

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newsheet: Week 5

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 Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00am—4:00pm

**Sacred Heart Mildura    Our Lady of Lourdes Werrimull    Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Merbein    St. Francis Xavier Trymple    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*

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C 29th & 30th January 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Mike Saunders, Stefanie Loncar, Aileen Griffiths,  
 Mile Abramovic, Salvatore (Mario) Littore

### Mildura

#### Anniversaries:

Sunday 9am: Mary Natale (20 year anniversary),  
 Sunday 5pm: Angela Venneri (one year anniversary),  
 Maria Carlucci,  
 Tuesday 6pm: Jack Quinlan

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Una Jean Paramanathan, Giuseppe & Domenico  
 Mammone

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Piscioneri

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

## Message from our Assistant Priest

On this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the church reminds us that we are privileged to be called by God to be his prophets. The focus of today's first reading is principally on a call to action and to proclaim the Good News to all Nations that is our prophetic mission. St Paul reminds us that the driving force for this prophetic mission must be the following cardinal virtues: Love, Faith, Hope. Let us become aware about our call to be prophets in this world today by practicing these virtues. With the Psalmist, let us proclaim: " My lips will tell of your justice, and I will proclaim your wonders".

With the 2022 school year commencing this week, Fr Matthew and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, students and their families all the very best for the coming school year and hope that it is a great year of learning for all.

God bless you all.

*Fr Shaiju Mathew*

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.

## Sacramental Dates 2022

### Reconciliation (Grade 3)

Parent Meeting Wed 23rd Feb 7pm, SH Church  
 Wednesday 6th April 7pm SH Church

### Confirmation (Grade 3)

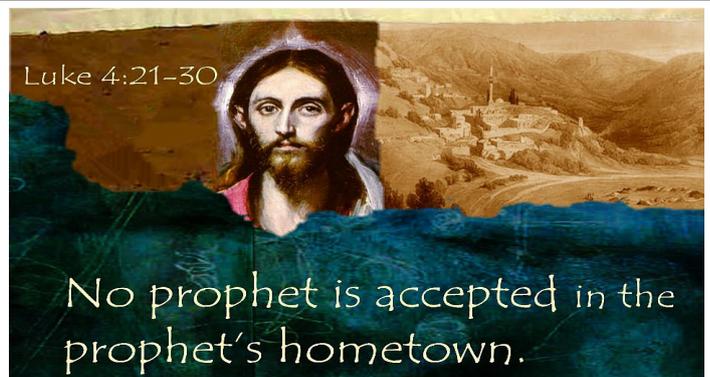
Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th June

### First Eucharist (Grade 4)

Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd October

### Reconciliation (Grade 2)

Wednesday 23rd November



## Please abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

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



# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For February 2022

**Tue 1 Feb:** Regis Tenth Aged Care service 2pm  
**Sun 13 Feb:** Mildura Cuppa and Trading Table after 9am Mass.  
**Sun 13 Feb:** Red Cliffs, Cuppa and Trading Table after 10am Mass.  
**Mon 14 Feb:** KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms.  
**Thur 17 Feb:** Regis Ontario Aged Care service 2pm  
**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:** 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.



### RCIA

The Creed—Our Core Belief

Thursday 3rd Feb, Monaghan Centre.

### 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.

### Sacred Heart Church Car Park Permits

Permits will only be granted to those who use the car park weekdays during office hours. **You do not need a permit for evening or weekend use.**

For a permit to be issued you need to call into the parish office and supply your vehicle registration and current contact details.

**Failure to present this permit will result in the possibility of your vehicle being towed away.**

## 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

### Caritas Appeal for Tonga

Tonga is reeling after the violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed tele-communications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Donate at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

### Caritas Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

Loving God,  
We hold before you in our hearts  
the people of Tonga in this time of need.  
We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility.  
Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami  
and degradation of land and water through ash,  
we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever.  
They are communities of great faith.  
May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.  
May they turn to each other for comfort and community.  
And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.  
We all share this mysterious world  
which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.  
May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage  
and fill us with the gift of Hope. Amen.

