

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

Palm Sunday Year B 24th & 25th March 2018

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass Roster 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	

RECENT DEATHS: Lidia Cavallo, Tommaso Scandale (Italy-brother of Teresa Parente), Antun Horvat (Croatia), Norma Krasna (Karrie's Nanna)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Julianna Byra

MILDURA

Saturday 6:00pm: Harold Green, Giuseppe Macri

Sunday 9:00am: Giuseppe Maiorana

Sunday 5:00pm: Larry Cavallo

RED CLIFFS

John Flanagan, Domenico Mammone, Eileen McDonald

MERBEIN

Recent Deaths: Lidia Cavallo

March: 27th Carlo Longeri, 28th Terry Rowe, 29th Domenico Manna, 31st Isabel Russell

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

Mark 11:1-10

Mark's account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is more restrained and less victorious in tone than the other gospel accounts. In keeping with Mark's gospel as a whole, it forms part of the relentless journey of Jesus, the suffering Messiah, towards Jerusalem the place of his death. The longed-for liberation will come about in Jerusalem, through powerlessness, suffering and death rather than through the exercise of might and power.

Mark 14:1-15:47

The gospel account of the suffering and death of Jesus opens with the story of an insightful but unnamed woman who pours out healing ointment on the head of Jesus. We might reflect on the Eucharistic character of her actions of breaking and pouring and of Jesus' assurance that what she has done will be told in memory of her. She did "what she could". The story of her support for Jesus is sandwiched between two stories of opposition: an assassination plot on the part of the religious authorities, and the foreshadowing of Jesus' betrayal at the hands of a close follower. Status does not guarantee goodness or insight.

As the story unfolds, we hear that, despite his earlier instruction to "stay awake", Jesus' closest followers fall asleep when he most needs them. Worse than that, they betray, deny, and abandon him. Some Galilean women remain faithful. They have followed him and looked after him on the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. They become witnesses to his death and burial. These women will also discover the empty tomb and take the message of the resurrection to the male disciples. A foreign passer-by, Simon, whose sons are known to the Markan community, shoulders part of the burden. An ordinary Roman soldier realises and proclaims that Jesus is of God.

The story has come full circle: the first verse of the gospel announced the beginning of the good news of Jesus, the Christ and the Son of God. Now the reader understands what it means to make such a proclamation. The final chapter is to be celebrated next weekend. The mystery is to be lived every day of every week. As we enter into the holiest week of the liturgical year, we might consider our call to bring the power of Christ's redeeming love to those who suffer crucifixion in our own times: the more-than-human Earth community that suffers the effects of climate change; the desperate asylum seekers who remain on Manus Island and Nauru; the war-torn lands of Yemen and Syria.

For stories of hope in the face of despair, you may like to visit the Mercy Works website (mercyworks.org.au). It is all too easy to deny, betray, and abandon the suffering other. Like the woman who poured out the healing ointment on the head of Jesus, we also must do what we can.

Veronica Lawson rsm

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





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.

Brian O'Brien, Paul & Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Yvonne Ash, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY

BAPTISM

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We welcome into our Parish Community Johnpeter Torquati, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Fotofili Kailahi & Ilaise Baker and Nicholas Monaghan & Greta Vallance who were married this weekend.



RCIA

We continue to pray for Karina, Trudi, Jodie, Casey & Breanna, who will be presented with the Lord's Prayer this Sunday

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

Volunteers are needed for our Holy Week Masses. Please place your name on the list provided at the back of the church if you are available. Many thanks Fr Michael

YOUTH MASS—PALM SUNDAY 5PM

If you know of any young people who would like to be involved please invite them along. Pizzas will be provided after the Mass.

PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO 6PM MASS TUESDAY 27TH MARCH DUE TO FUNERAL.

COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

BUPA AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on **Monday 26th March 10.30am.**
NB: Please note the change of date.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday 28th March 7.30pm in the Monaghan Centre.

CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

Looking for a Co-ordinator to help set up The Shared Table on the second Sunday of each month. If you can help out please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Teresa Parente and students from St. Joseph's College who helped with the making of the Palm Crosses.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

Rosary: Monday 5:00pm
Prayer of the Church: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am
Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 6:30pm
Devotions and Exposition: Friday 3:00pm
Christian Meditation: Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room
Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

REGIONAL EVENTS

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE



Sixth Sunday of Lent

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia, in 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master's degree.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.



A Just Future starts with your support!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

REGIONAL RETREAT

A quiet day of reflection on the banks

of the Murray

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL

FORT COURAGE

9:030am – 3:30pm

With FR PETER WOOD MSC

Transport available

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT

Sacred heart parish office 502122872

Tuesday – Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm



MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: Mildura 7pm
Red Cliffs 7pm

Good Friday: Way of the Cross 10.30am
Ceremony 3:00pm—Mildura & Red Cliffs

Easter Vigil Saturday

Mildura: 7.30pm

Red Cliffs: 6.30pm

Easter Sunday

Irymple: 8:30am

Mildura: 8am and 10am

(No 5pm Mass)

Red Cliffs: 10am

Merbein: 10.30am

Werrimull: 12noon



MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1362.50
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$2796.10
Loose Plate	\$ 504.20
Project Compassion	\$ 580.00



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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.

