

# 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

## Easter Sunday Year B 31st March & 1st April 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:** Yvonne Ash (sister-in-law to John Carroll)  
 (30 day Mass Giuseppe Mammone will be held on Saturday 7th April 6pm)

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

##### MILDURA

**Saturday 7:30pm:** Appollini Consuelo, Vincenzo Piscioneri (10 year anniversary)

**Sunday 10:00am:** Frank De maria

**Wednesday 9.15am:** Antonio Paiano (1st year anniversary)

**Thursday 9.15am:** George Matulic (10 year anniversary)

##### RED CLIFFS

Damiano Brizzi

##### MERBEIN

**April:** 1<sup>st</sup> Harry Deed, Joy Andrews, Colleen Piscioneri,  
 Apr.5<sup>th</sup> Molly Calleher, Jimmy York, Paul

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

At the foot of Mt Macedon, where I spent the first sixteen years of my life, stands the lovely Anglican Church of the Resurrection, built in the aftermath of the devastating 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires. Members of both Catholic and Anglican communities had wanted to build one church for the two communities but the respective insurance policies determined otherwise: two churches replaced the two that were destroyed in the fires. The most striking feature of the Anglican Church is Leonard French's stained glass depiction of the resurrection experience of a devastated community, a statement of hope in the face of death and seeming hopelessness. Macedon has risen from the ashes and is once again a vibrant community. The Church of the Resurrection serves as a reminder of the community's faith and provides a context for "remembering" events that united its members in unexpected ways. In a particularly graphic way, it brings the lower-key experience of the local community into dialogue with its upper-key Story of the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact, and re-tell the originating stories of our tradition. We dramatise and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In our faith inspired re-telling, all the power and grace of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are made present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a commitment to life.

In Mark's resurrection account (Mark 16:1-8), the place of death, the tomb, lies empty and the message of life is proclaimed. The young man, God's messenger, sends the women who have witnessed the death and burial of Jesus to proclaim the news of his resurrection to the male disciples. Some interpret the silence of the women as failure. Others see it as the appropriate stance before the wonder of God's power. The gospel narrative itself bears witness to a mission ultimately accomplished.

The ongoing wars in Syria and South Sudan, the climate displacement of peoples from the Marshall and Carteret Islands and the devastation caused by multiple earthquakes and consequent landslides in Papua New Guinea foreground the language of death and resurrection at this time. As we enter into the Easter mysteries, we carry with us the chaos of broken communities, human and more-than-human. We mourn the deaths of thousands, we pray for order out of the chaos, we ask questions about the human contribution even to the earthquakes and we do all we can to ensure a real return to life for the bereaved, the struggling and the displaced. We join with those who are sharing their resources and re-ordering their own way of being in the Earth community in order to make this happen.

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

alleluia!  
 Christ has Risen!



**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, 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 Charlie Alexander, Leonardo Fenu, Vincent Primarano, Carter Pukitis and Isabella Taylor, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To our RCIA candidates initiated into our community during the Easter Vigil. We continue to pray with Karina, Trudi, Jodie, Casey & Breanna asking God's continued blessing upon them and all who are dear to them. Thank you to our RCIA Team and Sponsors who have supported our candidates throughout their journey.



**COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH**

**REGIS TENTH ST AGED CARE ANOINTING**

Will be held on Tuesday 3rd April at 2pm. All welcome.

**ANOINTING MASS**

Will be held on Thursday 5th April at 9.15am. All welcome.

**ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Will be held on Thursday 5th April 7pm at the KSC Club rooms. All most welcome.

**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.

**SACRED HEART TENNIS CLUB**

Sacred Heart Tennis Club 11<sup>th</sup> Street Mildura welcome all interested tennis players. The winter season starts May 5<sup>th</sup> Names are required NOW to be registered to enter teams for 2018 Sunraysia District Tennis Association Competition – A Grade to C Grade Teams will be entered - new tennis players very welcome. Ring Merle Watson 50232883 /email - [merlewatson1@gmail.com](mailto:merlewatson1@gmail.com) or Inez Sullivan PH. 50 230742. Junior 17 years & under very welcome to join Junior Teams for the Sunraysia District Tennis Association –THURSDAYS at Aero Courts 4 – 5 Practice & Registration – Junior tennis very popular – but always room for more.

