




 **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 SUNRAYSIA

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## Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

### MASS TIMES

**Monday**  
No Mass

**Tuesday**  
9:30am Red Cliffs  
6pm Mildura

**Wednesday**  
9:30am Mildura

**Thursday**  
9:30am Mildura  
9:30am Merbein (Anointing)  
10:30am Chaffey (Anointing)  
5:30pm Red Cliffs

**Friday**  
6pm Mildura

**Saturday**  
9:30am Mildura  
6pm Red Cliffs  
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**Sunday**  
8.30am Irymple  
9am Mildura  
10am Red Cliffs  
10.30am Merbein  
5pm Mildura

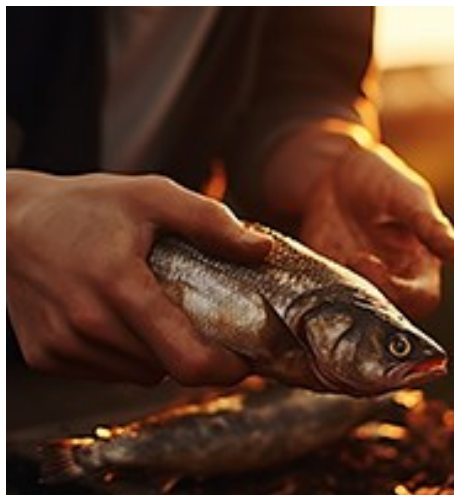
**RECONCILIATION**  
Tuesday 4.30pm, Mildura  
Saturday 10am, Mildura

**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:

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:

Megan Kelly

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Francesca & Bruno Pelle

#### Mildura 6pm:

Giuseppe Roccisano

#### Merbein:

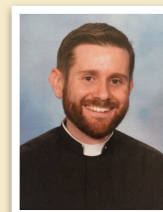
Mona & Percy Richardson  
Teresa Chiera  
Vera Finis

#### Red Cliffs:

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

We are celebrating the third Sunday of Easter, and in today's readings the disciples are telling of how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We can ask ourselves how do we recognise Jesus at the breaking of the bread and when we receive communion how we reverently receive either on the tongue or in the hand and what we do with this amazing gift.



On Saturday 20th April, Fr John will complete his first year with us. What an amazing contribution he has

brought to the parish already and we look forward to what he continues to bring and shares. Thanks Fr John and we look forward to many more years of you being present with us.

This week we launch our revamped kids bulletin, now known as **AJ's Gazette**. Collect your copy from the church foyer.

As schools in Victoria resume for Term 2, we wish all staff, students and communities all the best.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

**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 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Further details in next weekend's bulletin.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students who were not confirmed in primary school are always able to join the parish's annual program for secondary schools students. This is integrated into the Chosen Youth Program which restarts this weekend.

Secondary school students who wish to be confirmed are invited to join the Chosen Program, which runs each Sunday following the 5pm Mass.

## SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

The Sacred Heart Family Group will be lunching at Woodies Gem Shop on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm.

Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions on 0437096737. All welcome to join us.

## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

St Joseph's Red Cliffs are organising a Mother's Day Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

The parish office in Mildura and St Joseph's Church in Red Cliffs both feature well-stocked piety shops. Mildura's "pop-up" piety table now operates on the **third weekend of each month in Mildura at all Masses**. If you wish to purchase something we don't have in stock, please inform the parish office. We can acquire items at discounts not available if you shop directly online. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit services equipped for cash and card. (Card transactions attract a 1.9% surcharge.)

## TRADING STALL & CUPPA

This Sunday the Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9 am Mass in Mildura, and Cuppa only is available after 10am Mass, Red Cliffs. Proceeds from the stalls this month will go to The Shared Table.





## WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Pasquale Vozzo and Caterina Brizzi** who were married at Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

## 2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES

### First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)



*Parent meeting:* 28<sup>th</sup> August 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

*First Communion Masses:* Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

### First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)



*Parent meeting:* 16<sup>th</sup> October 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

*Celebration date:* Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm or 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

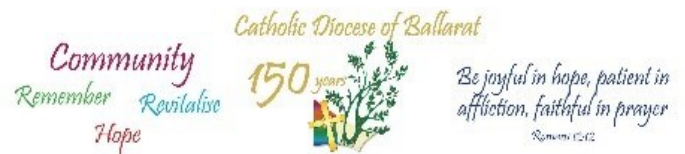
We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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## 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

Bishop Paul invites all parishes to acknowledge the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward for the occasion. Resources are being provided to parishes for inclusion in Masses on this weekend.



## DIOCESAN HISTORY TIMELINE

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/)

STEWARDSHIP	
<b>Priest Support (Presbytery)</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$2404.80
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$ 851.00
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 882.75
<b>Project Compassion</b>	\$ 160.00
<b>This week's Counting Team:</b> No.1 – G. Lavery	
<b>Next week's Counting Team:</b> No. 2 – R. Tongue	



## FIRST READING

Acts of 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## RESPONSORIAL

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

## SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

"They offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes."



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 4:8-12

**Psalm:** Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

**Response:** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18

### 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