

# 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.*

## 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	9:15AM
FRIDAY	5:40PM	9:30AM	
SATURDAY	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: Leo Beer, Frank Virgonia, Joyce Ribarits, Brian O'Brien

Anniversaries: Michele Callipari

Saturday 6pm: Lidia Cavallo (30 day Mass),  
Clint Branch (10 year anniversary)

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

### RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries: Ron Flanagan

### MERBEIN

Recent Deaths: Cosimo Ierace, Patricia Prentice

Anniversaries: 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr. Michele Callipari, Vincenza Palamara;  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr. Vittorio Cirillo, Ken McCleary, Robert Dodds; 28<sup>th</sup> Apr.  
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

St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura

Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

## 4th Sunday of Easter / Year B 21st & 22nd April 2018

This year we celebrate World Earth Day on Good Shepherd Sunday. The liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus as the noble or good shepherd of the believing community. "Shepherd" in its literal sense is not really part of our 21<sup>st</sup> century vocabulary, and yet we use it metaphorically, as a verb or as a noun. Its verbal form connotes care and compassion, protection, guidance and tender relationship. In John's gospel, Jesus rightly claims for himself the title "good shepherd". He contrasts the good shepherd or leader with the leader that fails to care for the flock. Knowing one's sheep, staying with them in the face of mortal danger and being prepared to die for them are marks of the good shepherd.

There are echoes here of the Hebrew Scriptures, particularly of Ezekiel 34 where the "shepherd/sheep" metaphor describes the leaders of Israel in their relationships with the people. There are likewise echoes of an early second century description of the Emperor Tiberius in whose reign Jesus of Nazareth was executed, precisely because he did not abandon his "flock". The Roman historian Suetonius has this to say of Tiberius: "To the governors who recommended burdensome taxes for his provinces, he wrote in answer that it was the part of a good shepherd to shear his flock, not skin it" (Suetonius, Life of Tiberius 32.2).

In the pre-industrial biblical world and early centuries of the Common Era, the "shepherd/sheep" metaphor was heard by an audience that enjoyed a much closer relationship with sheep and their human carers than do most people today. In my country, for instance, there are 71 million sheep and almost 25 million people. In other words, the ovine inhabitants of Australia outnumber the human by almost three to one. Yet most of our highly urbanised human population knows its sheep only in their disembodied forms. The human-ovine relationship is, for the most part, reduced to that of consumer and consumed. Sheep are valued, not for their intrinsic goodness as creations of a loving God, but rather as commodities that provide food and clothing for the human population. We now know that modern domesticated sheep evolved from creatures that pre-date modern humans. We might take time to consider the implications of this for our relationship with the other-than-human inhabitants of our planetary home.

Celebrating World Earth Day on Good Shepherd Sunday provides us with an opportunity to move beyond our human-centred views of the world and our human-centred interpretations of our sacred texts. We might hear a call to value the realities that underpin gospel images such as the Good Shepherd/sheep metaphor. We might also hear a call to expand our appreciation of all the inhabitants of our planet. To be good shepherds in our time is to embrace the whole Earth Community with reverence and compassion.

Veronica Lawson rsm

I am  
the Good Shepherd  
John 10:11



# Sacred Heart Mildura

# REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS



### 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.*

Janette Piscioneri, 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 Leo Argiro, Polly Doherty, Isaac Svrta & Poppy Zaxos, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### FIRST EUCHARIST



Parent Information Evening will be held on 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 June 3rd, 9am Mass & 5pm Mass.

### ANZAC DAY MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 25th April at 9.15am. All welcome.



### RCIA

Local Community Outreach  
Thursday session, April 26th, Hillman Room.

### 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.



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

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### SACRED HEART PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

The next Sacred Heart Passionist Family Group dinner will be held Sunday 29th April at 6.30pm at "Andy's Kitchen cafe", 73 Lime Ave Mildura. Everyone welcome, please contact Raylee 03 5023 8778 if you are able to come along.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE GIVERS

Those who contribute to Planned Giving via envelope method, please ensure that you record the amount contributed on the outside of the envelope as this would greatly assist the members of the Counting Teams.

Fr Peter Wood, who is with us while Fr Michael is away, is a keen Philatelist (a stamp collector) who is happy to share stories with other collectors. He also raises money for the MSC Missions Office and is happy to receive any stamps you may no longer want. Fr Peter will be here until the end of April.

### Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

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

**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

### WERRIMULL BUS TRIP—29th April

If you have put your name down for the Werrimull Bus trip please meet at the SJC 12th Street bus entrance by 9.45am for a 10am departure. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Thursday 26th April.



