am: Nicholas Mataeli  
Sunday 5pm: Bill Dolence

**Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, R O'Callaghan  
Sunday 9am: P O'Donnell, J Rocca  
Sunday 5pm: M Zema, J Zema

**Offertory Procession:**

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

**Music:** Sat 6pm: Mothers' Day, Sacred Heart School  
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan  
Sun 5pm: S Faight, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team:** Team 9—G Dolence

#### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hoy

#### Merbein

**Reader:**

#### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Cameron, M Duck  
**Altar Servers:** M Holt, L Cameron  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Offertory Procession:** M Matotek  
**Counting Team:** K Castle, P Roy  
**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** G Brizzi  
**Church Cleaning:** Group 6: J & T Lewis, B Gardner, S Williams  
**Flowers:** R Chase

### Next Weekends Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter 8th & 9th May 2021

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
Responsorial: Ps 97:1-4  
Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.  
2nd Reading: John 4:7-10  
Gospel: John 15:9-17



## First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.  
(R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are the children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.  
My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
– he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the  
fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear  
much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

### QR Codes

Under the Victorian Government COVID regulations all venues must now use the QR code, **manual sign in sheets is now no longer allowed.** All churches will have an I-pad & operator to assist with registrations. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to register this way.