

# 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 Passion of the Lord / Year C 9th & 10th April 2022

### RECENT DEATHS

Brian Hoy, Sr Tricia Vagg (Ballarat)

### Mildura

Anniversaries: Jim Graham, Francesca & Bruno Pelle

Saturday 6pm: Maria Sapuppo (1st year anniversary)

Tuesday 6pm: Giuseppe Roccisano (Nichols Point)

### Red Cliffs

Anniversaries:

### Merbein

Anniversaries: Richard Murphy jnr, Kevin Forbes, Kathleen Briggs, Max McMillan

*(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)

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

‘Sing Hosanna’ was the song of the people today.

Palm Sunday is a joyous occasion when we all come to welcome Jesus into the community with great joy, then the week changes for Jesus. I ask us to look at Holy week and the Easter Liturgies in a different light this year. Let us focus on the liturgies as someone else’s perspective such as Peter, Mary or one of the other followers or Disciples.

I encourage us all to be part of the three fold liturgies of Easter Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday as these are separate occasions but all the same liturgy.

If you are travelling over the school holidays please travel safely and if you are a visitor please enjoy your stay here in region.

God bless you all.

*Fr Matthew Thomas*

### Easter Services

#### Holy Thursday 14th April

5pm Our Lady’s Merbein  
6pm St Joseph’s Red Cliffs  
7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

#### Good Friday 15th April

3pm Sacred Heart Mildura  
3pm St Joseph’s Red Cliffs  
3pm Our Lady’s Merbein

#### 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

### The Way of the Cross

Good Friday morning at 9am at  
Sacred Heart Church Mildura  
Followed by a Cuppa and  
Hot Cross Bun

### Anointing Masses

14th April Red Cliffs 5.30pm  
21st April Merbein 9.30am  
27th April Mildura 9.30am

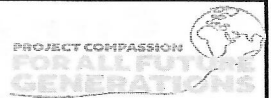
### Mass of the Oils

St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat  
Monday 11th April

# LOCAL NEWS



6th Sunday of  
Lent  
9 & 10 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

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, or visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) or phone 1800 024 413.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For April 2022

- 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## Flowers for Easter—all Churches

We need flowers for

1. the Altar of Repose on Thursday
2. the Church for Easter Vigil on Saturday—Mildura & Red Cliffs
3. Merbein Church Easter Sunday

If you could drop flowers—All churches around 2pm on Thursday and/or Saturday we will have time to arrange them.

All donations gratefully accepted- especially Easter Daisy.



## 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

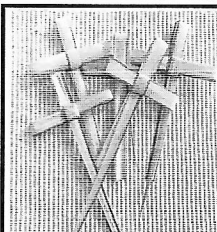


## Trading Stalls Mildura & Red Cliffs 10th April

This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass.

**Seeking donations of produce:** fruit, vegetables, plants, seedlings, **conserves:** jams, chutneys, relish, **baked goods:** cakes, biscuits, slices, bread etc. If these can be brought in on the day of the stall it would be appreciated

Proceeds from the Mildura Trading Stall goes to The Shared Table and proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading Stall this month will go to Lenten Ladies.



## Thank you

A huge Thank you to Teresa Parente, Paula Cox, staff and students from SJC who made the Palm crosses for all churches this weekend.

## Holy Week Rosters

If you are able to be part of the Holy Week Liturgies please put your name down of the roster sheets which are available at all churches main Entrance.



# 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	7:00PM	6:00PM	5:00PM
FRIDAY	3:00PM	3:00PM	3:00PM
SATURDAY	NO MASS		

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	IRYMPLE	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
SATURDAY		7:00PM	6:00PM	
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9AM	NO MASS	10:30AM
	WERRIMULL 11:00AM			

## 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 (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1435.95	\$114.50	\$296.45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2645.50	\$220.00	\$228.75
Loose Plate	\$ 684.30	\$ 60.20	\$ 52.10

## Monaghan Centre Loan

Good news! We have now paid off the loan which was taken out by the parish 8 years ago to finish paying off the Construction of the Monaghan Centre.

After Easter we will celebrate this great achievement.

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the paying this loan.

# ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend - 9th & 10th April 2022

Next weekend - 16th & 17th 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

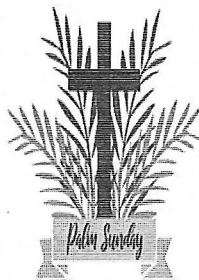
### Merbein

**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.**



**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

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Next Weekends Readings: - Easter Sunday Year C — 16th & 17th April 2022

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Response: This is the day the Lord had made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
2nd Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9





## First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

## Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel - Longer form

Lk 22:14 - 23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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