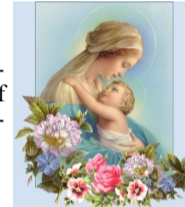
**SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL DUE TO THE ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY.**

### RED CLIFFS INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS

A one bedroom unit is now available at the Vinnies—Red Cliffs Independent Living Units. Must be a pensioner. Please contact Fr Peter Bramsen 5021 1393 for further information.

### 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 13th 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).

### TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of parishioners who are unable to get themselves to Mass each weekend. If you know of any Parishioners in this circumstance, or if you are willing to assist please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 so that arrangements / rosters can be made.

### MUSICIAN LITURGICAL INSERVICE

Will be held on Thursday 26th April at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.

All Musicians and Singers are most welcome.



### MILDURA ARTS CENTRE

Has a number of shows coming up. Please see posters.

**Stunning Acrobats and Enormous Undies**—for the Wednesday, 2nd May, 1pm session—if you would like to attend please book through the Parish Office (group booking) and tickets will be \$10 each for a 50 minute show. If you would like to stay for a cuppa afterwards at the MAC Café please let the Parish Office know. Would need to know ticket numbers etc by Friday 27th April.

### Hungry Ghosts

How long is a piece of string if you tie one end to your home country and the other to your heart? Home sick journey. Friday 25 May. Tickets online: milduraartscentre.com.au

### Caliban—performed by The Edge Ensemble

Join the struggle to make sense of a world that is spiralling out of control. Tickets online: mmilduraartscentre.com.au

### Kasey Chambers—Campfire Tour

Sunday 3rd June 7.30pm—tickets online: milduraartscentre.com.au

### Johnny Cash—The Concert

Saturday, 14th July 2018. Tickets: www.milduraartscentre.com.au

### Cultural Connection Across Generations—Exhibition

Koorie Heritage Trust—guest curator Glenda Nicholls—On display works by Aboriginal women, featuring baskets, ochre nets, scoop nets, fishing lines, hooks and bird nets.

## MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

### Last weeks collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1651.95
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$3338.80
Loose Plate	\$ 605.15
The Shared Table	\$ 50.00



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



## 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.*

Larry Cricelli, 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.



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

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

Wednesday: 8.00am ANZAC Requiem Mass in Unit 9

### PROJECT COMPASSION

The Easter egg for taking us past the \$5,000.00 point has been won this year by Aidan Ban. He was presented with his Easter egg during the school Mass on Friday.

Cuppa & Trading Table after Mass today Sunday, April 22.

Proceeds from Trading Table this month is to top up our Project Compassion.



### FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Next Sunday, 29th April the Parish will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker. All invited to stay for a cuppa and cake after Mass.

### COLLECTABLES: At the church doors you will find:

- The Plenary Council. Explanatory leaflet & prayer
- Year of Youth. A Leaflet to read and reflect about
- Some leaflets from Centacare Ballarat about NO INTEREST loans

### YOUTH-LED MASS, SUNDAY APRIL 22—ROSTERS

**Introduction:** Katie Hawkes

**1st Reading:** Cenza Tassone

**Psalm:** Anna Hawkes

**2nd Reading:** Olivia Strangio

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Nino Suppa

**Offertory:** Julianna Suppa

**Lay Ministers:** Topui, Folole & Doug Mapapalangi

### VISITING REDEMPTORIST PRIESTS AND DEACONS

From this coming weekend, we will have a number of Redemptorists visiting parishes throughout our diocese. They will be with us from April 20 till May 6. They will be celebrating Masses and leading various gatherings for prayer and reflection as a first step in our preparation for the Australian Plenary Council in 2020. There will be four Redemptorists in each of the three zones. Fr Glenn de Cruz will lead the team in the northern zone, Fr Joseph Tuyen Vu will lead the team in the central zone and Fr William Goldman will lead the team in the southern zone. Some of the Redemptorists will be with us for the full two weeks and some will be visiting for part of this time. All together, we will have visits from 11 Redemptorist priests and 3 Redemptorist deacons.

### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$294.45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$436.80
Loose Plate	\$ 48.70
Project Compassion to date:	\$5314.20

### 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.

### PLEASE NOTE

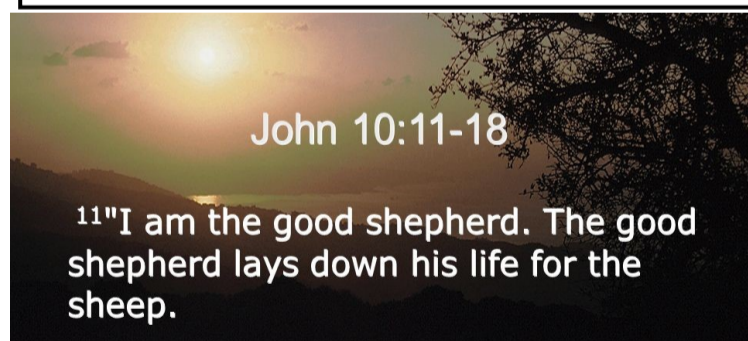
There will be a week day Mass on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am.

