

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*

The Ascension / Year B 15th & 16th May 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Nick Alvino, Logan Haines, Max Fox

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Rosario Coco (1 month) Maria Sapuppo (1 Month)

Angelo Grande (1 Year)

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm: Emma Deluca

Red Cliffs

Merbein

Anniversaries: Fern Mercer, Jean Fletcher, Maria Zappia,
 Katerina Fabich, Emilia Disciera, Vince Matotek

Message from our Parish Priest

This week Carmel is on holidays so the Office will have limited support and the opening hours will be different. Please ring or send and email if you have any bulletin notices by Thursday please.

Sacramental Preparation is well underway for the candidates in the Mildura and Red Cliffs Parishes for their Confirmation and Merbein Parish for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please pray for the children in all the parishes who are preparing for sacraments at this time.

The Parish stewardship program commences this weekend this is a fantastic opportunity to commit to the life of the parish.

*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 SUNRAYZIA
 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

St Paul's	Ph 03 5023 4567	Email office@spmildura.catholic.edu.au
Sacred Heart	Ph 03 5023 1204	Email office@shmildura.catholic.edu.au
OLSH Merbein	Ph 03 5025 2258	Email admin@olshmerbein.catholic.edu.au
St Joseph's Red Cliffs	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 **Santino Deluca, Theodore Doherty, Hugo Hamence, Francesca Fox, Parker Ghilardi-Borg, Grace Lamattina, Oliver Morffew, Florence Mazza and Pearl Pratt**— whose baptism occurs this weekend.



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.



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)

Confirmation Sacred Heart Church

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



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.

Missionary of Charity Sisters

We are pleased to announce the recommencement 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.

CATECHISM

Important Dates for May 2021

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.

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.



Zone Meeting

Fr Matthew and Fr Shaiju will be at the Northern Zone Clergy Meeting on Tuesday at Swan Hill. There will be no Tuesday morning mass at Red Cliffs this week.

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

Stewardship 2021

Making Connections Within Our Community

During May we will be undertaking an effort to re-connect with all our parishioners who come to Mass here in our catholic community.

This year we want to continue a way of being 'church' with all families who have been coming here for many years, and also with those who are relatively new.

We believe that our faithful parishioners are the 'heart' of our Catholic Community and our desire is that each truly experiences a real sense of belonging, welcome and hospitality.

So, on today we are holding a **'Making Connections' weekend** and we invite all those attending Mass to complete a **Parish Connection Card during Mass**.

These Connection Cards will allow the parish to design and plan meaningful ways to be relevant as 'Church' now and into the future. It will assist us to build upon the formation that has already taken place, assist to update our Parish Census register, and help us prepare well for our forthcoming Parish Stewardship Renewal.

This initiative will apply to **ALL parishioners – old & new**.

Parishioner Connection Cards will be available at all Masses.

Our aim is that **all parishioners** complete a Parish Connection Card at this time.

LOCAL NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6:00PM	No 9.30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	9.30AM	
THURSDAY	FUNERAL NICK ALVINO 1PM No 9.30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6PM		

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, Nancy Panuccio

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1545.95	\$ 95.15	\$297.55
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 925.00	\$ 85.00	\$175.00
Loose Plate	\$ 696.25	\$ 38.70	\$ 89.75
Project Compassion to date	\$3747.75	\$ 19.25	\$1479.10

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

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This 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 weekend - 22nd & 23rd May 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Confirmation Families
Sunday 9am: Confirmation Families
Sunday 5pm: Confirmation Families

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, A Naray, T Fatai
Sunday 9am: E Garreffa, L Walsh, M Wright
Sunday 5pm: B Bunting, T Finn, B Dollence

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm: Confirmation Families
Sunday 9am: Confirmation Families
Sunday 5pm: Confirmation Families

Music: Sat 6pm: SH and St P School
Sun 9am: SH and St P School
Sun 5pm: SH and St P School

Counting Team: Team 1—

Irymple

Reader: M Duck

Merbein

Reader: Francis Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: K Hawks, A Higham
Altar Servers:
Music: Tongan Choir
Offertory Procession: M Suppa
Counting Team: K Castle P Roy
Eucharistic Minister x 1: C Cavallaro
Church Cleaning:
Flowers: R Chase

Next Weekends Readings: Pentecost 22nd & 23rd May 2021

1st Reading:
Responsorial:
Response:
2nd Reading:
Gospel:



Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians-
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord

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.**