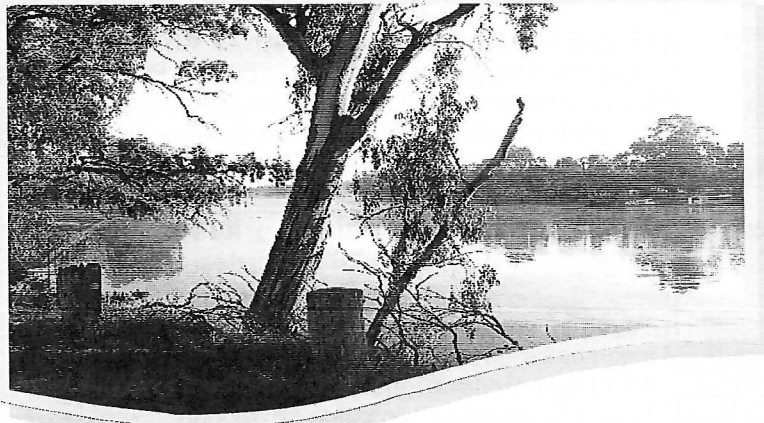


# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Newssheet: Week 16

Parish Priest Fr. Matthew Thomas  
Assistant Priest Fr. Shaiju Mathew

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo  
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*

## Easter Sunday / Year C 16th & 17th April 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Nicola Daniele, Bria Joyce

### Mildura

#### Anniversaries:

Sunday 9am: Joyce Ribarits

### Red Cliffs

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

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Katerina Stefan, Saverio Primarino, John Dineen, Francesco Deano, Michele Callipari, Vincenza Palamara

*(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.

### 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 provided
- If you are feeling unwell please stay home

## Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

### 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

Happy Easter! I hope you all are enjoying the Risen Lord. Today we celebrate and give thanks for the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

I would like to thank all those who have helped with the Easter Liturgies this year, it has been an amazing experience. This weekend we also welcomed new parishioners into the church through RCIA, and Baptism, I hope and pray their faith journey continues with God's love always at the centre of their lives.

Fr Shaiju is away this week so we have a number of changes for the weekday roster for mass.

Tuesday No Masses

Wednesday Funeral at 11am

Thursday Merbein 9.30am

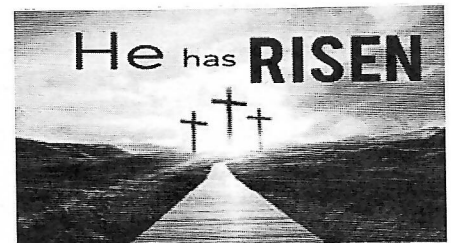
Mildura Funeral 1pm

Friday Mildura 6pm

Saturday Mildura 9.30am with Confession at 10am

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas



## Easter Weekend Services

### 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

### Anointing Masses

21st April Merbein 9.30am

27th April Mildura 9.30am

# LOCAL NEWS

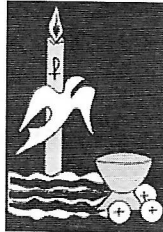
## UPCOMING EVENTS

For April 2022

- Mon 25 April:** ANZAC Day Mass 9.30am, Sacred Heart Church  
**Tue 26 April:** Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre.  
**Wed 27 April:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates initiated into our community during the Easter Vigil. We continue to pray with, Ceylan, Elizabeth and Melvyn asking God's continued blessing upon them and all who are dear to them. Thank you to our RCIA Team and Sponsors who have supported our candidates throughout their journey.



### Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Gianna Dichiera, George Dixon, Vivienne Dixon & Henry Smith** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



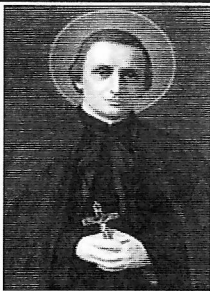
### Volunteers

Looking for helpers to help with morning tea on the 2nd weekend of each month. Parish Groups can volunteer and placed on a monthly rotating roster. If you can help please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



### TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday 1st May at 9am. All are invited to stay on for food, drinks etc from the Monaghan Centre.



### Our Parish Schools

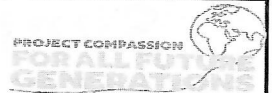
- Sacred Heart Mildura** Principal: Mark Gibson 5023 1204  
**St Paul's Mildura** Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567  
**OLSH Merbein** Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258  
**St. Joseph's Red Cliffs** Principal: Naomi Kennedy 5024 1654  
**St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura**  
 Principal: 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 Sunday  
17 April



### Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

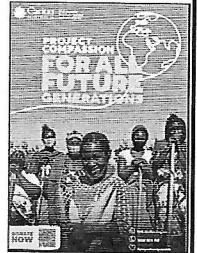
### Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

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](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Reminder: Could all Project Compassion Envelopes and boxes be returned to church or Parish Office as soon as possible.**



### St Joseph's Parish, Red Cliffs

Will be having a Parish BBQ on Sunday 1st May. Gold coin donation. Please register on the forms provided or call the Parish Office on 5021 2872. All welcome.



