

Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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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 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*

4th Sunday of Lent / Year C 26th & 27th March 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Maureen Lee, Hazel Shugg

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Peter, Maria & Lucia Tran, All Souls, Antonina (Nina) Mammone (30 day Mass)
 Sunday 9am: Harold Green
 Sunday 5pm: Larry Cavallo
 Wednesday 9.30am: Anita Garcia
 Friday 6pm: Domiano Brizzi

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Eileen McDonald, Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Carlo Longeri, Terry Rowe, Domenico Manno, Isabel Russell, Harry Deed, Joy Andrews

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

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.

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

Reconciliation (Grade 3 and above)

The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place
 Wednesday 6th April 7pm Sacred Heart Church

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

Message from our Parish Priest

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, is the Psalm Response today. How fitting this is as the Gospel talks about the Prodigal Son. God's goodness is present and we can see how his love works through us all.

I find this reading comforting as it reminds me of the forgiveness God shows me when I fail.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas



Easter Services

Holy Thursday 14th April
 5pm Our Lady's Merbein
 6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
 7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Good Friday 15th April
 3pm Sacred Heart Mildura
 3pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
 3pm Our Lady's Merbein

Holy Saturday 16th April
 6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
 7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Sunday 17th April
 8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple
 9am Sacred Heart Mildura
 10.30am Our Lady's Merbein
 11am Our Lady of Lourdes Werrimull
 5pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Lent Reconciliation Service
 Wednesday 30th March 7pm
 Sacred Heart Church Mildura

The Way of the Cross
 Good Friday morning at 9am at
 Sacred Heart Church Mildura
 Followed by a Cuppa and
 Hot Cross Bun

Anointing Masses
 14th April Red Cliffs 5.30pm
 21st April Merbein 9.30am
 27th April Mildura 9.30am

Mass of the Oils
 St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat
 Monday 11th April

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

LOCAL NEWS

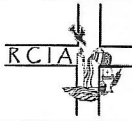
UPCOMING EVENTS

For March 2022

Sun 27 Mar: Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.
Wed 30 Mar: Communal Reconciliation 7pm.

RCIA

Catholic Living: Rule of Life
Thursday 31st March 7pm, Monaghan Centre.



Ideas for Making the Most during Lent

Praying

Fasting

Volunteering

Almsgiving

Project Compassion Envelopes

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays from 6.45pm Indian Community. All welcome.
Friday from 7.30pm Tongan Community. All welcome.

Communal celebration of Reconciliation

Wed 30th March 7pm Sacred Heart Church Mildura.



Musicians—Sacred Heart Church

A new music roster is about to be drawn up. If you would like to be on the roster, please let the parish office know by the end of this month. All newcomers will be welcome with open arms! For those already rostered, it will be presumed that you wish to continue unless you inform the office otherwise. Thank you all for your support.

Marion Guthrie

St. Vincent de Paul - Volunteers

The SVDP Assistance Centre is looking for Volunteers who are willing to give of their time, approx. 4 hours per month, to assist in providing food and essentials to the needy in our community. Ph:- Maria 0488 190 541, Helen 5023 5035, or call into the Assistance Centre, 109 Pine Avenue, Mildura between 11.00 – 1.00pm, Monday – Friday.

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

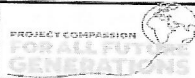
Scripture Group: Thursday 3:00pm – Monaghan Centre

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



4th Sunday of Lent
26th & 27th March



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

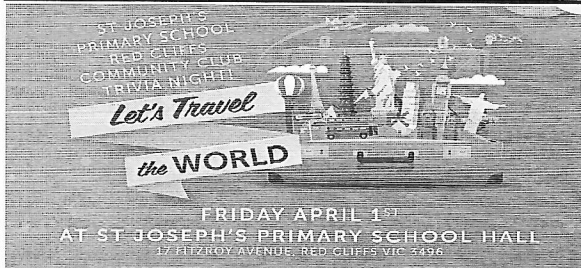
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

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.



Volunteer Gardeners

Red Cliffs Catholic Church is looking for a group of 4—5 volunteers to help with ongoing gardening. If you can spare an hour or two, fortnightly please contact Parish Office 5021 2872.



Tickets can be purchased for \$20 by contacting Naomi at the school on 50241654.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

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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: Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Ruth Michel (Werrimull), Rosemary Byrne, Nancy Panuccio,

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

| Last week's collections | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
|---|------------|----------|------------|
| 1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$ 1425.55 | \$153.05 | \$226.80 |
| 2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC) | \$2282.30 | \$182.50 | \$273.10 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 396.35 | \$ 90.65 | \$ 27.25 |

SONGS OF ITALY

Diva

In the Outback



22nd of April - Wentworth town hall - 7:00pm
24th of April - Grand hotel, Mildura
Chandeller Room - 2:30pm

Bella Italia Duo
Michelle Francis Cook (International Soprano)
Roxanne Viggiano (Piano Accompanist)

TICKETS AT DOOR - \$45 / \$40 CONCESSION

Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/380u800>

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 26th & 27th March 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Barnes
Sun 9am: P Opie
Sun 5pm: J Joslyn

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
Sun 9am: S Opie, P Opie, E Mazza
Sun 5pm: J Jose, C Slattery, C Carlucci

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie. All welcome
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: L Belej

Counting Team: Group 5—H Kay

Irymple

Reader: K Modoo

Merbein

Reader: K Aston
Offertory: F Cox, V McCarthy

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, T Gardiner
Music: Tongan Choir
Offertory Procession: Russo Family
Altar Servers: Group 2
Eucharistic Minister: N Morello
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Volunteer

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

Next weekend - 2nd & 3rd April 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: R Tongue
Sun 9am: R Op't Hoog
Sun 5pm: S Hermans

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, K Quinlan, V Pileggi
Sun 9am: R Tongue, L Cirillo, L Fry
Sun 5pm: V Carlucci, J Macri, P Cox

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

Offertory Procession:

Sun 9am: Baptism

Counting Team: Group 6—Wayne Carmichael

Irymple

Reader: D Knight

Merbein

Reader: E Piscioneri
Offertory: E & S Iamarino

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: M Bell
Altar Servers: Group 3
Eucharistic Minister: S Orr
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: J Cameron

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

Next Weekends Readings: - 5th Sunday of Lent Year C — 2nd & 3rd April 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-4

Gospel: John 8:1-11



First Reading

Jos 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against
you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

*Just a reminder daylight
savings changes next Sunday.
Please wind your clocks back
One hour.*

