

# 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*

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 19th & 20th February 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

#### Mildura

Anniversaries: Elena Francesca Callipari  
 Saturday 6pm: Salvatore Littore (30 day Mass)  
 Sunday 8.30am: Angela Spadaccini, Rosa & Grace Lamattina  
 Sunday 9am: Margaret Hilda Bowring  
 Sunday 5pm: Vincenza Carlucci-Appollini, Joan Beer (one year anniversary)  
 Friday 6ppm: Eugenio Timpano (one year anniversary)

#### Red Cliffs

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

#### Merbein

Anniversaries: Betty Hudson, Alice McCleary, Steve McCarthy, Anthony Callahan, Victoria Candia, Lola Warburton

*(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.

### Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

**Reconciliation (Grade 3 and above)**  
 Parent Meeting Wed 23rd Feb 7pm, SH Church  
 Wednesday 6th April 7pm SH 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

*I give you a new commandment;  
 love one another as I have loved you.*

Jesus reminds us to Love another, as he has loved us. Unconditionally, without judgement, whole hearted, through good times and challenges. This is often easier said than done. We can get hurt by actions and words from others. Jesus knows this too well as he was challenged and hurt by others all through his ministry and of course at the final stages of his life.

Today let us learn from the past, live the present and be prepared for the future.

Fr Shaiju and most of the priests of the Diocese will be on retreat in Halls Gap this week, let us pray for them as they will be praying for us.

God bless you all.

*Fr Matthew Thomas*

### Ash Wednesday Mass Times

**Vigil** Tuesday 1st March  
 6pm Sacred Heart Mildura

**Ash Wednesday 2nd March**  
 9.30am St Joseph's Red Cliffs  
 10am Sacred Heart Mildura  
 11.30am Our Lady's Merbein  
 6pm Sacred Heart Mildura



### Please abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- . Masks to be worn in church from 8 years old & up
- . Use the hand sanitizer
- . If you are feeling unwell please stay home

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For February 2022

**Sun 20 Feb:** Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass.

**Tues 22 Feb:** Mildura Finance meeting, 7.30am, Parish Office.

**Tues 22 Feb:** Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre.

**Wed 23 Feb:** Anointing Mass—Mildura 9.30am

**Wed 23 Feb:** Sacramental Meeting-Reconciliation, 7pm Sacred Heart Church.

**Wed 23 Feb:** Baptism Preparation evening, 7pm Monaghan Centre.

**Sun 27 Feb:** Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.



### Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Giaan Caminiti, Lola Caristo, Michael Corrie and Frey Creighton** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

### Weddings

We congratulate **Robert Davoli & Jenny Cricelli** who were married this weekend and **Basil Hon & Joyce Lee** on Tuesday.



### RCIY

If you are between the **ages of 12 and 18** and are yet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist and /or Confirmation. We are looking at commencing a program when school returns in 2022. For further details please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office on 5021 2872.



### Sunraysia Sacramental Program Reconciliation for Grade 3 and above

Reminder that a Parent Information evening will take place this Wednesday, 23rd of February at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration of *Reconciliation* for these children will be held on **Wednesday 6th April at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church**. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 for further information.

### 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

### Lenten Discussion Group—Mildura

**Venue:** Monaghan Centre

**Thursdays** during Lent

**Time:** 3-4pm

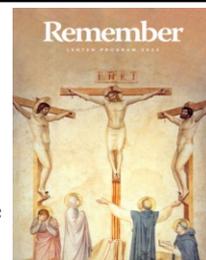
All are welcome to attend

You will need a copy of the Lenten

Program available from the Parish Office

Please contact Sr Helen for further

details on 0428 734 524



### World Day of Prayer 2022

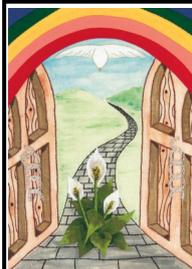
**When:** Friday 4th March

**Time:** 10am

**Where:** St Andrews Uniting Church, Mildura, cnr Deakin Ave & 11th Street

For further information Contact Sandra on: 0408 177 420

The Theme for 2022 is England, Wales and Northern Ireland



The WDP 2022 program is based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia. The exiles were in a context of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing views on how to respond to the moment. Today, we come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI). For Jeremiah, God's plan was clear, and we share this assurance by singing it.

We are given a seed of hope to ponder where it needs to be planted in our lives and in our communities. Take this opportunity, to raise awareness on the needs of your community and offer the gifts of prayers and commitment. A seed, nourished by prayers of intercession and actions of love, bind us together around the world.

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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# 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	NO MASS
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:** Ruth Michel (Werrimull), Jill Joslyn, Rosemary Byrne, Nancy Panuccio,

**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)	\$1000.60	\$103.50	\$197.85
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2395.50	\$207.50	\$296.00
Loose Plate	\$ 852.90	\$ 78.15	\$206.00
Trading Table	\$257.00		\$110.30

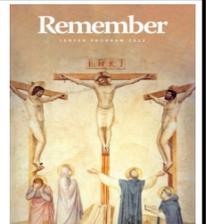
## Lenten Discussion Group—Red Cliffs

Venue: Janine Cameron's House

Mondays commencing 28th February

Time: 10.30am

All are welcome. Please contact Janine for further details on 0438 730 976



# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 19th & 20th February 2022

Next weekend - 26th & 27th February 2022

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: R Tongue  
Sun 9am: M Munro  
Sun 5pm: B Bunting

**Eucharistic Ministers: 3**

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald  
Sun 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica, L Welsh  
Sun 5pm: J Joslyn, W Finn, T Finn

**Music:** Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon  
Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie  
Sun 5pm: S Faifa, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team:** Group 10—Helen Kay

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Duck

### Merbein

**Reader:** N Prevedello

**Offertory:** K Wagner, K McCarthy

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Bell, A Higham

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** Cameron Family

**Altar Servers:**

**Eucharistic Minister:** A Higham

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** Volunteers



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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: A Naray  
Sun 9am: N Mataele  
Sun 5pm: I Sullivan

**Eucharistic Ministers: 3**

Sat 6pm: A Naray, K Quinlan, V Pileggi  
Sun 9am: G Scopacasa, M Scopacasa, S Lewis  
Sun 5pm: B Dolence, J Willis, B Bunting

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri  
Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis, J O'Bryan

**Sun 5pm:** M Hammond, J Ljubic

**Counting Team:** Group 1 — G Lavery

### Irymple

**Reader:** W Schmidt

### Merbein

**Reader:** B Wells

**Offertory:** Aston Family

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Cameron, M Lee

**Music:** Tongan Choir

**Offertory Procession:** C Cavallaro

**Altar Servers:**

**Eucharistic Minister:** P Hill

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** Volunteers



**Next Weekends Readings: - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 26th & 27th February 2022**

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



## First Reading

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. 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 is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

“ But to you *who are listening* I say:

**LOVE YOUR ENEMIES!**

**DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU.**

**BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU.**

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MISTREAT YOU.**

- Jesus -  
(Luke 6:27-28)

10:31

## Second Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

