

# 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*

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B 3rd & 4th July 2021

### RECENT DEATHS

Maria De Palma, Dawn Cavendish, Maria Sapuppo,  
Doque Tac-an (Philippines)

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Caterina & Vincenzo Monteleone,  
Peppina Timpano, Leo & Giuseppe Monteleone  
 Sunday 9am: Caterina Cirillo  
 Sunday 5pm: Caterina Cirillo

#### Red Cliffs

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

#### Merbein

Anniversaries: Noel Keens, Bill Gourlay

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

## Message from our Assistant Priest

This Sunday falls as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. As every year, Catholics across Australia come together to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. "Heal Country" is the theme for this year; today our world is in need of healing- environmentally, spiritually and socially. We must all come together as a national or even a global community to fight injustice inequality, racism and environmental damage. The readings explain how prophets and other messengers from God inevitably suffer rejection. This challenge us to face rejection and hardship with prophetic courage and Christian charity. Wish you all the blessings from the Lord throughout the month of July.

God bless 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.

### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

In these hard economic times help support the work of the Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society, by donating to our Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available in the Church on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June.

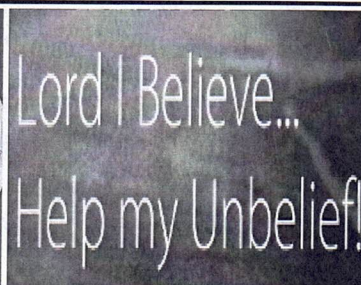
Envelopes may be put on the plate, left at the Parish Office or posted to Box 10125, Mildura 3502.

Information will also be available on the envelopes regarding donating on-line.

A donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship.



And they  
took offence at Him



### Update on COVID Restrictions as of Friday 2nd July 2021

- Church numbers Mildura 450  
250 for Red Cliffs & Merbein - 1 per 4sqm.  
Irymple 30
- Funerals - no more than 300 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral
- Baptisms allowed
- Weddings capped at 300
- Hopefully another positive update available next weekend's bulletin.



# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Meeting Dates for July 2021

**Tuesday 6th:** Bereavement Team, Parish Office 9am

**Sunday 11th:** Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.

**Monday 12th:** Knights of the Southern Cross 7.30pm clubrooms.

**Tuesday 13th:** Sacred Heart Finance, Parish Office 7.30am.

**Tuesday 13th:** Princes Court Aged Care Mass 10am, TBC

**Tuesday 13th:** Sacred Heart Parish Council after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

**Sunday 18th:** Merbein Parish Council after 10.30am Mass

**Wednesday 21st:** Oasis Aged Care Mass 10.30am. TBC

**Tuesday 27th:** BUPA Aged Care Mass 10.30am. TBC

**Sunday 25th:** Red Cliffs Parish AGM after 10am Mass.

**Wednesday 28th:** Baptism Preparation, 7.30pm, Monaghan Centre.

### Weddings

We congratulate **Ottavio Dichiera and Cassandra Timpano** who were married this weekend.



### Sacred Heart Shared Table Market Stall

Will be held after the 9am Sunday Mass next weekend. All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru. All welcome.

### Feast of St Anthony

The St Anthony Committee will celebrate the Feast of St Anthony on Sunday 1st August at 9am.

A sausage sizzle will follow after the Mass. All welcome  
Raffle tickets available to purchase at \$2.00 each.



### 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 Monaghan Centre

### Parish Stewardship Grateful and Generous



Our Stewardship Renewal gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the many blessings that we share as Catholic Communities within Sunraysia.

We are grateful not only for the beauty of our region, but for the many generations of people who have contributed to its growth and development... and for building our parish communities for Mission.

GRATEFUL  
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GENEROUS

Please continue to support your fellow parishioners through your time and talents.

**Thank you to all those generous parishioners who assisted to prepare Parishioner Stewardship Packs last Wednesday. It was a very successful Working Bee.**

**NOTE:** Stewardship Family Packs are available for collection at all Masses this weekend. Please ensure that you collect yours and perhaps of those who are not at Mass today. This will help reduce the cost of postage.



### NATSICC Palliative Care program

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples suffer from the worst health outcomes of any group in Australia. Hospital visits are more frequent and life expectancy is much lower than the Australian average.

NATSICC has developed the Palliative Care Packages to provide those at the end of their lives with items to ensure comfort, both physically and Spiritually.

The Packages include: blankets

beanies

shawls

canvas and paints

notebooks with a pen

### How can I help?

There are many ways you can help!

We are confident that the Catholic community as a whole can contribute to the project. School classes, lay groups, Parishes and individuals are encouraged to look below and see where your skills and gifts might be best utilised.

### Knitting or crocheting

Are you handy with the needles or hooks? We are always accepting beanies, blankets and quilts for inclusion in the packages. There are strict regulations regarding the sizes, materials and construction of the blankets going into Hospitals, Hospices and Palliative Care Services. Before starting construction, please refer to the below guide:

### BLANKETS: (Knitted and crocheted):

MUST be 8 ply acrylic wool

Squares must be 20cm x 20cm

Whole blankets MUST be 125 cm x 112 cm (or close to this size). All colours are acceptable.



# 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	NO MASS	
THURSDAY	9:30AM	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6:00PM		
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:** Helen Grogan, Nancy Panuccio

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 853.20	\$85.95	\$155.55
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$8846.00	\$95.00	\$182.00
Loose Plate	\$ 260.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 18.10

## Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- Wear a face mask
- Use the QR Code
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

## ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

### This weekend — 3rd & 4th July 2021

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

#### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: A Naray  
Sunday 9am: L Fry  
Sunday 5pm: J Joslyn

**Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: J Deacon, M Cirillo  
Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog, R Op't Hoog  
Sunday 5pm: C Slattery, J Jose

**Offertory Procession:**

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

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome  
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan  
Sun 5pm: S Faita, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team: 7— Helen Kay**

#### Irymple

**Reader:** K Modoo

#### Merbein

**Reader:** J O'Connor

#### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** P Hunt T Hawkes  
**Altar Servers:** L Dowling, G Strangio  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Offertory Procession:** G Brizzi  
**Counting Team:** P Hunt, B Pitt  
**Eucharistic Minister x 1:**  
**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers  
**Flowers:** Volunteer

### Next weekend - 10th & 11th July 2021

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

#### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: C Carmichael  
Sunday 9am: L Welsh  
Sunday 5pm: S Hermans

**Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: P Kerr, C Carmichael  
Sunday 9am: S Opie, P Opie  
Sunday 5pm: V Carlucci, C Carlucci

**Offertory Procession:**

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

**Music:** Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon  
Sun 9am: M Guthrie, B Prescott, B Lewis  
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic, J Macri

**Counting Team: 8— P Hammond**

#### Irymple

**Reader:** D Knight

#### Merbein

**Reader:** N Prevedello

#### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Lewis, A Higham  
**Altar Servers:**  
**Music:** Guitar  
**Offertory Procession:** L Bugno  
**Counting Team:** P Hunt, B Pitt  
**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** P Hunt  
**Church Cleaning:** G Tassone, S Guigno, J Tassone,  
V Tassone, M Monteleone  
**Flowers:** Volunteer

Next Weekends Readings: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time— 10th & 11th July 2021

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial: Ps 84:9-14

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13





## First Reading

Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

## Second Reading

2 Cor 12:7-10

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

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses and Juda and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'. © Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)

