

# 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*

## Corpus Christi/ Year B 5th & 6th June 2021

### RECENT DEATHS

John Keam , Felix Tac-an (Philippines)

### ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio Cirillo (Birthday remembrance)

### Mildura

Saturday 6pm:

Irymple 8.30am: Domenic Spadaccini

Sunday 9am: Caterina & Alessandro Piscioneri, Vincenzo & Maria Roccisano

Tuesday 6pm: Vince Cirillo (1year anniversary)

### Red Cliffs

### Merbein

Anniversaries:

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.

### *Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021*

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

## Message from our Parish Priest

As we move out of lockdown into a new COVID restrictions we need to be patient with each other and follow the simple instructions set by the Vic Government.

This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi the feast of the body and blood of Jesus. This reminds us of what great gift Jesus gave us through his shedding of his blood on the cross and his body through the Eucharist.

God bless!  
Fr Matthew



## Update on COVID Restrictions as of Friday 3rd June 2021

- Church numbers capped at 50 for Mildura, Red Cliffs & Merbein - 1 per 4sqm.
- Irymple capped at 20
- Funerals - no more than 50 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral
- Baptisms allowed
- Weddings capped at 10
- Hopefully another positive update available next weekend's bulletin.

# LOCAL NEWS

**Reminder!**

## Important Dates for May 2021

**Sunday 13th June:** Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

**Monday 14th June:** KSC meeting 7.30pm in the KSC Clubrooms.

**Thursday 17th June:** Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 2pm.

**Thursday 17th June:** St Anthony Committee meeting KSC Clubrooms 7.30pm

**Sunday 20th June:** OLSH Parish Council after 10.30am Mass.

**Sunday 20th June:** Feast of St Anthony, 5pm

**Wednesday 23rd June:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7.30pm.

## Updated Information

The St Anthony Committee have decided due to the latest COVID restrictions to postpone the Feast Mass of St Anthony which was to be held on Sunday 20th June at 5pm. Updated information will be provided in coming weeks as to when the Feast Mass will be held.

Tickets will still be available for the raffle at \$2.00 each.



## CATECHISM

### Missionary of Charity Sisters

The Catechist Program for our younger parishioners, will Commence from Saturday 12th June .

This group is designed for children aged 3 and above. Sessions will commence on Saturday 15th May from 10am—11am, in the Monaghan Centre at the conclusion of the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Fr Shaiju will be commencing a program for the Youth. Further details in coming weeks.



## Stewardship 2021

Please continue to prayer for one another as all Parishes have commenced taking part in the Stewardship Program for 2021.

**GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS**

## Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Fr Khalid Marogi, Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office, reflects on "Joseph as 'Protector'" (Mt 2:13-18) and this will coincide with Refugee Week, June 20-26, 2021 - <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



## 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 11:30 am Church

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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## Remember abide by the COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- Wear a face mask
- Use the QR Code
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

# 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, Nancy Panuccio

**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)	CVOID	Lockdown	No Collection
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)			
Loose Plate			

he took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, gave it to them, and said  
**TAKE IT; THIS IS  
MY BODY**

## ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

### This weekend — 5th & 6th June 2021

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

#### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: K Quinlan  
Sunday 9am: G Johnston  
Sunday 5pm: I Sullivan

#### **Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, A Naray  
Sunday 9am: S Opie, P Opie  
Sunday 5pm: M Zema, J Zema

#### **Offertory Procession:**

Saturday 6pm:  
Sunday 9am: L & C Welsh  
Sunday 5pm:

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Guthrie – All welcome  
Sun 9am: Italian Choir, M Sullivan  
Sun 5pm: S Faïta, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team: Team 3 P McDonald**

#### Irymple

**Reader:** M Hill

#### Merbein

**Reader:**

#### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** T Hawkes, J Lewis  
**Altar Servers:** I Manno, J Manno, E Manno  
**Music:** Guitar—T Lewis  
**Offertory Procession:** M Bell  
**Counting Team:** L Grivec, A Njegovan, G Tassone  
**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** D Eagle  
**Church Cleaning:** Cleaner  
**Flowers:** Volunteer

### Next weekend - 12th & 13th June 2021

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

#### Mildura

**Readers:** Saturday 6pm: G Huxtable  
Sunday 9am: G Johnston  
Sunday 5pm: J Thomas

#### **Eucharistic Ministers: 2**

Saturday 6pm: C Carmichael, J Deacon  
Sunday 9am: T Faingaanuku, M Faingaanuku  
Sunday 5pm: C Carlucci, V Carlucci

#### **Offertory Procession:**

Saturday 6pm:  
Sunday 9am: J Morvell  
Sunday 5pm:

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, J Ljubic  
Sun 9am: M Sullivan, B Prescott, B Lewis, JO'Bryan  
Sun 5pm: S Faïta, L Buy, K Mapapalangi

**Counting Team: Team 4 M Roper**

#### Irymple

**Reader:** P Riordan

#### Merbein

**Reader:** K Aston

#### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** M Monteleone, M Slater  
**Altar Servers:**  
**Music:** Guitar—T Lewis  
**Offertory Procession:** G Brizzi  
**Counting Team:** L Grivec, A Njegovan, J Tassone  
**Eucharistic Minister x 1:** T Gardiner  
**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers  
**Flowers:** Volunteer

### Next Weekends Readings: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th & 13th June 2021

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Responsorial: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16  
Response: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.  
2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-10  
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



## First Reading

Ex 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. (R.)

## Second Reading

Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

## International drawing contest for kids

The earth's climate is changing. Kids need to know what is happening, why, and how it will affect them in the future. This contest offers a chance to take action to help slow climate change – because a tree will be planted for every kid that enters! Adults will also be encouraged to contribute to planting more trees too. The competition runs from May – June 2021 for kids aged 4-14. For more information go to <https://kidscareaboutclimate.org>

## Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many' Mark 14:12-16,22-26. The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! [W]e all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others ... we will make that culture of encounter. (Pope Francis Homily, May 2013) [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)