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, Albis Dy, Joe Cufari, Brother Dan Geary MSC

St. Joseph's Parish Red Cliffs

HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT: THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

It is a centuries-old custom on Holy Thursday Night to have a watch at the Altar of Repose (here this is in the foyer of the church) from the end of Mass, people taking it in turns to watch with Christ in his Agony in the Garden, until midnight. Here it is only until 10.00 pm. There is a form for you to sign to spend some time at the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday night this year. PJJ

WATER OF BAPTISM

The bottles filled with the Water of Baptism that you took home last Easter need to be returned. Once our supply of these bottles is exhausted, you are going to have to BYO bottles and fill them from the Font yourselves. PJJ

PROJECT COMPASSION—BOXES & ENVELOPES

Don't forget to return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by Thursday 29th March, as it is part of our Offertory on Holy Thursday evening.



FLOWERS NEEDED

Coloured flowers are needed for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday, white flowers for our Good Friday Cross and many coloured flowers for the Easter Vigil/Sunday. Contact Fr Pat.



THREE SEMINARIANS FOR THE DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

Bishop Paul has recently accepted Matt Restall as a seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat. Matt has commenced his third year at Corpus Christi College, Carlton and had been a student for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Prior to commencing at the Seminary, Matt lived and worked in Ballarat in the office of the former Senator, John Madigan. Matt, together with Bill Lowry, also a third year seminarian for the Diocese, were installed by Bishop Paul as lectors during the Cathedral 5.00 pm Mass on March 11th. Peter Cay who arrived from Vietnam during 2017, has commenced at Corpus Christi in his first year of formation.

RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$228.15
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$330.80
Loose Plate	\$ 32.05
Project Compassion	\$142.00
Trading Table	\$220.00



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

Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein

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.*

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation will commence on April 19th at 7pm in the school library. Please contact the school PH. 50252258 to enrol if you would like your child to take part.

THE DOMINIC CHORALE: Presents an afternoon of Easter Music including: well known hymns; music from "No Greater Love" and music from "The Messiah". This will be followed by Afternoon Tea, at 3pm in CWA Hall, Merbein on Sunday 25th March. **ALL WELCOME.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS. Please collect your copy of the Autumn edition for some inspirational reading.

ARE YOU BUYING CHOCOLATES FOR EASTER?

Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly – please. What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, in Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces FairTrade Easter chocolate. ACTION: If there is slavery-free chocolate in your supermarket buy it and commend the shop manager.

SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Thursday Liturgy: will be held in the multipurpose room next Thursday at 12 noon. Please come along to help celebrate this Holiest of weeks.

OLSH Primary School 90th Birthday: will be celebrated during Catholic Education Week in May. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our history and prepare for our future as a Catholic School.

Easter Raffle tickets to be returned before 26th March. Raffle drawn on 29th March at assembly. Items that can be donated include: Easter eggs, Easter bunnies, packets of eggs, Easter gift bags & chocolates. Please keep in mind the above notice re: Free Trade Chocolates.



MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

Last weeks collections	
1st Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$ 63.45
2nd Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$214.00
Loose Plate	\$ 24.30
Project Compassion	\$ 45.00

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

Palm Sunday / Year B 24th & 25th March 2018

First Reading: Isa 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Mk 1-39



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		Peter Issanchon		J Kearney	C Russo	N Prevedello	April 29th
Music	M Guthrie	M Guthrie All welcome	Youth		Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory		Louise Belej			L Burgno	L Olden / V Barling	
Altar Servers	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer			Amos	May 27th
Eucharist Ministers	Margaret Sheahan	Peter O'Donnell	Trish Cirillo	R Hill		Vicki	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Maria Cirillo	Greg Johnston	Jeena Jose			Val McCarthy	
	Christine Carmichael	Gina Raiti	Joyce Ribarits				June 24th
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Anna Vartuli	Clem Carlucci				Sr Carmel Setford Annette lemon
	Jacinda Deacon	Sara Visona	Vittorio Carlucci		As per list	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	July 29th
	Katy Quinlan	Juliet Cresp	Christine Slattery		As per list	Kay Wagner	
Counting Team	Team 6	JIM O'DONNELL 5021 4939			M Adams/L Mayes		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	M. Mapalangi	As per arrangement	

Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday / Year B 31st March & 1st April 2018

First Reading:
Responsorial Psalm:
Response:
Second Reading:
Gospel:



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Leader Reader	Volunteer	Peter Issanchon	Soane Fatai	J Kearney	Tim Lewis T Jansen / N Suppa	K Simmons	April 29th
Music					Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory	RCIA	Katy Quinlan	Baptism Families			Dannatt Family	
Altar Servers	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer		Doug		May 27th
Eucharist Ministers	Mary Gobbo	Rose Op't Hoog	Vittorio Carlucci		Stefano	Sr Carmel	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Carmel Muscatello	Rini Op't Hoog	Clem Carlucci		Grace	J Dannatt	
	Greg Johnston	Marg Blythman	Elina Garreffa				June 24th
	Elvira Mazza	Judy Webster	Teresa Parente				Sr Carmel Setford Annette lemon
	Carmel Russo				Melita	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	July 29th
					Topui	V Barling M Farnsworth	
Counting Team	Team 7				T & J Lewis		Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	

The Sunraysia Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.