

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*

Pentecost / Year B 15th & 23rd May 2021

RECENT DEATHS

Joe Kearney, Neil Fernando

ANNIVERSARIES

Ben Cirillo, Maria Pascale, Antoinio Carlucci, Cheriya,
Mildura

Saturday 6pm: Ben Cirillo,

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm: Ben Cirillo, Maria Pascale, Antonio Carlucci, Cheriya,

Red Cliffs

Merbein

Anniversaries: Angelo Grande, Warwick Cook, Gert Farrell, Alma Hamence, Frank Matotek, Antonia and Giuseppe Mammoni, Matthew Gadzinski, Maureen Divola

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the giving of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We are blessed to be celebrating at Mildura with 115 of our young people the sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray that they take advantage of the gifts of Courage, Knowledge, Right Judgement, Wonder and Awe in God, Good Council, Patience, and Reverence.

We continue to pray for the young people at Merbein who are preparing for the sacraments as well and look forward to celebrating with them soon.

I would like to thank all those who have and are helping prepare and support the youth at this time of their faith journey.

*God bless!
 Fr Matthew*

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.

Mass Counts

This is the final weekend for Mass Counts at all masses.

I ask that the collector at the masses count the people attending that service.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF SUNRAYSIA
 ARE NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

ENROLMENTS OPEN

St Paul's, Mildura
 Sacred Heart, Mildura
 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Merbein
 St Joseph's, Red Cliffs

Information
 & 2022
 Enrolment
 Packs
 available



Please contact the required school to find out more information

St Paul's	Ph 03 5023 4567	Email office@spmildura.catholic.edu.au
Sacred Heart	Ph 03 5023 1204	Email office@shmildura.catholic.edu.au
OLSH Merbein	Ph 03 5025 2258	Email admin@olshmerbein.catholic.edu.au
St Joseph's Red Cliffs	Ph 03 5024 1654	Email admin@sjredcliffs.catholic.edu.au

LOCAL NEWS

Confirmation Sacred Heart Church



Congratulations to all the children confirmed on Friday and this weekend. May the Spirit continue to work in your lives so that you grow into mature Christians and messengers of the Good News. We also take this opportunity in thanking Sr Helen, school staff and parents and carers for their preparation.

Important Dates for May 2021

Tuesday 25th May: BUPA Aged Care Mass 10.30am
Wednesday 26th May: Baptism Preparation Evening, 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

National Week of Volunteers May 17-23

The theme for this year is Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine. Which acknowledges that it is time to:
RECOGNISE, celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our lives.
RECONNECT to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves.
REIMAGINE how we better support volunteers and communities they help.

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.

200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia

A National Mass will be celebrated across all states, territories and dioceses on Monday, May 24, 2021 (the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians - Patron Saint of Australia), to commemorate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. Mass will be livestreamed from a number of locations. Check the website for sites and starting times
www.200years.catholic.edu.au/

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

Advance Notice

The Italian Community will be celebrating the annual Feast of St Anthony Mass on Sunday 20th June at 5pm. Tickets for the raffle are available at \$2.00 each.

Sausage sizzle to follow after Mass. All welcome.



WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our first Werrimull Bus trip for 2020 will be held on Sunday 30th May. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.

Missionary of Charity Sisters

We are pleased to announce the recommencement of the Catechist Program for our younger parishioners.

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 shortly be commencing a program for the Youth. Further details in next weekend's bulletin.

CATECHISM

Stewardship 2021

Making Connections Within Our Community

During May we will be undertaking an effort to re-connect with all our parishioners who come to Mass here in our catholic community.

This year we want to continue a way of being 'church' with all families who have been coming here for many years, and also with those who are relatively new.

We believe that our faithful parishioners are the 'heart' of our Catholic Community and our desire is that each truly experiences a real sense of belonging, welcome and hospitality.

So, on today we are holding a **'Making Connections' weekend** and we invite all those attending Mass to complete a **Parish Connection Card during Mass**.

These Connection Cards will allow the parish to design and plan meaningful ways to be relevant as 'Church' now and into the future. It will assist us to build upon the formation that has already taken place, assist to update our Parish Census register, and help us prepare well for our forthcoming Parish Stewardship Renewal.

This initiative will apply to **ALL parishioners – old & new**.

Parishioner Connection Cards will be available at all Masses.

Our aim is that **all parishioners** complete a Parish Connection Card at this time.

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	6PM		
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 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1652.20	\$ 87.50	\$172.00
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 756.10	\$ 115.00	\$170.00
Loose Plate	\$ 690.50	\$ 42.20	\$ 18.50
Project Compassion to date	\$3747.75	\$ 56.25	\$1479.10

REMEMBER
to still abide by the
COVID Staying Safe Rules
whilst on church grounds

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 22nd & 23rd May 2021

Next weekend - 29th & 30th May 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: Confirmation Families
Sunday 9am: Confirmation Families
Sunday 5pm: Confirmation Families

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, A Naray, T Fatai
Sunday 9am: E Garreffa, L Walsh, M Wright
Sunday 5pm: B Bunting, T Finn, B Dollence

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm: Confirmation Families
Sunday 9am: Confirmation Families
Sunday 5pm: Confirmation Families

Music: Sat 6pm: SH and St P School
Sun 9am: SH and St P School
Sun 5pm: SH and St P School

Counting Team: Team 1—

Irymple

Reader: M Duck

Merbein

Reader: Francis Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: K Hawks, A Higham

Altar Servers:

Music: Tongan Choir

Offertory Procession: M Suppa

Counting Team: K Castle P Roy

Eucharistic Minister x 1: C Cavallaro

Church Cleaning:

Flowers: R Chase

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: C Charmichael
Sunday 9am: T Fainga'anuku
Sunday 5pm: B Bunting

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: P Kerr, V Pileggi
Sunday 9am: R Op't Hoog, N Lewis
Sunday 5pm: K Groves, S Hermans

Offertory Procession:

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

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan J Ljubic
Sun 9am: Filipino Choir
Sun 5pm: S Fata, LDuy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Team 2

Irymple

Reader: W Schmidt

Merbein

Reader: N Prevedello

Red Cliffs

Readers: P Hunt, M Lee

Altar Servers:

B Williams, A Lindeman, M Holt, L Cameron

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: M Adams

Counting Team: Group 2

Eucharistic Minister x 1: M Dominelli

Church Cleaning: C Dichiera

Flowers: R Chase

Next Weekends Readings: 29th & 30th May 2021

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Responsorial: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. Ps 32

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.' The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)



Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord

QR Codes

Under the Victorian Government COVID regulations all venues must now use the QR code provided, **manual sign in sheets is now no longer allowed.** All churches will have a Tablet and supervisor to help with registering. **Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to register this way.**