

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*

2nd Sunday of Easter / Year C 23rd & 24th April 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Francesco Deluca

Mildura

Anniversaries: Michele Callipari
 Sunday 5pm: Vincenzo Pileggi

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Vittorio Cirillo, Ken McCleary, Bob Dodds, Teresa Dichiera

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

Message from our Parish Priest

*'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 his love is everlasting'. Is the response to the psalm.*

There is so many things to give thanks to God for, we have the joy of life, family, faith and friends. Our love for them shines through when we have an encounter with others as God shares his love for us.

Monday is ANZAC day when we remember the Soldiers and their families and communities impacted by war and conflict.

Jesus appears to the disciples today and offers them the sign of peace, and shares time with them after his Resurrection.

Today let us spend sometime with someone in our lives and offer them time of peace and if possible a meal or a cuppa.

Schools return this week, I wish all our staff and students all the best for term two.

God bless you all.
 Fr Matthew Thomas

Don't forget to pickup a copy of Our Diocesan community brochure now available at all church entrances.

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

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

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



LOCAL NEWS



Thank You



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online

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Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

St Joseph's Parish, Red Cliffs

Will be having a Parish BBQ on Sunday 1st May. Gold coin donation. Please register on the forms provided or call the Parish Office on 5021 2872. All welcome.



Mothers Day Raffle—Red Cliffs Church

Tickets are now available for sale at .50cents each. Three prizes which will be drawn on 1st May—St Joseph the Worker Feast Day during Parish BBQ after the 10am Mass.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

For April 2022

Mon 25 April: ANZAC Day Mass 9.30am, Sacred Heart Church

Tue 26 April: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre.

Wed 27 April: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm.

Thu 28, April: St Anthony Committee meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms.



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Billy & Nathaniel Collis-Kahotea, Noah Moroni and Alice & Maggie Parker** whose baptism occurs

this weekend.

Weddings

We congratulate Tobias Smith & Renata Garreffa who were married last Friday.



TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday 1st May at 9am. Due to COVID there will be no food and drinks served this year.



Volunteers

Looking for helpers to help with morning tea on the 2nd weekend of each month.

Parish Groups can volunteer and be placed on a monthly rotating roster.

If you can help please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

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			
TUESDAY	6PM	9:30AM	
WEDNESDAY	FUNERAL 10AM		
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: Bernadette Kerr, Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Ruth Michel (Werrimull), Rosemary Byrne

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$2836.95	\$208.30	\$293.85
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 505.00	\$105.00	\$157.00
Loose Plate	\$1098.00	\$127.30	\$113.25
Good Friday Collection	\$1345.20	\$171.80	\$249.65

Advance Notice

Flores de Mayo

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 22nd at 9am.

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 23rd & 24th April 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: C Carmichael
Sun 9am: S Opie
Sun 5pm: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald
Sun 9am: P O'Donnell, G Raiti
Sun 5pm: B Bunting, K Groves, J Hall

Music: Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Macri
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 5pm: S Faiza, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism Family

Counting Team: Group 9—G Brizzi

Irymple

Reader: M Duck

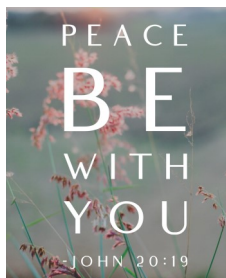
Merbein

Reader: F Sabo
Offertory: F Cox, V McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, D Eagle
Music: Tongan Choir
Offertory Procession: Cameron Family
Altar Servers: Group 6
Eucharistic Minister: C Tassone
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: R Chase

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



Next weekend - 30th April & 1st May 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: G Huxtable
Sun 9am: T Fainganuku
Sun 5pm: B Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: A Naray, K Quinlan, V Pileggi
Sun 9am: J Cresp, volunteers please
Sun 5pm: M Rodi, M Irvin, S Hermans

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Ljubic

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism Family

Counting Team: Group 10—H Kay

Irymple

Reader: W Schmidt

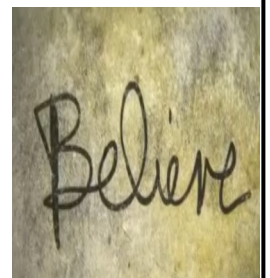
Merbein

Reader: B Wells
Offertory: K McCarthy, K Wagner

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, T Hawkes
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: C Cavallaro
Altar Servers: Group 1
Eucharistic Minister: J Vines
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: R Chase

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



Next Weekends Readings: - 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C — 30th April & 1st May 2022

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13
Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14
Gospel: Luke 21:1-19



First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