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

# LOCAL NEWS

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	6PM	9:30AM	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM		
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:** Sakalia Finepolo, Rosemary Byrne, 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)	\$1033.15	\$113.80	\$115.00
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2329.40	\$563.50	\$278.80
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$ 378.55	\$ 94.00	\$ 30.95

## To Give Away

2 single beds with mattress. Comes with wooden bed frame and bed head, in good condition.

For further information please contact John Nolan—  
Early Australian Motor Inn, Deakin Ave on 042 688 137

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

**This weekend - 29th & 30th January 2022**

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

### Mildura

**Readers: Sat 6pm:** G Huxtable

**Sun 9am:** J O'Brien

**Sun 5pm:** B Kelly

**Eucharistic Ministers: 3**

**Sat 6pm:** M McDonald, A Naray, K Quinlan

**Sun 9am:** P O'Donnell, G Johnston, G Raiti

**Sun 5pm:** J Zema, M Zema, J Jose

**Music: Sat 6pm:** M Sullivan, J Macri

**Sun 9am:** M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis,  
J O'Bryan

**Sun 5pm:** No Music

**Counting Team:** Group 7— J Farrelly

### Irymple

**Reader:** D Knight

### Merbein

**Reader:** J O'Connor

**Offertory:** Prevedello Family

### Red Cliffs - Lay Led

**Readers:** P Hunt, M Bell

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** M Bell

**Altar Servers:** School Holidays

**Eucharistic Minister:** M Dominelli

**Church Cleaning:** J Hazeldene

**Flowers:** J Cameron



**Next weekend - 5th & 6th February 2022**

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

### Mildura

**Readers: Sat 6pm:** K Quinlan

**Sun 9am:** R Tam

**Sun 5pm:** B Dolence

**Eucharistic Ministers: 3**

**Sat 6pm:** M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr

**Sun 9am:** A Vartuli, S Visona, J Cresp

**Sun 5pm:** C Slattery, C Carlucci, V Carlucci

**Music: Sat 6pm:** M Guthrie, All Welcome

**Sun 9am:** Italian Choir, M Sullivan

**Sun 5pm:** S Faita, L Day, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team:** Group 8— C Welsh

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hoy

### Merbein

**Reader:** J Ellis

**Offertory:** Ellis Family

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Lewis, D Eagle

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** G Brizzi

**Altar Servers:**

**Eucharistic Minister:** D Eagle

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** J Cameron



**Next Weekends Readings: - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C — 5th & 6th February 2022**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 137:1-5, 7-8

**Response:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**2nd Reading:** St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11



## First Reading

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

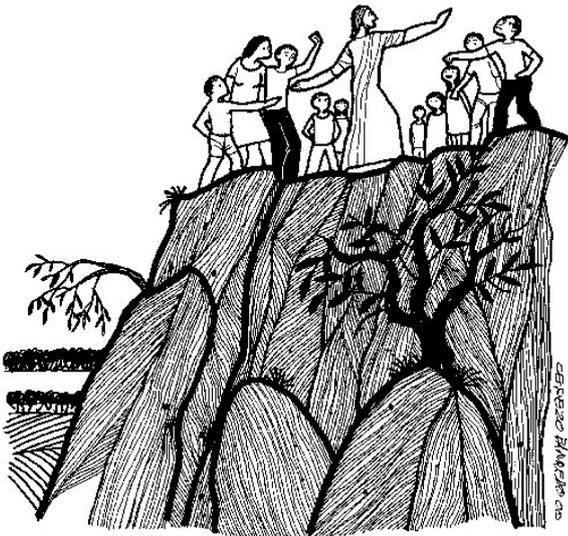
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.  
So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them  
all I command you.  
Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.  
I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you –  
it is the Lord who speaks.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my  
help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)



## Second Reading

1 Cor 13:4-13

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

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

## Gospel Acclamation

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own country-side."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

**And He began to say to them, "Today  
this Scripture has been fulfilled in  
your hearing."**

*Luke 4:21*