

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*

The Ascension of the Lord / Year C 28th & 29th May 2022

RECENT DEATHS

Sarah Violi,

Mildura

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Alessandro & Caterina Piscioneri

Sunday 9am: Maria, Peter & Lucia Tran, All Souls, Gumerinda Odal, John Keam (one year anniversary)

Sunday 5pm: Charlotte Byrne, Kevin Ryan

Red Cliffs

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Domenico Mammine

Merbein

Anniversaries: Mathew Gadzinski, Maureen Divola, Joe Chiera, Mary Klaric, Maureen Maynard, Sue Fordham

(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
- . If you are feeling unwell please stay home

Sunraysia Catholic Communities Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

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

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, Jesus returning to God the Father. He reminds us that he is with us always until the end of time. Jesus being present in our lives gives us great hope of the promises made by God to his people.

On Friday we had our Catholic Education Week Mass where the year 7's from St Joseph's College and leaders from St Mary's Robinvale and the entire school population from St Joseph's Red Cliffs, Our Lady's Merbein and St Paul's and Sacred Heart Mildura. The theme was 'go spread the good news'. This was a fantastic mass and celebration of faith with our school communities.

We had a break in and some damage done to the Merbein Church if you notice anything or have seen something please let me know.

God bless you all.

Fr Matthew Thomas

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022 May 29 – June 5

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). Resources for use in prayer services in your parishes, local ministers associations or inter-church Councils are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

Plenary Council Update

What is happening in the Plenary, how does it concern you and the future of the Church in Australia? Listen, engage and pray with Marie Shaddock a member of the Plenary Council. All welcome.

When: Thursday 16th June

Where: OLSH Church Merbein 10.15am
Monaghan Centre, Mildura 2pm
St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs 4.30pm

LOCAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

For May/June 2022

Sun 29 May: Youth Mass, 5pm
Tue 31 May: St Anthony Committee meeting KSC Clubrooms 7.30pm
Tue 7 June: Bereavement Team meeting 10.30am Sacred Heart Parish Office.
Tue 7 June: Regis Tenth Aged Care Service 2pm
Mon 13 June: Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms.
Thu 16 June: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 2pm
Sun 19 June: OLSH Merbein Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass
Wed 22 June: Baptism Preparation Evening 7pm Monaghan Centre.
Fri 24 June: Feast Day of the Sacred Heart 6pm Mass followed by a light dinner.
Sun 26 June: St Joseph's Red Cliffs Parish Council after 10am Mass.
Tue 28 June: Sacred Heart Finance Committee meeting 7.30am, Parish Office.
Tue 28 June: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting, after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

RCIA

My Ongoing Participation
Thursday 2nd June 7pm, Hillman Room.



Thank You

to the Filipino Community for their kind donation of \$1525.00 to the Sacred Heart Church.

Anointing Masses for the Month of June

Red Cliffs Church: Thursday 9th June 5.30pm
Merbein Church: Thursday 16th June 9.30am
Mildura Church: Wednesday 22nd June 9.30am
If there is a Funeral Mass on Wed, Thurs, the advertised Anointing Mass will be cancelled.

Mass Counts

Final Mass count will occur this weekend at all Churches.

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



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.

Sacred Heart Church—Readers Roster

A new Readers Roster will soon be available. If you would like to become a new reader, you wish to change your current Mass time or if you would like to come off the roster please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 no later than Tuesday 7th June.

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – June 3

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/>

Feast Day of the Sacred Heart

To celebrate our parish Feast Day of the Sacred Heart, a dinner gathering is being organised after the 6pm Mass on Friday 24th June. All most welcome.



We are also taking this opportunity to thank all Parishioners, family and friends who kindly donated to the building of the Monaghan Centre, where back in April this year, the Monaghan Centre Loan was fully paid off.

For catering purposes please book-in at the Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Tuesday 21st June.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

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

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1244.70	\$136.75	\$177.00
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1661.80	\$216.00	\$174.80
Loose Plate	\$ 813.40	\$ 42.85	\$ 32.80

Ordinations to the Priesthood



Please pray for 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 7pm.

The Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 28th & 29th May 2022

Next weekend - 4th & 5th June 2022

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Sat 6pm: A Naray
Sun 9am: M Munro
Sun 5pm: Youth Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
Sun 9am: R & R Op't Hoog, volunteer please
Sun 5pm: P Cox, J Boord, J Macri

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, J Macri, J Ljubic
Sun 9am: M Sullivan, P Prescott, M Bowring, B Lewis

Sun 5pm: Youth Mass, S Faight, K Mapapalangi

Offertory Procession

Sun 9am: C & L Welsh

Counting Team: Group 4—M Roper

Irymple

Reader: K Modoo

Merbein

Reader: N Prevedello
Offertory: N & B Prevedello

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Duck, A Higham
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: Russo Family
Altar Servers: Group 5
Eucharistic Minister: M Dominelli
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: Confirmation
Sun 9am: Confirmation
Sun 5pm: Confirmation

Eucharistic Ministers: x 3 people

Sat 6pm: M Cirillo, C Carmichael, P Kerr
Sun 9am: R & R Op't Hoog, Volunteer
Sun 5pm: P Cox, J Boord, J Joslyn

Music: Sat 6pm: Sacred Heart & St Pauls Schools
Sun 9am: Sacred Heart & St Pauls Schools
Sun 5pm: Sacred Heart & St Pauls Schools

Offertory Procession: All Masses—Confirmation

Counting Team: Group 5—H Kay

Irymple

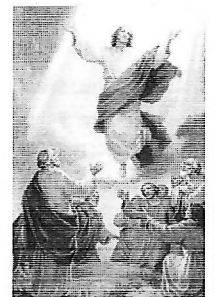
Reader: D Knight

Merbein

Reader: Confirmation
Offertory: Confirmation

Red Cliffs

Readers: Confirmation
Music: Guitar
Offertory Procession: Confirmation
Altar Servers: Group 6
Eucharistic Minister: D Eagle
Church Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Volunteers



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Next Weekends Readings: - Pentecost Year C — 4th & 5th June 2022

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:8-17
Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26



First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

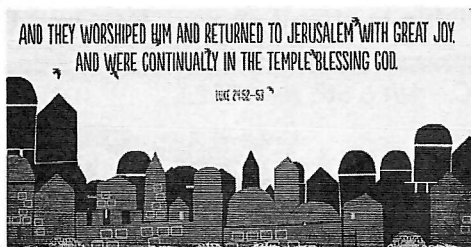
Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.



Second Reading

Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all peoples my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.