**THERESIANS SUNRAYSIA** invite you to an evening to listen to Martine John from "Days for Girls" re\_making up sanitary/feminine hygiene packages for women overseas. May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Merbein.

### CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

In a few weeks, our elected representatives will vote on whether to allow 605 billion litres of water to be taken from the Murray-Darling Basin. Some of them are pushing for shoddy projects to justify taking all this water – like the project to drain water from the Menindee Lakes. But the Menindee Lakes help connect the Murray and Darling Rivers and are critical breeding grounds for 80% of the Basin's golden perch fingerlings. Starving these lakes of water could be devastating for millions of golden perch and communities of towns, fishers and farmers downstream. The Federal Water Minister David Littleproud and Shadow Environment Minister Tony Burke have the power to make sure that the Basin Plan projects are good for our river and the community of living things who depend on them. On May 8 there's a critical vote. **Will you email these two ministers and ask them to secure enough water for our rivers?**

**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



John 10:11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 84.70
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$193.00
Loose Plate	\$ 21.20

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

## 4th Sunday of Easter / Year B 21st & 22nd April 2018

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29**  
**Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.**  
**Second Reading: John 3:1-2**  
**Gospel: John 10:11-18**



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
Leader / Reader	Mary Jackson	Nicholas Mataele	Melanie Ransome	D Knight	As per Youth Roster	B wells	<b>April 29th</b>
Music	M Guthrie/All welcome Sacred Heart School	M Hammond/B Lewis J O'Bryan/B Prescott	Lam Duy J Ljubic		Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory		Baptism			Juliana Suppa	Prevedello Family	
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer		Aidan Ban		<b>May 27th</b>
Eucharist Ministers	Jacinda Deacon	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Myrna Rodi	P Riordan	Jamey Monteleone	Pat Sylvia	<b>May 27th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Katy Quinlan	Sonia Opie	Maree Irvin		Nathan Monteleone	Annette Lemon	
	Katelin Anesbury	Philip Opie	Sue Hermans		Kycen Romeo		<b>June 24th</b>
	Vince Pileggi	Catherine McErvale	Naomi Kennedy		Ellesciah Romeo		Sr Carmel Setford Annette Lemon
	Anne-Maree Greville	Elvira Mazza	Mario Zema		Topui Mapapalangi	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Kay Wagner	<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Taiana Fatai	Jill Joslyn	Josie Zema		Folole Mapapalangi		
	Lisa Cirillo			Douglas Mapapalangi			
Counting Team	TEAM 10	BRIAN GROGAN 5021 2099			T & J Lewis		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	

## 5th Sunday of Easter / Year B 28th & 29th April 2018

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32**  
**Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**  
**Second Reading: John 3:18-24**  
**Gospel: John 15:1-8**



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
Leader / Reader	Rosemary Barnes	Feast St Peter Chanel	Peter Hammond	M Hoy	T Lewis/ L Jansen / M Lee	J Dannatt	<b>April 29th</b>
Music	M Guthrie All welcome	Feast St Peter Chanel Tongan Community	Youth Group Sullivan/Issanchon				Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory		Feast St Peter Chanel			N Orr	Knight Family	
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer		G Strangio		<b>May 27th</b>
Eucharist Ministers	Margaret McDonald	Laure Fry	Trish Cirillo	M Jensen	S Morello	E Kremor	<b>May 27th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Trish McNamara	Judy Webster	Jeena Jose		I Manno	Natalie Besgrove	
	Paul Kerr	Jean Rocca	Clem Carlucci		J Bertoli		<b>June 24th</b>
	Anita Naray	Bobby Castillo	Vittorio Carlucci		T Bertoli		Sr Carmel Setford Annette Lemon
	Margaret Sheahan	Ross Tongue	Volunteer please		J Tassone	CHAFFEY AGED CARE Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Maria Cirillo	Talia Fainganuku	Volunteer please		J Vines		
	Michael Fainganuku			Volunteer please			
Counting Team	TEAM 1	GERRY LAVERY 5021 1918			T & J Lewis		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Cleaner	As per arrangement	