### Mothers Day Raffle—Red Cliffs Church

Tickets are now available for sale at .50cents each. Three prizes which will be drawn on 1st May—St Joseph the Worker Feast Day during Parish BBQ after the 10am Mass.

### THE SHARED TABLE

On behalf of the families of the communities of the Parish of Nuestra Señora de la Paz Motupe in Lima, and the Parish of Santiago Apostle Yanaoca, I extend a very sincere thank you to the parishioners of Mildura and Red Cliffs for their support of the Shared Table.

This Program has been of enormous benefit to families, especially during the pandemic, offering not only assistance to children but to many families who have been impacted as a result of COVID. More than 200,000 people died in Peru during the height of the pandemic, leaving many families still grieving and recuperating after the consequences of the virus.

Thank you and may God bless you, especially during this joyful time of Easter. May the Risen Christ bind us together in his love.

Fr Mick McKinnon



# LOCAL NEWS

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed below

|           | MILDURA      | RED CLIFFS | MERBEIN |
|-----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| MONDAY    | NO MASS      |            |         |
| TUESDAY   | NO MASS      | NO MASS    |         |
| WEDNESDAY | FUNERAL 11AM |            |         |
| THURSDAY  | FUNERAL 1PM  | NO MASS    | 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.*

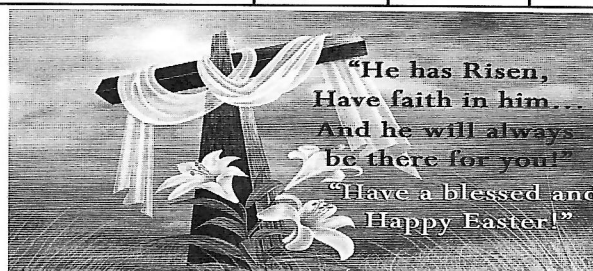
**Mildura:** Bernadette Kerr, Moya Campbell, Margaret Mottram, Ruth Michel (Werrimull), Rosemary Byrne

**Merbein:**

**Red Cliffs:** Barry Crosbie

## SUNRAYSA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

| Last week's collections   | Mildura    | Merbein  | Red Cliffs |
|---|------------|----------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection<br>(supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$ 1732.65 | \$297.50 | \$166.70   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection<br>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)       | \$ 834.00  | \$262.50 | \$266.75   |
| Loose Plate   | \$ 582.15  | \$212.35 | \$ 35.80   |



# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

**This weekend - 16th & 17th April 2022**

**Next weekend - 23rd & 24th April 2022**

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

### Mildura

**Readers:** Sat 6pm: As per Holy Week Rosters  
Sun 9am:

**Eucharistic Ministers:** As per Holy Week Rosters  
Sat 7pm:  
Sun 9am:

**Music:** Sat 6pm: As per Easter Vigil Roster  
Sun 9am: As per Easter Sunday Roster

### **Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: Baptism Family

### **Counting Team:**

### Irymple

**Reader:** G McCracken

### Merbein

**Reader:** N Prevedello

**Offertory:** N & B Prevedello

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** As per Easter Vigil Roster

**Music:** Guitar

**Offertory Procession:** As per Easter Vigil Roster

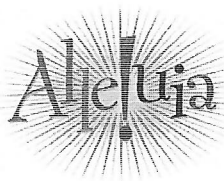
**Altar Servers:** As per Easter Vigil Roster

**Eucharistic Minister:** As per Easter Vigil Roster

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** J Cameron

**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: C Carmichael  
Sun 9am: S Opie  
Sun 5pm: Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** x 3 people

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

Sun 9am: P O'Donnell, G Raiti

Sun 5pm: B Bunting, K Groves, J Hall

**Music:** Sat 6pm: M Hammond, J Macri

Sun 9am: Filipino Choir, M Issanchon

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

### **Offertory Procession:**

Sun 9am: Baptism Family

**Counting Team:** Group 9—G Brizzi

### Irymple

**Reader:** M Duck

### Merbein

**Reader:** F Sabo

**Offertory:** F Cox, V McCarthy

### Red Cliffs

**Readers:** P Hunt, D Eagle

**Music:** Tongan Choir

**Offertory Procession:** Cameron Family

**Altar Servers:** Group 6

**Eucharistic Minister:** C Tassone

**Church Cleaning:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** J Cameron

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



**Next Weekends Readings: - 2nd Sunday of Easter Year C — 23rd & 24th April 2022**

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31



## First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

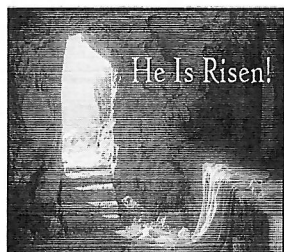
1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

## Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.



## Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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