

# 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*

## 6th Sunday of Easter / Year B 8th & 9th May 2021

### RECENT DEATHS

Maria Dichiera

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Mildura

Sunday 9am: Magdaletha John  
 Saturday 9.30am: Emil Kondratow

#### Red Cliffs

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

#### Merbein

Anniversaries: Teresa Chiera (30 day Mass), Ramon Deed, Jack Lang, Colleen Hill, Connie Croft, June Jewell, Marj Onslow, Barbara Matotek, Robert Braidie

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

## Message from our Parish Priest

*This weekend we celebrate Mothers Day, this is a great time to remember and honour our Mothers. We also need to acknowledge those women who are not our mothers but who take on and support us in a motherly way.*

*I always remember as kids cooking Mum breakfast in bed, she hated this as we managed every year to not butter the toast properly and get crumbs in the bed, she much preferred to have breakfast in the kitchen.*

*How do we and did we celebrate Mothers Day with our Mums, what has changed and how can we remember and celebrate them today. Could be by prayer, skype, text or a visit to their home or the Cemetery with new flowers.*

*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

## Baptisms

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish community Ava Campisi, Dominic Smith, Grace Lamattina, Abigail Svrtta, Sebastian Frasca and Thea Caristo— whose baptism occurs this weekend.



## Trading Stall Sacred Heart Church

Will be held this Sunday after the 9am Mass—goods for the trading stall would be greatly appreciated.



## Confirmation Preparation

Please pray for our families who are preparing their children to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost—from May 21st—23rd.

## Pentecost Prayer

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

- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

## Sacred Heart Family Group

This month's outing will be a lunch which will be held at the Mildura RSL at 12noon, Sunday May 16th. For further information or to make a booking please contact Moya on 0407 350 568.



## 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

## Advance Notice

The Italian Community will be celebrating the annual Feast of St Anthony Mass on Sunday 20th June at **5pm**. Tickets for the raffle are available at \$2.00 each.

Sausage sizzle to follow after Mass. All welcome.



*Thank You!*

The Filipino Community would like to take this opportunity in thanking all involved with the celebration of the Flores de Mayo Mass last weekend. To Fr James for celebrating this Mass and to parishioners for your support and attendance. Thank you.

## 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.



## CATECHISM

### Missionary of Charity Sisters

We are pleased to announce the commencement of the Catechist Program for our younger parishioners. This group is designed for children aged 3 and above. Sessions will commence on Saturday 15th May from 10am—11am, in the Monaghan Centre at the conclusion of the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Fr Shaiju will shortly be commencing a program for the Youth. Further details in next weekend's bulletin.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

## Important Dates for May 2021

**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.

# 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	9.30AM	
THURSDAY	9.30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6PM		
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:** Nick Alvino, Helen Grogan, Nancy Panuccio

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1787.55	\$ 95.20	\$209.15
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 811.20	\$110.00	\$137.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$ 681.55	\$ 40.50	\$ 32.20
<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 — 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 Faite, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team:** Team 9—G Dolence

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hoy

### Merbein

**Reader:** J O'Connor

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Cameron, M Duck

**Altar Servers:** B Williams, A Lindeman

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:**

**Counting Team:** K Castle, P Roy

**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** G Brizzi

**Church Cleaning:** Group 6: J & T Lewis, G Gardner, S Williams

**Flowers:** R Chase

**Next weekend - 15th & 16th May 2021**

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: R Barnes  
Sunday 9am: M Kamara  
Sunday 5pm: C Slattery

**Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: J Deacon, K Quinlan  
Sunday 9am: L Belej, G Raiti  
Sunday 5pm: P Cox, J Macri

**Offertory Procession:**

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

**Music:** Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon  
Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie  
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

**Counting Team:** Team 10—W Carmichael

### Irymple

**Reader:** G McCracken

### Merbein

**Reader:** Jeanette Ellis

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** D Eagle, T Gardiner

**Altar Servers:** M Holt, L Cameron

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:**

**Counting Team:** K Castle, P Roy

**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** J Cameron

**Church Cleaning:** Cleaner

**Flowers:** R Chase

**Next Weekends Readings: 7th Sunday of Easter 15th & 16th May 2021**

1st Reading: Apostles 1:1-11

Responsorial: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-13

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



## First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and  
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to  
them.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'



### QR Codes

Under the Victorian Government COVID regulations all venues must now use the QR code provided, **manual sign in sheets is now no longer allowed.** All churches will have a Tablet and supervisor to help with registering. **Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to register this way.**