

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*

3rd Sunday of Easter / Year B 17th & 18th April 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Sr Monica Butler, Maria Sapuppo, Teresa Chiera,

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Paul Matulin, Domenico Vallelonga

Sunday 5pm: Joyce Ribarits

Tuesday 6pm: Saverio Primarano

Red Cliffs

Maurice O'Connor (Fr Pat's brother-in-law), Vincenzo Dichiera, Emma Orr, Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Giuseppe D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone

Merbein

Anniversaries:

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

Message from our Parish Priest

We are now approaching the end of the school holidays, we wish all students and staff every blessing for the new term.

The psalm response for today is Let your face shine on us. Having God shine his face on us is a strong reminder of the importance God places on the relationship he has with each one of us and that we are special in his eyes. The warmth and love we receive from Him is beyond all telling.

In the week ahead let us remind someone in our lives that they are valued, important and special. A suggestion could be to spend time in writing them a letter and post it to them. See if you get a reply or hear from them their reaction on receiving a letter in the mail from you.

*God bless!
Fr Matthew*

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 Sacred Heart Church

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

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



"Putting the Pieces Together"

➤ **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**
Luke 24: 36-48

LOCAL NEWS



Confirmation Pentecost Weekend 2021
Enrolments have begun for the 4 week Confirmation Program for children in Grade 5 and 6. Parent Information Evening to be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 21 April 7pm.

Parents/Carers to attend this evening

Retreat Day for enrolled children to be held on Friday 21 May. For further information please contact Parish Office at mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Please note: No enrolments will be accepted after 4pm Wednesday 21st April.

Confirmation Dates for 2021 (limit 30 children per mass)

Fri 21st May: 6pm
Sat 22nd May: 9.30am or 6pm
Sun 23rd May: 9am or 5pm



TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel Mass on Sunday 25th April at 9am at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome.
(Due to COVID restrictions—the committee has decided no food will be served this year.)



Reminder!

To please bring in your Project Compassion envelopes or box. at home, please bring them back next week or drop them at the Parish Office asap.



Baptisms

We welcome into our Sunraysia Parish community— **Rory Roberts** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Weddings

We congratulate **Rocky Mammone and Brittany Pedersen** who were married this weekend.



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 2nd at 9am. All welcome.



(Due to COVID restrictions there will be no Morning tea.)

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants).



Bob and Pat Pollock who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary yesterday. They were married at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 17th April 1951 by Fr James Green.

Fr James Kerr

A belated farewell mass for Fr James Kerr will be held on Sunday 2nd May—Sacred Heart Church, Mildura 9am & 5pm and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Merbein 10.30am.

Any donations towards a farewell gift can be left with Carmel at the Parish Office.



Telephone Update

At this stage our 5021 2872 phone line has been diverted to the Presbytery mobile phone number and we are currently in dialogue with our provider to see if we are able to keep our existing number. Hopefully this week we should have some definite answers.

Accommodation

A 19 year old country lad from Greendale near Ballarat who is doing his 1st year Plumbing Apprenticeship in Mildura is looking for Accommodation. If you have a spare room or bungalow and can help out please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

REMINDER

Important Dates for April 2021

Merbein Parish Council meeting: Sunday 18 April after 10.30am Mass.

Sacred Heart Finance Meeting: Tuesday 20 April 7.30am

St Anthony Committee Meeting: Thursday 22 April 7.30pm KSC clubrooms.

Baptism Preparation Meeting: Wednesday 28 April 7.30pm—Monaghan Centre

Matters Arising from Red Cliffs Parish Council Meeting

1. Only 2 readers—1st Reader—1st Reading and Psalm
2nd Reader-2nd Reading and Prayers of the faithful.
2. 2 Altar Servers—unless otherwise stated. If you haven't received you updated Altar Servers Roster please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office.
3. 1 x Eucharistic Minister—COVID restrictions
4. Early stages of Planning a Parish event for the Year of St Joseph.
4. Discussion and progression of providing allocated Disabled Car Parking.
5. Side entrance of the Church facing the skate ramp will be closed for entry into the church. Parishioners to enter via the main front entrance. You can however, exit from that side entrance.
6. New rosters available—please collect from church entrances.

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	9:30AM	
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.

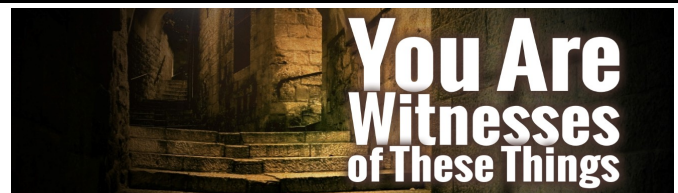
Mildura: Helen Grogan, Tess Kerr, Rosina Gallace

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1270.95	\$ 73.85	\$160.60
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 1139.70	\$ 425.00	\$ 270.00
Loose Plate	\$464.85	\$ 140.00	\$
Project Compassion to date	\$3011.85	\$ 19.25	\$1394.50
Good Friday—Holy Land	\$1293.30	\$	\$ 281.75



ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 17th & 18th April 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Gary Huxtable
 Sunday 9am: Phillip Opie
 Sunday 5pm: Tony Finn

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: J Deacon, M McDonald
 Sunday 9am: M Modica, L Welsh
 Sunday 5pm: V Carlucci, C Carlucci

Offertory Procession:

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

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, B Prescott
 Sun 9am: Tongan Choir, M Guthrie
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic

Counting Team: Team 6—Jim O'Donnell

Irymple

Reader: G Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: Jeanette Ellis

Red Cliffs

Readers: J Lewis, M Monteleone
Altar Servers: A Ban, M Taylor
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: F Dominelli
Counting Team: T & J Lewis
Eucharistic Minister x 1: M Suppa
Church Cleaning: Group 5: G Tassone, S Guigno, J Tassone, V Tassone, M Monteleone
Flowers: J Cameron

Next weekend - 24th & 25th April 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Christine Carmichael
 Sunday 9am: Feast of Peter Chanel
 Sunday 5pm: Vince Muscatello

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, R O'Callaghan
 Sunday 9am: Feast of Peter Chanel
 Sunday 5pm: B Bunting, B Dolence

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: Feast of Peter Chanel
 Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri
 Sun 9am: St Peter Chanel—Tongan Community
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic

Counting Team: Team 7—Helen Kay

Irymple

Reader: K Moodoo

Merbein

Reader: Frances Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, J Vines
Altar Servers: J Bertoli, T Bertoli, K Bertoli
Music: Tongan Choir
Offertory Procession: Lewis Family
Counting Team: T & J Lewis
Eucharistic Minister x 1: C Tassone
Church Cleaning: Volunteer
Flowers: J Cameron
Cuppa: R Chase, B Pitt

Next Weekends Readings: 4th Sunday of Easter 24th & 25th April 2021

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
 Responsorial: Ps 4117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29
 Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.
 2nd Reading: John 3:1-2
 Gospel: John 10:11-18



First Reading

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

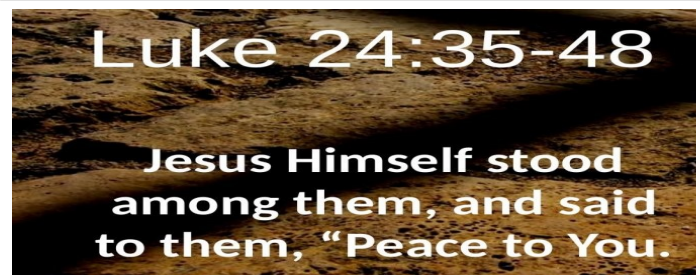
Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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