

# 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 C 21st & 22nd May 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Irene Robinson

### Mildura

Anniversaries: Joe Kearney

Saturday 6pm: Louis Gauci

Sunday 9am: Jim Bowring, Angelo Grande, Rosa Modica

Frank Balistrieri (Griffiths-brother of Rita Mosello)

Sunday 5pm: Vincenzo Pileggi, Maria Giuseppa Pascale, Antonio Carlucci, Anna Tassone (30 day Mass), Caterina Barbaro (Aunty of Anna Tassone)

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Vince Matotek, Angelo Grande, Warrick Cook, Gert Farrell, Alma Hamence, Frank Matotek, Antonia & Giuseppe Mammone

*(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



### Baptism

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

### Weddings

We congratulate **Joseph Spagnolo & Maria Ienco** who were married this weekend.



## Message from our Parish Priest

Jesus offers us the Peace of the God, which is a great gift for us to share with others. Peace is a beautiful gift and is similar to his Love which can be given freely.

On Tuesday we will celebrate Mary Help of Christians. Let us use Tuesday as a day to reflect and give thanks for all that the Blessed Virgin Mary does for us.

Next Sunday (29th May) we will be having our First Youth Mass for the year, this will be at the 5pm Mass and there will be Pizza for tea after Mass, everyone most welcome.

O God, let all the nations praise you! Is today's response to the psalm. When praising God do I do this publicly or privately, how do I show it and how do I respond if others do it differently to me .

We celebrate with the Filipino Community this weekend as we honour Our Lady with the Flores de Mayo.

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 this Sunday, May 22nd at 9am. All welcome.



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

Whoever loves  
 me will keep my  
 word.  
 John 14:23



# LOCAL NEWS



## Advance Notice Feast of St Anthony

The Italian Community will be celebrating their annual Feast of St Anthony with a Mass on Sunday 19th June at 9am.

All are invited to stay for morning tea.

## Plenary Council Update

What is happening in the Plenary, how does it concern you and the future of the Church in Australia? Listen, engage and pray with Marie Shaddock a member of the Plenary Council. All welcome.

**When:** Thursday 16th June

**Where:** OLSH Church Merbein 10.15am  
Monaghan Centre, Mildura 2pm  
St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs 4.30pm

## Sunraysia Theresians

THERESIANS is a Global ministry founded in the Catholic Tradition.

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm and welcome anyone who would care to join this night of fellowship with us.

Theresians pledge support by prayerfully nurturing, affirming and empowering one another to become the women God intends them to be.

Spirituality, Vocation, Education, Community and Ministry are our FIVE DIMENSIONS.

A 'Cuppa' will be shared after the 10.30am Mass at Merbein on 22nd May and we would love to meet you there.

(Frances Sabo 0417 745 295)

## Sacred Heart Church—Readers Roster

A new Readers Roster will soon be available. If changes need to be made by the current roster that is if you are looking at becoming a reader, or changing your current Mass time or if you simply would like to come off the list please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 no later than Tuesday 7th June.

## Sacred Heart Family Group

Will be lunching at café 1909 on Sunday 22 May at noon. Please let Chris know your intentions on 50220565 or 0401076655. All welcome to join us.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For May 2022

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

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

**Thu 26 May:** St Anthony Committee meeting

**Sun 29 May:** Youth Mass, 5pm

## RCIA

Local Community Outreach

Thursday 26th May 7pm, Monaghan Centre



## Werrimull Bus Trip

Our first Werrimull Bus trip for 2022 will be held on Sunday 29th May departing 10am 12th St entrance. Lunch at the pub will follow. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 to make a booking or for further information.

## Sunraysia Catholic Communities Confirmation 2022

### Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

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

**All children are to be reminded the practice session is on this Wednesday 25th May from 5pm.**

Reminder that worksheets 1-3 should have been already handed in.

## Mass Counts

Mass counts will continue to occur during these weekends:

21st & 22nd May and 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

# LOCAL NEWS

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY	FUNERAL 10.30AM		
TUESDAY	6PM	9:30AM	
WEDNESDAY	FUNERAL 10.30AM		
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, Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 789.80	\$	\$147.05
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1636.80	\$186.00	\$ 151.80
Loose Plate	\$ 330.30	\$ 76.65	\$ 48.10



## Advance Notice Ordinations to the Priesthood

Please pray for 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.

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 21st & 22nd May 2022

Next weekend - 28th & 29th May 2022

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: R Tongue  
Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sun 5pm: B Bunting

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, Volunteer  
Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sun 5pm: V & C Carlucci, J Macri

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome  
Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sun 5pm: S Faiza, K Mapapalangi

**Offertory Procession**

Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo

**Counting Team:** Group 3—P McDonald

### Irymple

**Reader:** G Schmidt

### Merbein

**Reader:** V Knight  
**Offertory:** C Knight, F Sabo

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Cameron, D Eagle  
**Music:** Tongan Choir  
**Offertory Procession:** N Orr  
**Altar Servers:** Group 4  
**Eucharistic Minister:** C Cavallaro  
**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers  
**Flowers:** R Chase

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



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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: A Naray  
Sun 9am: M Munro  
Sun 5pm: Youth Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr  
Sun 9am: R & R Op't Hoog, volunteer please  
Sun 5pm: P Cox, J Boord, J Macri

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic  
Sun 9am: M Sullivan, P Prescott, M Bowring,  
B Lewis

Sun 5pm: Youth Mass, S Faiza, K Mapapalangi

**Offertory Procession**

Sun 9am: C & L Welsh

**Counting Team:** Group 4—M Roper

### Irymple

**Reader:** K Modoo

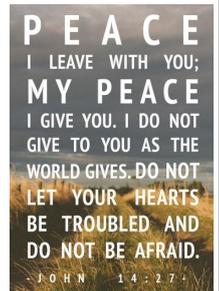
### Merbein

**Reader:** N Prevedello  
**Offertory:** N & B Prevedello

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Duck, A Higham  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Offertory Procession:** Russo Family  
**Altar Servers:** Group 5  
**Eucharistic Minister:** M Dominelli  
**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers  
**Flowers:** R Chase

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



Next Weekends Readings: - The Ascension of the Lord Year C — 28th & 29th May 2022

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23  
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53



## First Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)



**My Peace I Leave with you.**

## Second Reading

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

## 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 14:23-29

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

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'