

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*

4th Sunday of Easter / Year B 24th & 25th April 2021

RECENT DEATHS

David Rodriguez (Philippines), Rosario Coco (Melbourne)

ANNIVERSARIES

Michele Callipari (40th Anniversary), Frank and Angy Virgona

Mildura

Sunday 9am: Valeliano Ahovelo

Sunday 9am: Vincenzo Pileggi (1yr anniversary)

Red Cliffs

Vincenzo Dichiera, Domenico & Giuseppe Mammone

Merbein

Anniversaries: Vittorio Cirillo, Ken McCleary, Robert Dodds, Teresa Dichiera, Vincenzo Bombardieri (30 day mass-father of Anna Piscioneri)

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

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend in the church we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, a time to pray for and reflect on Priestly Vocations. We are fortunate in the Diocese to have three current vocations in the seminary that of Bill (6th Year) Matthew (6th Year) and Cuay (4th Year), please continue to pray for them.

This Sunday in ANZAC Day may we pause to reflect on the impact that war has on individuals, families and communities. Let's remember those who have died, those who have been impacted by their love ones who returned from war damaged and changed by the situation they faced. Let us also give thanks for the freedom which can come from conflict.

*The Stone rejected by the builders, becomes the corner stone this is the response to the psalm what does this mean, who is your corner stone which you turn to as a pivot point in your life.
God bless!
Fr Matthew*

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 Sacred Heart Church

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

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

A way to re-ignite the spark

An invitation to all in the diocese to join a conversation about faith during and after COVID-19, looking at people's experiences, where to next and how does the Plenary Council fit in. Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7.00pm via zoom – you can zoom in yourself or perhaps organise a zoom gathering in your local community and join together. Please register with Jane Collins
jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au
and details will be sent.



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

LOCAL NEWS

Fr James Kerr

A belated farewell mass for Fr James Kerr will be held on Sunday 2nd May—Sacred Heart Church, Mildura 9am & 5pm and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Merbein 10.30am.

Any donations towards a farewell gift can be left with Carmel at the Parish Office.



TONGAN KOMUNIO/LATAKI FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of St Peter Chanel Mass on at our 9am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome.

(Due to COVID restrictions—the committee has decided no food will be served this year.)



Telephone Update

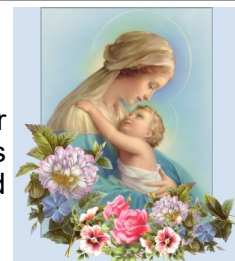
At this stage our 5021 2872 phone line has been diverted to the Presbytery mobile phone number and we are currently in dialogue with our provider to see if we are able to keep our existing number. Unfortunately, we have been told that this will take a number of weeks.

Congratulations to Arthur and Josephine O'Connor who are celebrating 60 years of marriage on April 29th. They were married at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Merbein. The priest was Fr. Kevin Murphy.



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 2nd at 9am. All welcome.



(Due to COVID restrictions there will be no Morning tea.)

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).



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

REMINDER

Important Dates for April 2021

Baptism Preparation Meeting: Wednesday 28 April 7.30pm—Monaghan Centre

Confirmation Pentecost Weekend 2021

The 4 week Confirmation Program for children in Grade 5 and 6 has now begun



Confirmation Dates for 2021

(limit 30 children per mass)

Fri 21st May: 6pm

Sat 22nd May: 9.30am or 6pm

Sun 23rd May: 9am or 5pm

Good Shepherd Sunday: World Day of Vocations - April 25 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Pope Francis tells us: *"There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood."*

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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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	6:00PM		
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, Tess Kerr, Rosina Gallace

Merbein:

Red Cliffs: Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie

SUNRAYSIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1323.00	\$ 81.60	\$201.95
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$	\$125.00	\$234.00
Loose Plate	\$	\$ 34.10	\$ 57.80
Project Compassion to date	\$3011.85	\$ 19.25	\$1394.50

QR Codes

As from Friday 23rd April all venues must use QR register only, manual sign in sheet no longer allowed under Vic Govt. Covid Regulations. We will have an I-pad in each venue to assist with registrations.

ROSTERS ALL CHURCHES

This weekend — 24th & 25th April 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm: C Carmichael
 Sunday 9am: Feast St Peter Chanel
 Sunday 5pm: V Muscatello

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: A Greville, R O'Callaghan
 Sunday 9am: Feast St Peter Chanel
 Sunday 5pm: B Bunting, B Dolence

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: Feast St Peter Chanel
 Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Sullivan, J Macri
 Sun 9am: Feast St Peter Chanel Community
 Sun 5pm: M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic

Counting Team: Team 7—Helen Kay

Irymple

Reader: K Moodoo

Merbein

Reader: Frances Sabo

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Slater, J Vines

Altar Servers:

Music: Tongan Choir

Offertory Procession: Lewis Family

Counting Team: T & J Lewis

Eucharistic Minister x 1: C Tassone

Church Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: J Cameron

Cuppa: R Chase, B Pitt

Next weekend - 1st & 2nd May 2021

Werrimull 5th Sunday of each month 11am

Mildura

Readers: Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: Flores de Mayo
 Sunday 5pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: 2

Saturday 6pm: K Quinlan, V Pileggi
 Sunday 9am: Flores de Mayo
 Sunday 5pm: M Irvin, S Hermans

Offertory Procession:

Saturday 6pm:
 Sunday 9am: Flores de Mayo
 Sunday 5pm:

Music: Sat 6pm: M Guthrie, B Prescott
 Sun 9am: Flores de Mayo, Filipino Community
 Sun 5pm: S Fanta, L Duy, K Mapapalangi

Counting Team: Team 8—Trevor Aust

Irymple

Reader: D Knight

Merbein

Reader: Elvira Piscioneri

Red Cliffs

Readers: M Bell, M Bowering

Altar Servers: L Dowling, S Foster, J Foster

Music: Guitar

Offertory Procession: N Orr

Counting Team: K Castle, P Roy

Eucharistic Minister x 1: J Vines

Church Cleaning: Cleaner

Flowers: R Chase

Next Weekends Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter 1st & 2nd May 2021

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Responsorial: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading: St John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8



First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry

Virtual Learning Program

Our partners, Dayton University offer low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. Study Cycle 4 begins May 16. This cycle is mostly 5 week courses. Registrations are now open for new and returning participants. For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections & Daily Prayers

Monthly Reflection: Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. "St Joseph – Man of Dreams" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>