

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Sacred Heart  
Mildura

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier  
Irymple

St. Joseph's  
Red Cliffs

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Merbein

## 2nd Sunday of Easter / Year B 7th & 8th April 2018

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass Roster will be listed under  
Parish Heading

	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
MONDAY		9:30am	
TUESDAY	6:00pm	5:30pm	
WEDNESDAY	9:15am	9:30am	
THURSDAY	9:15am	5:30pm	9:15am
FRIDAY	5:40pm	9:30am	
SATURDAY	9:30am	9:30am	

**RECENT DEATHS:** Assunta Di Toro, Phyllis Green,  
Mona Richardson, James (Jim) Graham

### ANNIVERSARIES:

#### MILDURA

**Saturday 6pm:** Giuseppe Mammone (30 day mass)  
**Sunday 9.00am:** George Farmer, Don Eugenio Zaffina  
**Friday 5.40pm:** Giuseppe Roccisano (Nichols Point)

#### RED CLIFFS

**Recent Death:** Frs Bob Coghlan & Ernie Smith

#### MERBEIN

**April:** Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> Richard Murphy Jnr., Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> Kevin Forbes

*Only immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.*

Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays *after* Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays *of* Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears.

Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We may do well to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We respond with love and generosity in times of crisis. How can we continue to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time"?



Veronica Lawson rsm

### Our Parish Schools

**Sacred Heart Mildura** Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204  
**St Paul's Mildura** Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567  
**OLSH Merbein** Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258  
**St. Joseph's Red Cliffs** Principal: Mark Gibson 5024 1654

**St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura**  
 Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000



Sacred Heart Parish Mildura

**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.*

**Brian O'Brien, Paul & Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan**

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY**



**BAPTISM**

We welcome into our Parish Community Atticus James, Julia Albanese, Isla Chaplin, Oliver Moroni, Charlie Robinson & Maya Sheehy, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

**THERE WILL BE NO 9.15AM MASS THURSDAY 12TH APRIL DUE TO THE FUNERAL MASS OF JAMES (JIM) GRAHAM.**



**FIRST EUCHARIST**

Parent Information Evening Monday 23rd April, 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church. All parents need to be present.

**First Eucharist Dates:**  
Saturday June 2nd 6pm Mass and Sunday 9am Mass & 5pm Mass.

**COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH**

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING**  
Will be held on Monday 9th April 7.30pm in the KSC Clubrooms.

**PARISH FINANCE MEETING**  
Tuesday 10th April 7.30am at the Parish Office.

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING**  
Will be held on Tuesday 10th April 9am at the Parish Office.

**SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP**  
Will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 10th April 2pm in the Hillman Room. All welcome.

**CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED**  
Looking for a Co-ordinator to help set up The Shared Table on the second Sunday of each month. If you can help out 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 29th April at 9am. All are invited to stay on for food, drinks etc from the Monaghan Centre.



**Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura**

**Rosary:** Monday 5:00pm  
**Prayer of the Church:** Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am  
**Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 6:30pm  
**Devotions and Exposition:** Friday 3:00pm  
**Christian Meditation:** Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

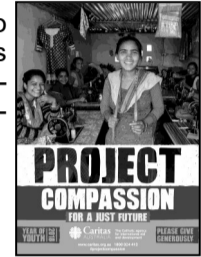
**PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE**



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2018. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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1800 024 413



**REGIONAL RETREAT**

A quiet day of reflection on the banks of the Murray  
**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**  
**FORT COURAGE**  
**9:30am – 3:30pm**  
With **FR PETER WOOD MSC**  
Transport available  
Lunch will be provided \$15/person  
**TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT**  
Sacred Heart Parish Office 5021 2872  
Tuesday – Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm

**WERRIMULL BUS TRIP—29th April**

Our next Bus Trip to Werrimull for 11am Mass followed by a meal at the Pub will be held on Sunday 29th April. Bookings to the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



**MISSION BOOKLETS**

If you ordered a Mission Booklet please collect it from the Parish Office as quite a number of booklets are yet to be claimed. A donation to cover printing costs would be greatly appreciated.

**CUPPA, CONVERSATION AND COMMUNITY**

All are invited to stay for a CUPPA after the 9am this Sunday.



**SHARED TABLE STALL**

This Sunday 8th April after the 9am Mass.

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, preserves, home baked and home crafted items.

**All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.**

**MILDURA PARISH FINANCE**

Last weeks collections	
1 <sup>ST</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$3427.00
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3498.90
Loose Plate	\$1658.50
Project Compassion	\$1020.00
Holy Land	\$1348.75



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Jana Njegovan, Marie Adams, Jessie Pedler, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Paul & Diane Lanigan, Heather McWilliams, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone, Joe Cufari, Brother Dan Geary MSC.

**PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES TO WEEK DAY MASS TIMES FOR THIS COMING WEEK**

Monday: 9:30am Scriptures  
 Tuesday: 9.30am Scriptures  
 Wednesday: Mass 5:30pm  
 Thursday: Mass 5.30pm  
 Friday: 9.30am  
 Saturday: 9.30am

**Our Diocesan Community:** Available today free, a copy for each family

**YOUTH-LED MASS**

Our next youth-led Mass will be on Sunday, April 22. Cuppa and Trading Table after Mass.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

As at last Sunday afternoon, our Project Compassion for this year stands at \$4812.20. As usual, the person who takes us over the \$5000.00 mark will win an Easter Egg. Over one-quarter of our Project Compassion has come from school families.  
**Please return your Project Compassion Boxes or envelopes asap.**

**PLENARY COUNCIL**

Available today at the entrances - a little card on which Bishop Paul Bird introduces us to the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia. On the reverse side is a rather lengthy prayer for the Plenary Council.



**RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE**

<b>Last weeks collections</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$527.15
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$373.00
Loose Plate	\$181.95
Project Compassion to date	\$4812.20
Holy Land	\$172.50

**St. Joseph's Parish Red Cliffs**



**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.*

Kit Coogan, Peter Willcock, Betty Green, Joan Appleby, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Alison Olden, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

**Vision & Mission Statement**

*We are a welcoming Catholic Community committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily life. We do this by:*

- *Coming together regularly to worship God;*
- *Witnessing to Gospel values in our daily lives;*
- *Nurturing the growth & development of our faith;*
- *Caring for all in our Community;*
- *Taking responsibility for our Parish.*

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation will commence on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the school library. Please contact the school to enrol if you would like your child to take part.

**THERESIAN MEETING** Due to Easter holiday the next meeting will be held on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>

**STEPPING OUT** – An exhibition by local basket weavers at GALLERY F, 31-33 Deakin Ave Mildura. From March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>. Opening hours: Thursday & Friday 10-am-4pm; Saturday: 10am-2pm

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Next meeting will be next Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please note change from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month for this month only.

**SMECC REQUEST**

There is a shortage of rental accommodation available for refugees seeking to make Sunraysia district their permanent place of residence. If you are thinking of renting or know of someone who is please contact SMECC on 50221006.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

*'A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power. This is what consumer movements accomplish by boycotting certain products. They prove successful in changing the way businesses operate, forcing them to consider their environmental footprint and their patterns of production'.  
 L.Si 206*

**JOURNEY AWAY FROM PLASTIC**

Drinks bottles are one of the most common types of plastic waste. Some 480 bn plastic bottles were sold globally in 2016- that's a million bottles per minute. Of these 110bn were made by drinks giant Coca Cola – Less than 50% collected for recycling & 7% turned into new bottles!

**Personal Action Plan**

- Take your own plastic pledge and invest in a 'Keep Cup'
- Avoid purchasing plastic bottles, invest in water bottle for life
- Recycle – reduce - reuse
- When purchasing new items think first –do I need it? –will it last? –could I borrow or hire this item?

**MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE**

<b>Last weeks collections</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$261.85
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$209.00
Loose Plate	\$ 91.65
Project Compassion	\$115.00

**Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein**

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

## 2nd Sunday of Easter / Year B 7th & 8th April 2018

**First Reading: Isa 50:4-7**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24**  
**Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**  
**Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11**  
**Gospel: Mk 1-39**



Werrimull Last Sunday of month 11:00am	Sacred Heart Saturday 6.00pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 9:00am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5.00pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
<b>Leader Reader</b>	Gary Huxtable	Maureen Speed	Jancy Thomas	K Modoo	M Bell M Cavallaro/M Duck	Sr Carmel	<b>April 29th</b>
<b>Music</b>	Filipino Choir / N Armsden	SH Choir M Faingaanuku	NO MUSIC		Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
<b>Offertory</b>	Baptism	Baptism			C Cavallaro	Lemon Family	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer			Charlee Besgrove	<b>May 27th</b>
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Katelin Anesbury	Nancy Leonardis	Jacinta Macri	Malcolm Hoy		Sr Carmel	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Vince Pileggi	Elina Garreffa	Paula Cox			Janine Dannatt	
	Anne-Maree Greville	Maryanne Modica	Jennifer Boord				<b>June 24th</b>
	Taiana Fatai	Lyn Welsh	Reni Cheriyan				Sr Carmel Setford Annette lemon
	Margaret McDonald	Loretta Thomspen	Wendy Finn		C Markham	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Trish McNamara	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Tony Finn		M Matotek	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	<b>July 29th</b>
	Maria Scopacasa			M Monteleone		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino	
<b>Counting Team</b>	TEAM 8	TREVOR AUST 5023 6597			T & J Lewis		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	GROUP 5 G Tassone	As per arrangement	

## 3rd Sunday of Easter / Year B 14th & 15th April 2018

**First Reading: Apos 3:13-15, 17-19**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9**  
**Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.**  
**Second Reading: Jn 2:1-5**  
**Gospel: Lk 24:35-48**



Werrimull Last Sunday of month 11:00am	Sacred Heart Saturday 6.00pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 9:00am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5.00pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
<b>Leader Reader</b>	Katy Quinlan	Narie Lewis	Jim Graham	M Hill	Di Eagle D Eagle/T Gardiner	K Wagner	<b>April 29th</b>
<b>Music</b>	M Hammond	Tongan Choir M Guthrie	NO MUSIC		Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
<b>Offertory</b>		Jim O'Donnell			F Dominelli	Knight Family	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer				<b>May 27th</b>
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Paul Kerr	Susan Lewis	Melanie Ransome	R Hill		Janine Dannatt	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Anita Naray	Minda Wright	Bill Dolence			Evaine Kremore	
	Margaret Sheahan	Rose Op't Hoog	Jacqui Willis				<b>June 24th</b>
	Maria Cirillo	Rini Op't Hoog	Barbara Bunting				Sr Carmel Setford Annette lemon
	Christine Carmichael	Cora Howell	Katrina Groves		N Morello	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Narie Lewis	Judy Hall		S Orr	Pat Sylvia Annette Lemon	<b>July 29th</b>
	Renata Byra			B Pitt		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino	
<b>Counting Team</b>	TEAM 9	GEORGE DOLENCE 5023 7993			T & J Lewis		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	

*The Sunraysia Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.*