

# 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*

## 5th Sunday of Easter / Year C 14th & 15th May 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Shane Roberg, Maria Gallo, Valerie Drewry, Peter Dimasi, Giuseppe (Joe) Pollifrone, Michael Faingaanuku

### Mildura

Anniversaries: Tina Drummond  
 Sunday 5pm: Emil Kondratow, Mary & Dominic Trang Pham,  
 Tuesday 6pm: Antonina Deluca  
 Friday 6pm: Girolima Scopelliti (30 day Mass)

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Giuseppe D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Barbara Matotek, Robert Braidie, Fern Mercer, Jean Fletcher, Maria Zappia, Katerina Fabich, Emilia Dichiera

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

## Message from our Parish Priest

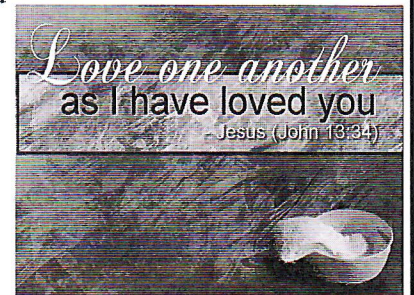
On this Fifth Sunday of Easter the psalm is “I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.” what does it mean to praise God’s name for ever. Is it by the way I live my life, is it by the way I treat others or any other way I celebrate God.

This weekend we welcome Deacon Matthew Restall who will be with us for masses, we thank him for sharing his time and wisdom through the homily.

Jesus reminds us today to love one another, just as I have loved you. How do love we others, and how do others love me? Can I show love in a different way to people I do not really like, and if so, how would this be received and given in return?

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas



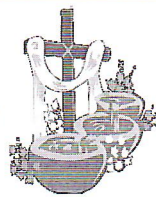
Please note that if you have booked a memorial mass you are reminded to speak to the priest prior to the mass to let him know you are there.

### 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

### Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — Freya Chisari, Elijah Hermans, Lilia Lynch, Alira Matulic and Vincenzo Mazza whose baptism occurs this weekend.



### 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. All welcome.

Due to COVID there will be no food and drinks served this year.



### Anointing Masses for the month of May

Merbein: 19th May 9.30am (unless cancelled due to funeral)

Mildura: 25th May 9.30am (unless cancelled due to funeral)

### Deacon Matthew Restall

We welcome and thank Deacon Matt Restall who will lead our Lay Led Liturgies this weekend at Sacred Heart Church and Our Lady's Merbein.

# LOCAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For May 2022

**Thu 19 May:** Oasis Aged Care Service 11am  
**Sun 22 May:** Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass  
**Tue 24 May:** Sacred Heart Finance meeting 7.30am, Parish Office  
**Tue 24 May:** BUPA Aged Care Service 10.30am  
**Tue 24 May:** Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting, Monaghan Centre after 6pm Mass  
**Wed 25 May:** Baptism Preparation meeting, Monaghan Centre 7pm  
**Thu 26 May:** St Anthony Committee meeting  
**Sun 29 May:** Youth Mass



### WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our first Werrimull Bus trip for 2022 will be held on Sunday 29th May. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.

### RCIA

Christian Giving and Stewardship  
Thursday 19th May 7pm, Monaghan Centre



### Mass Counts

Mass counts will occur during the next 4 weekends:-  
7th & 8th May, 14th & 15th May and 21st & 22nd May & 28th & 29th May

### Plenary Council Update

All are invited to come and listen to Marie Shaddock, a member of the Plenary Council and Ouyen Parishioner who will speak about the latest update on the Plenary Council—An Evening with the Holy Spirit.  
When: Thursday 16th June  
Where: OLSH Church Merbein 10.15am  
Monaghan Centre, Mildura 2pm  
St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs 4.30pm

### 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

### Thank you

The Sacred Heart Parish Community would like to acknowledge the kind contribution of \$3100.00 donated by the Tongan Community



### Advance Notice Feast of St Anthony

The Italian Community will be celebrating their annual Feast of St Anthony with a Mass on Sunday 19th June at 9am.

All are invited to stay for morning tea.

### National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. There is also, "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

#### *Prayer for the Family*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love,  
to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic Churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again  
experience violence, rejection and division:  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may the approaching Synod of Bishops  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,  
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer.*

Given by Pope Francis on the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 29 December 2013

### Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign. "Walking in the Spirit" began on April 17 and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

# 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	NO MASS	5:30PM	9:30AM
FRIDAY	6PM		
SATURDAY	FUNERAL MASS		

## 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:** Caleb Bowers, Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1585.65	\$ 79.60	\$206.40
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$385.00	\$170.00	\$190.00
Loose Plate	\$ 772.85	\$ 35.75	\$ 24.15

## Advance Notice

### Ordinations to the Priesthood

Deacons Bill Lowry and Matt Restall will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm.

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

## This weekend - 14th & 15th May 2022

## Next weekend - 21st & 22nd May 2022

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: R Barnes  
Sun 9am: R Op't Hoog  
Sun 5pm: C Slattery

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3

Sat 6pm: J Deacon, A Greville, T Fatai  
Sun 9am: E Garreffa, M Modica, L Welsh  
Sun 5pm: M Zema, J Jose, C Slattery

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Sullivan  
Sun 9am: Tongan Community, M Guthrie  
Sun 5pm: S Fatai

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: Baptism Family

**Counting Team:** Group 2—J De Jong

### Irymple

**Reader:** P Riordan

### Merbein

**Reader:** E Piscioneri  
**Offertory:** E & S Iamarino

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Bell, T Gardiner  
**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** Lewis Family

**Altar Servers:** Group 3

**Eucharistic Minister:** J Cameron

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** R Chase

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



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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: R Tongue  
Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sun 5pm: B Bunting

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3

Sat 6pm: M McDonald, A Naray, Volunteer  
Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sun 5pm: V & C Carlucci, J Macri

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, All welcome  
Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo  
Sun 5pm: S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**Offertory Procession**

Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo

**Counting Team:** Group 3—P McDonald

### Irymple

**Reader:** G Schmidt

### Merbein

**Reader:** V Knight  
**Offertory:** C Knight, F Sabo

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Cameron, D Eagle  
**Music:** Tongan Choir

**Offertory Procession:** N Orr

**Altar Servers:** Group 4

**Eucharistic Minister:** C Cavallaro

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** R Chase

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



## Next Weekends Readings: - 6th Sunday of Easter Year C — 21st & 22nd May 2022

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29



## First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;

just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one  
another.

By this love you have for  
one another,  
everyone will know that  
you are my disciples.'



## National Volunteers Week: May 16-22, 2022

National Volunteers Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From May 16-22, 2022 NVW is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for NVW 2022 is *Better Together*. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, *Better Together*. The Volunteering Australia Volunteer website has National Volunteer Week resources, certificates of appreciation, volunteer thank you gifts and merchandise available <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/nvw-resources-2/>

## Prayer for Volunteers

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.