

# 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 Lent / Year C 2nd & 3rd April 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

John Waddell, Bev Huf

### Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Peter Maria & Lucy Tran, All Souls, Gino Zappia, Maria Sapuppo (1st year anniversary)

Sunday 9am: George Farmer, Mona & Percy Richardson, Maria Cua (30 day Mass)

Sunday 5pm:

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Domiano Brizzi,

### Merbein

Anniversaries:

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

## Fr Shaiju Celebrates 20 years of Priesthood

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord” (Ps. 98:4). Together with the psalmist I praise the Almighty. Twenty years in the service of the Lord! He blessed me with His priesthood despite my drawbacks and weaknesses. I bow my head before him in gratitude and remember everyone who helped me in different ways. I was ordained on April 3, 2002 at my hometown Anchal, in the state of Kerala, India. As a member of The Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST), I started my missionary life in Maharashtra, one of the central states of India. There, first I learned the local language Marathi and effectively involved in the lives of people. I served the mission in different capacities, as the manager of a printing press, as the manager of a school for the physically and mentally challenged children, as teacher, principal, manager of school and so on. Then I completed my studies in law and I spent time giving legal education and awareness. I moved on to different parishes providing pastoral care and, on March 18 2020 I landed in Australia.

My life in Australia could be considered the second stage of my Priestly Life. I consider it a great blessing to be part of Ballarat Diocese, and I take this opportunity to thank Bishop Paul, all clergy and faithful of the Diocese. My special thanks are due to Frs Justin and Matt Thomas who made my priestly life in the Diocese a comfortable one. It is wonderful to be part of this Mildura community. My heart is overwhelmed with gratitude and I thank you all for your love, care, support and friendship. Let us walk together and witness to Lord Jesus through our daily life. I request your valuable prayers for me in years ahead too. Thanking you all.....

God bless

Fr Shaiju

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.

### Message from our Parish Priest

We congratulate Fr Shaiju on 20 years of Priesthood This Sunday.

We have all sinned at different times in our lives, some sins have an impact on others and sometimes it just harms our relationship with God. Having a time to accept others and truly forgive them engages us into a full relationship with others and with God.

None of us are perfect we all have faults and failings, some of us need to be aware of how we respond to others and how we can impact their lives as well as our own when we do not forgive.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

### 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

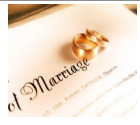
## UPCOMING EVENTS

For April 2022

**Tue 5 April:** Bereavement Team Meeting 10.30am, Parish Office.  
**Tue 5 April:** Regis Tenth Aged Care Service 2pm.  
**Mon 11 April:** KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms  
**Sun 10 April:** Cuppa & Trading Table SH Church after 9am Mass  
**Sun 10 April:** Cuppa & Trading Table Red Cliffs Church after 10am Mass  
**Thu 14 April:** Regis Ontario Aged Care service 2pm  
**Mon 25 April:** ANZAC Day Mass 9.30am, Sacred Heart Church  
**Tue 26 April:** Sacred Heart Finance Meeting 7.30am, Parish Office  
**Tue 26 April:** Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre.  
**Wed 27 April:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm.

## Weddings

We congratulate James Cooper & Lauren Piscioneri who were married this weekend.



## Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Gianna Dichiera, Lola Pullman, Rumi & Wynter Sicker and Emerson Symons** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



## RCIA

Holy Week & Easter

Thursday 7th April 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.



## 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

## Easter Services

### Holy Thursday 14th April

5pm Our Lady's Merbein

6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

### The Way of the Cross

Good Friday morning at 9am at Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Followed by a Cuppa and Hot Cross Bun

### Good Friday 15th April

3pm Sacred Heart Mildura

3pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

3pm Our Lady's Merbein

### Anointing Masses

14th April Red Cliffs 5.30pm

21st April Merbein 9.30am

27th April Mildura 9.30am

### 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

### Mass of the Oils

St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat

Monday 11th April

## Sunraysia Catholic Communities

### Sacramental Dates 2022

### Reconciliation (Grade 3 and above)

The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place This Wednesday 6th April 7pm at SH 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

**Palm Sunday & Holy Week Rosters are now available at all Churches for you to fill in.**

### Red Cliffs Centenary Celebrations this weekend

As part of the Red Cliffs Centenary Celebrations there will be a school tour of St Joseph's Primary School this Sunday at 11am. All welcome.

### Sacred Heart Family group

will gather for lunch at the Irymple Hotel on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions regarding bookings on 50211918.

All welcome to join us.

### Working Bee

Will be held at St Joseph's Red Cliffs Church on Monday 4th April from 9am for a general tidy up of church grounds before Easter. If you can spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. Morning tea to be provided.

### Volunteer Gardening Crew

Red Cliffs Catholic Church is looking for two more volunteers to help with ongoing gardening. If you can spare an hour or two, fortnightly or monthly please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.

### Room to Rent

An International student studying in Mildura is looking for long term accommodation. If you can help out please contact Scholastica on 0466 820 829.

# 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:** Bernadette Kerr, 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 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 1120.75	\$170.20	\$127.95
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2721.30	\$167.50	\$421.00
Loose Plate	\$ 667.85	\$ 36.50	\$ 16.95

## 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 11.00am – 1.00pm, Mon-Fri.

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

## This 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 Fatai, 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, T Hawkes

**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 weekend - 9th & 10th April 2022

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: A Naray

Sun 9am: S Fatai

Sun 5pm: T Finn

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3 people

Sat 6pm: A Greville, T Fatai, M McDonald

Sun 9am: J Rocca, B Castillo, T Faingaanuku

Sun 5pm: J Boord, Volunteer, W Finn

**Music:** Sat 6pm: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon

Sun 9am: Sacred Heart & St Pauls Schools

Sun 5pm: S Fatai, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am:

**Counting Team:** Group 7—Jim Farrelly

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hoy

### Merbein

**Reader:** K Wagner

**Offertory:** P Sylvia, J Rogers

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** J Cameron, A Higham

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** G Brizzi

**Altar Servers:** Group 4

**Eucharistic Minister:** B Pitt

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** J Cameron

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

## Next Weekends Readings: - Palm Sunday Year C — 9th & 10th April 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 23:1-49





## First Reading

Is 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. (R.)



## Second Reading

Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jl 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel

Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'