

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

*The Sunraysia Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.
 Child Safety Officers:- Mildura—Christine Slattery, Merbein—Kevin Aston, Red Cliffs—Bernadette Gardner*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times 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	AS ADVISED
FRIDAY	5:40PM	9:30AM	
SATURAY	9:30AM	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 (LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)		

MILDURA

Recent Deaths: Ludvic Svrta

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 6pm: Clint Branch

Friday 5.40pm: Domenico Musolino (30 day mass)

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Domenico Mammone

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: April 28th Teresa Dichiera

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

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

Second Sunday of Easter / Year C 27th & 28th April 2019

This weekend we celebrate the second of eight Sundays of the Easter Season which culminates in the Feast of Pentecost. In other words, we recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into different movements 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. Again, it is the first day of the week, evoking the first day of creation. 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.

The story invites us 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 fear of reprisals in our pursuit of justice and peace. It also invites us to ponder the consequences of forgiving on the one hand and of not forgiving on the other. To forgive another is to release that person from the burden of guilt and shame. Forgiveness opens up the possibility of healing for all concerned. To refuse forgiveness or to "retain" the sins of another is to leave that person unforgiven and so unhealed. We might also consider the consequences of refusing to open ourselves to forgiveness. Those who refuse to forgive others have often failed to forgive themselves for their own shortcomings.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas 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 already knows. If we think, however, that those who hear from the outset are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled their fears. We all need time to grasp what it means to say that Christ has been raised. Biblical scholar, Margaret Daly-Denton notes that, in the Jewish tradition, "the eighth day symbolized the aeon to come". Like John's community we live in "the eighth day", in resurrection time, the time of the new creation. Easter faith invites us, for the sake of the whole Earth community, to keep living into that reality.

Veronica Lawson rsm

*Happy are
those who
have not seen
and yet
believe.*

Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

RCIA 2018 –2019

We continue to pray, especially for Pauline who will be initiated our community this weekend.



FIRST EUCHARIST 2019 —Dates to remember
Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 15th May 7pm, Sacred Heart Church
First Eucharist Dates: Saturday June 22nd 6pm Mass and Sunday June 23rd, 9am Mass & 5pm Mass.
 Please contact Parish Office on 50212872 for further information.

Community Life & Outreach

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will be having dinner on Sunday 28th April 2019 at Miss Lucy's Restaurant 140, 8th St Mildura at 6.30pm. Please RSVP on 0427238778.

ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 2nd May 9.15am. All welcome

TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel this Sunday 28th April at 9am.

Food, drinks and nibbles will be provided after Mass. All most welcome.



70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We congratulate Douglas & Merle Watson who will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on April 28th.

SPECIAL THANKS

To all who kindly brought flowers for Holy Thursday and on Saturday for our Easter Masses.



MARY'S LIFE: OUR LIFE—FOCOLARE MELBOURNE

The Focolare community from Melbourne will be visiting Mildura on the weekend 11th & 12th May. They will run a program for children and families on Saturday 11th May at 10.30am in the Monaghan Centre and on Sunday 12th May after the 9am Mass. The Focolare community have a great focus on the use of story to encourage living the Gospel in our daily lives.



Through games and reflections they explore how we can live like Mary and follow her example. Children and parents are welcome to participate together.



ADVANCE NOTICE—FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 12th at 9am. All welcome.

Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants).

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

Prayer of the Church: Tues/ Wed/ Thurs/ Fri. 8:40am

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6:30pm

Devotions and Exposition: Friday 3:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room

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: Clair Lang, Michele Vanni, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Merbein: Martin Rogers, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

Red Cliffs: Maureen Lee, Fr Patrick Flanagan, Max Slatter, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone



THANK YOU



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. **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 to make your donation online.**

Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.



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 #projectcompassion
 1800 024 413

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM—Statements

Mildura, Merbein & Red Cliffs statements of receipts are now available for you to collect in your church. The receipt period is from 2/9/2018 until 31/3/2019. If you find any discrepancies please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 50212872.

