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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 SUNRAYSIA

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
~~9:30am Red Cliffs~~
10:30am Jacaranda Aged Care
6pm Mildura

Wednesday
10am Mildura Funeral
2pm Mildura (Anointing)

Thursday ANZAC Day
~~9:30am Mildura~~
~~9:30am Merbein~~
~~5:30pm Red Cliffs~~
6pm Mildura

Friday
6pm Mildura

Saturday
9.30am Mildura
6pm Mildura

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

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura

CHOSEN YOUTH

Sunday 6pm, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Terry Murphy
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:

Philomena Carbone

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michele Callipari
Don Vallelonga

Mildura 6pm:

Michelangelo Vanni (First Ann.)

Merbein:

Francesco Deano
Michele Callipari
Vincenzo Palamara
Vittorio Cirillo
Ken McCleary
Bob Dodds

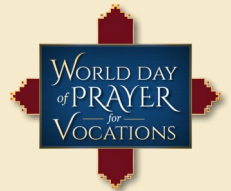
Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna
Domenico & Caterina D'Anna
Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna
Vincenza Tassone
Giuseppe D'Anna

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

Good Shepherd Sunday is also Vocation Sunday



This weekend the Church celebrates and commemorates the pastoral vocation. There are many different types of vocations in which we, the baptised, can serve God through the Church and community. Single life, Married life, Religious life, Diaconate and Priesthood. In serving God sometimes we just have to have faith and say "Yes" to what God is asking us to do.



ANZAC Day is this Thursday and due to the Dawn Services and associated marches and ceremonies in many areas, we have cancelled all morning Masses. The parish will celebrate a single evening Mass, offered for the fallen, which will be celebrated at Mildura at 6pm. We remember those who served and did not return home, and the families who long for them.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 23 April – Anointing Mass
10:30am, Jacaranda Aged Care. All welcome.
NB: This replaces Mass at St Joseph's

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

Friday 3 May – Combined Schools Celebration
10:30am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

Sunday 12 May – Ascension of the Lord
All Masses will also celebrate Mothers Day

Fri 17, Sat 18, Sun 19 May – Confirmations
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
Confirmations celebrated at all Masses

Tuesday 19 May – Northern Zone Meeting
No 9:30am Mass in Red Cliffs



TONGAN KOMUNIO/ COMMUNITY

FEAST OF PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will celebrate the Feast of St Peter Chanel at 9am on Sunday 28th April.

Following Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

FOUND

Prescription sunglasses have been found and handed into the Parish Office. Please contact the Office to collect.

CONFIRMATION FOR STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Students who were not confirmed in primary school are able to join the parish's annual program for secondary schools students. This is integrated into the Chosen Youth Program which restarts this weekend. Others are also welcome to join Chosen, every Sunday after 5pm Mass.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 12th May 10am at Red Cliffs Church.

1st Prize \$350 Hamper

2nd prize \$150 Hamper

3rd Prize \$50 Hamper

Tickets are \$2 each, available either from the Parish Office or at each weekend Mass at Merbein and Red Cliffs. Proceeds will offset the loan for St Joseph's Church new ceiling.

2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES

First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)



Parent meeting: 28th August 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

First Communion Masses: Friday 25th, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October.

First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)



Parent meeting: 16th October 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

Celebration date: Wednesday 27th Nov 6pm or 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

Bishop Paul invites all parishes to acknowledge the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat at Masses on the weekend of **27-28 April 2024**. He has invited schools to mark the anniversary during the week of 29th April to 3rd May, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward for the occasion.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The new Autumn edition is now available to collect at all church entrances.



BALLARAT SEMINARIANS

Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is an occasion to remember the Diocese of Ballarat's seminarians, living and studying at Corpus Christi College in Carlton.

Our seminarians, pictured from left to right, are Channa Thilakarathna, Deacon Cay Trinh, and Simon Zakari. Channa and Simon are both in third year, and moved to Australia last year. Channa was born and raised in Sri Lanka, and Simon was born and raised in Nigeria.

Cay was born and raised in Vietnam, and migrated to Australia in 2016. Bishop Paul ordained him to the diaconate last December, and he will become a priest of our diocese later this year.

Let's pray for Channa, Cay and Simon, that they will be good and holy priests who love God and love His people. In this way they will answer Pope Francis' famous call for "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep."

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
You made each of us
to use our gifts in the
Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom
you call to priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted, and
Your people are fortified by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



What do I do if I feel I have a vocation to the priesthood?

- Pray about it
- Speak to one of the priests
- Research: am I attracted to *Diocesan Priesthood* or *Religious Life*?



A couple of things about Fr Matt and Fr John and their views of discernment and the priesthood.

- I find it hard to leave and change parishes.
- God asks me sometimes to come out of my comfort zone to journey with others in life and faith.
- I get great joy in private prayer while being in the silence and stillness and still living and working in the busyness of life.
- To remember that God called me, I just had to say "Yes" and follow.



- I never wanted to be a priest; I just resolved to say "Yes" to whatever God asked of me, and trust that Jesus knows me better than I know myself.
- I was distressed — even a bit depressed — when I signed up to the seminary, but I grew to love the vocation, and in all the years since, I have never regretted it.
- I am very happy when people remark, "You and Fr Matt are so different, but you make a great team." That's a sure sign, I think, of the Holy Spirit working in us and through us. In some ways, our job is to be true to ourselves, but otherwise "let go, and let God!"

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2078.45
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$1042.00
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 860.25
Project Compassion	\$ 340.00

This week's Counting Team:
No.2 — R Tongue

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 3 — P McDonald

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

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 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

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

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.'



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31.

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

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

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest

Fr John Corrigan

Visiting Priest

Fr Shaiju Mathew

Parish Secretary

Carmel Russo

CHILD SAFE PARISH

Sts Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish of Sunraysia adheres to Victoria's eleven Child Safe Standards.

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

Parish Safety Officer

Vince Pileggi