

Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas

Edition: 15/2023

Assistant Priest Fr Shaiju Mathew Visiting Priest Fr Anthony Nagothu (Robinvale)

The Resurrection of the Lord Year A / 9th April 2023

Easter Ceremonies 2023

Holy Thursday (6th April)

5pm Our Lady's Merbein

6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Good Friday (7th April)

9am Stations of the Cross Mildura

3pm Our Lady's Merbein - (Lay Led)

3pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

3pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Vigil (8th April)

6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

6pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Sunday (9th April)

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple

9am Sacred Heart Mildura

10.30am Our Lady's Merbein

Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate Easter, I hope that for all of us we have been well prepared for the events of the past few days.

We welcome any visitors here with us in the region and hope you all enjoy your stay. For our school communities please enjoy your holidays.

I would just like to thank all those who have been involved in any way over the Holy Week Ceremonies.

God Bless

Fr Matthew

Parish Office

The Office will be closed from Good Friday and opened 9am on Tuesday 11th April. Should you need to speak to a priest urgently please contact 0417 862 082

Farewell Fr Shaiju

As Fr Shaiju takes up his appointment in Robinvale on 20th April the Sacred Heart Parish in conjunction with Our Lady's Merbein, St Joseph's Red Cliffs parishes are organizing a farewell dinner after the 6pm Mass on Tuesday 18th April near the Monaghan Centre.

For catering purpose please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

A collection will also be taken up. If you would like to donate towards a gift you can leave it at the Sacred Parish Office.

Tap & Go

Presbytery 1st Collection



The Sacred Heart Parish has purchased a Tap & Go unit to trial at the Sacred Heart Church for the Presbytery— 1st Collection during the next few months. Should the trial be successful units will then be installed at all churches for 1st Collection.

The unit is currently located on the bench near the Baptismal font.

Parish Contact Details

Administration Officer Mrs Carmel Russo

Office Hours Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm

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Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection <small>(supporting Priests & Presbytery)</small>	\$2092.15	\$217.35	\$234.05
2nd Collection <small>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)</small>	\$2146.00	\$272.00	\$657.60
Loose Plate	\$ 908.15	\$ 56.45	\$ 44.05
Special Collections <small>Project Compassion-Caritas—to date</small>	\$3021.25		
Next weeks Counting Team	Team 9 –G Macri		

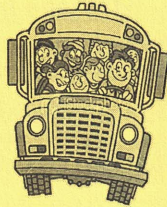


FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel on Sunday, April 23 at 9am.
All welcome.

Werrimull Mass Bus Trip

The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 29th April. To make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



Around the Table Lunch Group

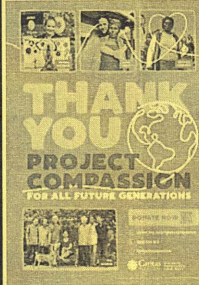
Is a local parish group who gather every second Saturday of each month at Mildura RSL in the Wirraway Bistro. Bookings a must.
For further information contact Althea Mitting on 0488 474 948.
All welcome.



Easter Sunday
9 April



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



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For All Future Generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Reminder if you still have your Project Compassion donation envelopes or box please return to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.



Notes about Holy Communion from Bishop Paul Bird CsSR April 2023

I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. While reception of Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine is a fuller sign of our sharing in the banquet of Christ, we can find reassurance in the teaching of the Council of Trent that the whole Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, is contained under each species. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ.

In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognizing the continuing risks of the Covid pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.

May our Communion draw us ever closer to Christ and strengthen our love and care for one another.

Paul Bird CSsR Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat

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Weekly Prayer and Spiritual Opportunities

Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Charismatic Group Tuesday after 6pm Mass

Exposition and Benediction Friday 4pm

Reconciliation Saturday 10am-10.30am

Monaghan Centre

Christian Meditation Saturday 11.30am

Scripture Reflection Thurs 2pm -3pm.

Children's Catechesis Sat 10am -11am

Parish Schools Contact

Sacred Heart Primary School Mildura

Principal Mr Mark Gibson 5023 1204

St Paul's Primary School Mildura

Principal Mr Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

St Joseph's Primary School Red Cliffs

Principal Mrs Naomi Kennedy 5024 1654

Our Lady of Sacred Heart Merbein

Principal Mrs Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258

St Joseph's Secondary College Mildura

Principal Mrs Marg Blythman 5018 8000

Sunraysia Catholic Communities adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria. Our policies are on display in each Church, and on our website. Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Mildura

Mr Peter Issanchon

Red Cliffs

Mrs Bernadette Gardner

Merbein

Mr Kevin Aston

This weekend Roster : 8th & 9th April 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster
Sat 6pm Red Cliffs	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Roster	T Lewis / Tongan Choir
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster
Sun 10.30am Merbein	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Roster	K East
Sun 11am Werrimull	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	

Please Pray for the Sick



Denis Pasut
 Morgan Dias-Jones
 Teresa Camarotto,
 James Bowring, Rosemary Byrne,
 Catherine Bell, Faye Cufari,
 Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

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.

Next Weekend Roster: 15th & 16th April 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm	R Tongue	M Cirillo, K Quinlan, Volunteer	Baptism	Singing Group M Sullivan
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G McCracken			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Tam	N Fatai, B Castillo, E Mazza	L Belej	Filipino Choir
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	D Eagle	C Cavallaro	Lewis Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	M Bowring	K McCarthy	J & A O'Connor	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	M Bowring	S Hermans, J Jose, T Cirillo	Baptism	S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Recent Deaths

María Munro,
 Melina Piscioneri



Anniversaries

Mildura:

Sunday 9am:
 Joyce Ribarits

Tue 6pm:
 Franc Strubelj (1 month)

Merbein:
 Larry Manno, Richard Murphy Snr and Kevin Forbes.

Red Cliffs:

Please note that if you have booked a memorial mass you are reminded to speak to the priest prior to the mass to let him know you are there.

Mass Time Table this Week

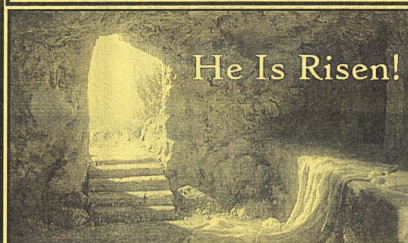
Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	No Mass	Mildura
	10.30am	Chaffey Aged Care
	11am	Funeral Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Mildura
	9.30am	Merbein
	5.30pm	Red Cliffs
Friday	4pm	Expo/Bened
	6pm	Mildura
Saturday	9.30am	Mildura
	6pm	Mildura
Sunday	8.30am	Irymple
	9am	Mildura
	10am	Red Cliffs
	10.30am	Merbein
	5pm	Mildura



What's Happening

April 2023

- Wed 12: Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am
- Thu 13: St Anthony Committee Meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms
- Thu 13: Anointing Mass—Red Cliffs 5.30pm
- Mon 17: KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm, KSC Clubrooms
- Thu 20: Anointing Mass—Merbein 9.30am
- Thu 20: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm
- Wed 26: Anointing Mass—Mildura 2pm
- Wed 26: Baptism Preparation evening, 7pm Monaghan Centre



alleluia
 THE LORD IS RISEN. INDEED!

Trading Stalls Red Cliffs—April



Red Cliffs: Sunday 16th April—Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 10am Mass.

Proceeds this month go towards Project Compassion.

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 from the dead.

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 Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

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

or

(R.) Alleluia!

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

Col 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.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture 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.

REJOICE!

Christ is risen.

Next Weeks Readings: Second Sunday of Easter Year A / 16th April 2023

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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

Second Reading: Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31