





 **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**  
2 Elms Street, Irymple

 **OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART**  
20 Box Street, Merbein

 **SACRED HEART**  
261 Eleventh Street, Mildura

 **ST JOSEPH'S**  
8726 Calder Highway, Red Cliffs

 **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**  
47 Werrimull South Road, Werrimull

 **Sts Anne and Joachim**  
**CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSLIA**

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# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)

## MASS TIMES

### Easter Monday

No Mass

### Easter Tuesday

9:30am **No Mass in Red Cliffs**

1:30pm Regis Tenth  
(Anointing Mass)

6pm Mildura

### Easter Wednesday

9:30am Mildura

### Easter Thursday

9:30am Mildura

9:30am **No Mass in Merbein**

5:30pm Red Cliffs

### Easter Friday

6pm Mildura

### Easter Saturday

9:30am Mildura

1pm Mildura Wedding

6pm Red Cliffs

6pm Mildura

### Divine Mercy Sunday

8.30am Irymple

9am Mildura

10am Red Cliffs

10.30am Merbein

5pm Mildura

### RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4.30pm, Mildura

Saturday 10am, Mildura

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura

Thursday 4:30pm, Red Cliffs

### CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

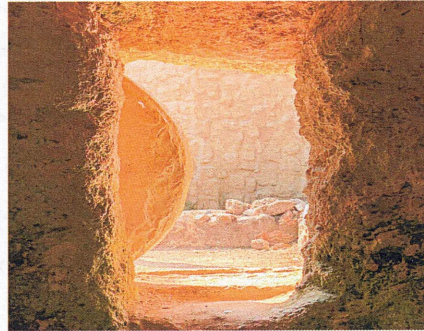
Saturday 10am, Mildura

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura

### CHOSEN YOUTH

Sunday 6pm, Mildura



## LET US PRAY

### FOR THE SICK:

Fr Vittorio Basso  
Catherine Bell  
Natalina D'Anna  
Morgan Diaz-Jones  
Mary Mazza  
Don Marciano  
Rodrico Rodriguez  
Rebecca Scown

Please obtain permission if you are submitting someone else's name. Intentions are printed for one month only, but these can be renewed each month.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Munro  
Maria & Francesco Cua  
Giuseppe Martino  
Pasquale Mammone  
Maria Grazia Mammone  
Natalizia Monteleone

### Mildura 9am:

Maria Munro (1st ann.)

### Mildura Tuesday 6pm:

Melina Piscioneri (1st ann.)

### Merbein:

Isabel Russell  
Joy Andrews  
Cosmo Ierace  
Molly Callahan  
Paul Desmond

### Red Cliffs:

Domiano Brizzi

If you have booked a memorial Mass please speak to the priest prior to the Mass to let him know you are there.

## FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

This weekend we celebrate Easter, over the past few days we have journeyed with Jesus through Holy Thursday, reflection time in the garden then his trial and carrying the cross, Good Friday.

Today we are celebrating the risen Christ. Jesus is Risen Alleluia!

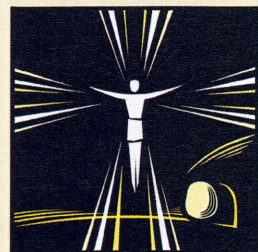
I would like to thank all those who have assisted with the cleaning of the churches, the liturgies, but most of all to you all for being present.

A great example we can give to the world is to be present to each other and open to sharing the Good News of Jesus, in our lives.

Happy Easter!

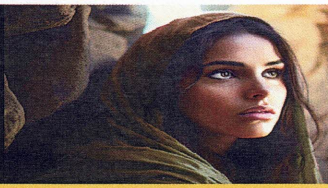
God bless,

*Fr Matthew*



"Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed."

John 20:1



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 2 April – Anointing Mass**  
1:30pm, Regis Tenth Street Aged Care

**Wednesday 3 April – Bereavement Team**  
1pm Meeting, Parish Office

**Monday 8 April – Knights of the Southern Cross**  
7:30pm Meeting, Knights Club House

**Thursday 11 April – Anointing Masses**  
10am, Chaffey Aged Care, Merbein  
5:30pm, St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs

**Thursday 11 April – St Anthony's Committee**  
7:30pm Meeting, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

**Thursday 18 April – Anointing Masses**  
9:30am, Our Lady's Church, Merbein  
1:30pm, Regis Ontario Aged Care

**Sunday 21 April – Parish Council**  
12pm Meeting, Our Lady's Church, Merbein

**Wednesday 24 April – Anointing Mass**  
2pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

**Wednesday 24 April – Baptism Preparation**  
7pm, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

**Thursday 25 April – ANZAC Day Mass**  
6pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

**Sunday 28 April – Tongan Festa**  
**FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL, PRIEST & MARTYR**  
9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura



## SR MARION McDONALD

There will be a memorial service held at Our Lady's Merbein at a date to be confirmed. We envision celebrating Mass and dinner to honour Sr Marion.

## COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND

If you know of someone who is sick and homebound in your parish and they would like to receive communion please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

St Joseph's Red Cliffs are organising a Mother's Day Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 12th May 10am at Red Cliffs Church.

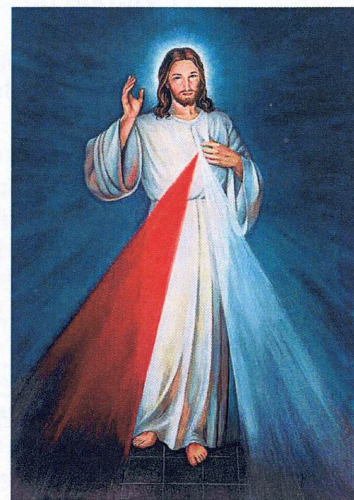
1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$350 Hamper

2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$150 Hamper

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$50 Hamper

Tickets \$2 each and are available either from the Parish Office or at each weekend Mass – Merbein and Red Cliffs. Proceeds will go to the Roof Loan for St Joseph's Church.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Since 2000, the Sunday after Easter has been known as Divine Mercy Sunday, in accord with a request Jesus made to St Faustina in a series of private revelations in the 1930s: *"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter solemnly celebrates My mercy. On that day the*

*very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it human or angelic, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."*

Next Sunday, the following events will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Mildura:

- 2pm – Confessions available
- 3pm – Exposition & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 4pm – Rosary, followed by Solemn Benediction
- 5pm – Mass with blessing of Mercy images



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Congratulations to **Surinna Chaan, Scott Hansford, James Dominelli, Vicki Needham** and **Jan Treffene** who completed the Rites of Christian Initiation this Easter. We pray God's continued blessing upon them and all who are dear to them.



Many thanks to sponsors Greg Johnston, Margaret Maxwell, and Elvira Mazza who have supported our elect throughout their journey, and to Ross Tongue and Sr Helen Nolen who have lead a dedicated RCIA team.



## REMINDER

If your personal details have changed eg: change of phone number, email address, residential or postal address please contact the Parish Office so the database can be updated. Thank you.

## NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

Requests for notices in the weekend bulletin need to be sent by close of business each Thursday. Email notices to the Parish Office at [sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or call 5021 2872. Thank you.

## ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Anniversary Masses may be celebrated at any scheduled parish Mass, on weekends and weekdays. Please contact the Parish Office to register your Mass Intention and a reminder to notify the priest prior to Mass.

## FOOTY TIPPING TALLY

An updated tally sheet will be displayed in all church foyers as well as the Parish Office for those who signed up for our Parish Footy Competition.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last. Good luck!

*This weekend's bulletin is proudly sponsored by a Parishioner. We pray for their family's intentions.*



### THANK YOU!



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. **Reminder:** If you still have your Project Compassion box or envelopes at home, please bring them to church or the parish office as soon as possible.

*"Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?"*

John 24:11

## ORTHOPAEDIC CHAIRS

Our churches have a small number of orthopaedic chairs for those who are unable to safely use church pews. These chairs are reserved for parishioners with mobility impairment, who require the armrests to stand and sit. Those who can safely use the church pews are asked not to sit in the orthopaedic chairs as you may inadvertently deprive someone who needs that service.

## STEWARDSHIP

<b>Priest Support (Presbytery)</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$2669.00
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2378.60
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 1430.15
<b>Project Compassion</b>	\$ 445.95

**This week's Counting Team:**  
Fr Matthew

**Next week's Counting Team:**  
No. 9—G Macri

# FIRST READING

Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

# RESPONSORIAL

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

# SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

# SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:

he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

# GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The teaching is that he must rise from the dead*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**First Reading:** Acts 4:32-35

**Psalm:** 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

**Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for  
he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Fr Matthew Thomas

### Assistant Priest

Fr John Corrigan

### Visiting Priest

Fr Shaiju Mathew

### Parish Secretary

Carmel Russo

## CHILD SAFETY

St Anne & St Joachim Catholic  
Parish of Sunraysia is a Child Safe  
Parish which adheres to Victoria's  
eleven Child Safe Standards.

Policies are on display in  
each church and on our website.

### Parish Safety Officer

Vince Pileggi