ADVANCE NOTICE

MASS COUNTS START ON WEEKEND 4-5 MAY
 The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the 4 weekends of May commencing on the weekend of 4-5 May.

2019 CLASS REUNIONS: LORETO COLLEGE BALLARAT

Past students and staff of Loreto College Ballarat, Marys Mount and Dawson Street are warmly invited to attend the following 2019 Class reunions:

Class of 1969 Saturday 4 May 11am

Class of 1979 Saturday 18 May 11am

Class of 1989 Saturday 4 May 4pm

Class of 1999 Saturday 18 May 4pm

Class of 2009 Friday 3 May 4pm

Full details and booking information <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/events-publications-media/loreto-event/>

2019 AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019! The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. Interested parishioners can find more information on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Parish Office 5021 2872.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH IN SRI LANKA AFTER THE EASTER ATTACKS 2019

Now is the time for us to stand in solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters. For too long the world has widely ignored the persecution of Christians, with much of the media playing ignorant to this global issue.

The horror of the [suicide bomb attacks in Sri Lanka on Easter morning](#) has ricocheted across the globe, this is the only positive to come from such tragedy - the world is now waking up to Christian persecution.

We cannot fall silent or turn to face the other way. We hope you will join us in standing in solidarity for all those suffering because of their faith.

For many years ACN has funded projects in Sri Lanka, supporting the building of churches, children's education and more. As we continue our vital support in the country, we ask you to give what you can to help Christians in Sri Lanka.

We are aware that many of the Australian Catholic people wish to reach out to their Sri Lankan brothers and sisters at this time. For many decades ACN, as a pontifical foundation supporting suffering and persecuted Christians, has worked closely with the Church in Sri Lanka on projects around the formation of seminarians and religious, the building of churches, faith education and more.

I write to let you know that if your parish is planning to take up a collection or make an offering to the Church in Sri Lanka, ACN can facilitate the direct transfer of that offering. At this moment the most pressing work of the Church in Sri Lanka is the burying of the dead & the consoling of the faithful, however we want to be ready to support the Sri Lankan Bishops and the local Church to rebuild their places of worship and heal their wounds.

Any offerings for the Church in Sri Lanka can be made online:

www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka

Or deposited into ACN's bank account:

Account name: Aid to the Church in Need

Account number: 008601759

BSB: 012321

*Please ensure any deposit includes in the reference field: SL (for Sri Lanka) as well as the parish suburb and state e.g. SL Penrith NSW. This will ensure the offering is correctly coded & that we can send an acknowledgement to the parish. You are also welcome to email us at info@aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201 to ensure your donation is received and acknowledged.

And above all, please join us in continuing to pray for the Catholic people in Sri Lanka and all those affected by these violent attacks.

Please remember all those affected by these horrific acts in your prayers. We pray for all persecuted and oppressed Christians; wherever they may be, trusting in our Risen

Lord.

You can make a donation over the phone during business hours by calling: **1800 101 201** or donate online: www.aidtochurch.org/srilanka



MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES 2019 CONFERENCE MAY 13-15, 2019

Mission: one heart many voices 2019 is for those who are inspired to strive creatively for justice, peace, reconciliation and God's mission of love. As we journey together towards Plenary Council 2020, the conference is a unique opportunity to listen, converse and experience the many and diverse voices that are an expression of the one heart of mission. The conference will explore the complexity and issues surrounding leadership, formation, theology and the practice of mission. All those who are passionate about mission and in leadership roles in parishes, communities, organisations and agencies are invited to come together and join a conversation that may enable us all to live the joy of the Gospel and lead mission. Conference website <https://www.mohmv.com.au/2019conference/home.html>

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for May 3, 4 and 5 this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>



SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$3079.75	\$327.65	\$ 712.90
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$3041.33	\$284.00	\$ 237.50
Loose Plate	\$1810.10	\$193.85	\$ 236.30
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 628.00		
Project Compassion given to date	\$4317.25	\$517.35	\$4001.15

THIS WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

In the face of increasing threats to creation, Catholics around the world are standing up together. This Earth Day, we're coming together for the Amazon, where forests and their rich diversity of life are being eradicated. Wherever we live, we're all part of the circle of protection for all creation. Maybe we could plant a tree as a sign of solidarity with the Amazon people.

Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein St. Joseph's Red Cliffs

BAPTISM

We welcome Henley Jae Dowling and Bailey Maree Gourlay, who today through Baptism will be welcomed into our faith community.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Would you please pass in your Project Compassion contribution as soon as possible so that all monies can be finalised and sent to Caritas Australia for distribution. Thank you to those who have made a donation and to those who intend to do so.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Term two will commence on 23rd April.
Upcoming events:- April 25th Anzac Day ; 26th Easter Liturgy – 12.30pm; Mother's Day Liturgy -May 10th; OLSH Movie Night –May 10th (see notice on Board). The children at OLSH are collecting Bread Tags which are sent to South Africa where they are sold to a plastics company. These proceeds are then used to provide wheelchairs to people who can't afford them. Over 600 wheelchairs have been supplied through this program in the past 12 years. Let us support the school in this project. A container will be left on the table at the back of the church for these tags.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The children in Grade Five and Six who made their First Reconciliation last year are being invited to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The lessons will be held over May and June and both Sacraments will be celebrated on Sunday June 23rd 2019, at the 10.30 Mass. To enrol please contact Janine Dannatt on 0419371284 or the School on 50252258. First meeting will take place in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Merbein on Thursday May 9th at 7.00pm.

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND YET BELIEVE.
JOHN 20:29

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat: 9.30 am; Tuesday: 5.30 pm

CHILDREN'S FIRST CONFESSIONS

Before the end of Mass this morning, our children who are preparing to be confirmed will be presented to the parish; and you will be asked to give them your support. After Mass this morning they will make their First Confession.

RED CLIFFS PROJECT COMPASSION 2019

Given so far (Tuesday, April 16 at midday): \$4001.55

CUPPA AND TRADING TABLE—After Mass today

Proceeds from the trading table this month will go towards our Project Compassion goal.



OUR DIOCESAN NEWS

The new issue is now available this weekend, one copy per family. Great reading, including an article about our 2018, 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At our monthly Parish Council meeting last Wednesday the following items were discussed.

1. Reviewing the Risk Register—Child Safety in readiness for a May Audit. Signs and posters will be displayed.
2. Please **NO PARKING** at the front of the Church during Sunday Mass. Signs will shortly be in place.
3. Quotes are being organised to replace the ceiling in the church.
4. 4 Planter Boxes have been purchased to be placed along the side of the church—car park side.
5. Block out blind to be installed in the new sacristy.

FEAST DAY

St Joseph the Worker—Wednesday 1st May.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS Third Sunday of Easter Year C / 4th & 5th May 2019

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41
Responsorial: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13
Response: I will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me.
Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19



Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 1:00am	Sacred Heart Saturday 6pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 9am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader / Reader	Rosemary Barnes	Maria Munro	Sue Hermans	M Duck	T Hawkes M Bell/J Cameron	Sr Carmel Setford	April 28th
Music	Filipino Group M Issanchon	Italian Choir M Sullivan	Timorese Group		Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory		L & C Welsh			Cameron Family	Dannatt Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Group 4	Volunteer Please	May 26th
Eucharist Ministers	Anne-Maree Greville	Laurie Fry	Maree Irvin	Malcolm Hoy		K Wagner	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Taiana Fatai	Judy Webster	Sue Hermans			Leon Wagner	
	Margaret McDonald	Jean Rocca	Naomi Kennedy				June 30th
	Paul Kerr	Bobby Castillo	Mario Zema		C Cavallaro		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Setford
	Anita Naray	Talia Fainga'anuku	Josie Zema		M Cavallaro	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Ryan O'Callaghan	Michael Fainga'anuku	Bernadette Avery		J Divola	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
		Volunteer Please			FLOWERS R Chase		
Counting Team	TEAM 4	KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			K Castle/P Roy		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	