**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



**EASTER SUNDAY 1st APRIL**

**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering



young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future has started with your support!

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2018 Lenten appeal.

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)  
 #projectcompassion 1800 024 413



**REGIONAL RETREAT**  
**A quiet day of reflection on the banks of the Murray**  
**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**  
**FORT COURAGE**

**9:30am – 3:30pm**

**With FR PETER WOOD MSC**  
**Transport available**

**Lunch will be provided \$15/person**  
**TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT**  
 Sacred heart parish office 502122872  
 Tuesday – Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm

**WERRIMULL BUS TRIP—28th April**

Our next Bus Trip to Werrimull for 11am Mass followed by a meal at the Pub will be held on Sunday 28th April. Bookings to the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.



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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS THIS WEEKEND**  
**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR**

**HAPPY EASTER**

May this Easter Season be one of blessing and joy for all members of our Parish Communities and their families. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way to our Easter Celebrations. We are so fortunate in Sunraysia to have such a wonderful group who continually volunteer to assist us in these celebrations each year. May God bless you all. *Fr. Michael, Fr. James & Fr Pat*

**MILDURA PARISH FINANCE**

Last weeks collections	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1629.65</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$3676.10</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 757.90</b>
<b>Project Compassion</b>	<b>\$ 853.50</b>



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**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**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**A first anniversary Mass for Natalizia Monteleone will be held on Friday 6th April at 6pm.**

**THANK YOU:** My thanks to all who have helped with our celebration of Holy Week 2018 in Red Cliffs. A special thanks to Natalizia Tassone, Bethany Williams, Topui & Folole Mapapalangi & Gemma Monteleone, who are retiring from altar serving after the Vigil of Easter this year. The parish is presenting to each of them a San Damiano Crucifix. There is a sixth server retiring, Gabrielle Spataro. Gabrielle is with the Wanderers soccer team in England right now. We will express our thanks to her at the Feast of Pentecost, the last day of Easter-time. *PJF*

**BAPTISM**

**We welcome into our Parish Community child of Savelio Francis Mapapalangi who is to be baptised this weekend.**



**Mine Awareness Day—April 4— by Andrew Hamilton**

Landmines are not a problem in Australia. Neither do they loom large on the world scale of horrors, when compared with the relentless bombing in Syria and Yemen. But they deserve reflection because of the harm they do. They also make clear vividly the cost of war to families and what can be done when ordinary people come together to campaign against them.

Landmines more often maim than kill. That is part of their attractiveness to war makers. If you take off a soldier's or civilian's leg, the food and labour that could otherwise go to the war effort must be spent unproductively on her care. Landmines are also attractive because they are cheap and can be handmade. When used in civil wars they are a coward's weapon. If you surround a small military camp with landmines and fire a mortar shell into it, the soldiers will run out on to your landmines without you having to risk your own lives.

Peasants call landmines the sentinels that never sleep. Once laid they lie there for years after the battle, even after the war, if undisturbed. For generations they will remain there to claim the lives, the legs and the arms of women who venture into the bush for firewood and children who wander to play by a forbidden pond.

Those who lose lives and limbs to them are mostly the poorest of the poor who are forced to live in mine infested land. Their families, already struggling to live decently, now have the added burden of caring for mother, father or siblings. The lives of those injured by the mines are also blighted. Often rejected by their families, former soldiers will never touch a woman in love, children will be confined to home uneducated and with no prospect of ever working. Mothers will blame themselves for being unable to care for their families.

Landmines, laid for a day, bring misery that reverberates for years. We should keep the people hurt by them in our minds and hearts. We should also keep alive the international opposition to them and to other weapons, such as cluster bombs, that seed death in the land.

We at Jesuit Social Services praise the victims, supported by small agencies, who led the campaign against them. They came to the United Nations in wheel chairs to make their case. Despite the opposition of nations like Australia, they secured a treaty. Their example is an inspiration to all of us in our accompaniment of people who are apparently resourceless, but who need only encouragement to change society for the better.

**RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE**

Last weeks collections	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$ 343.25</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$ 553.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 127.10</b>
<b>Project Compassion to date incl \$900 from School</b>	<b>\$3840.00</b>



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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

**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 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the school library. Please contact the school to enrol if you would like your child to take part.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**OLSH Primary School's 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Congratulations and Welcome to Mrs Breanna Meyer & Mr. Casey Stoetzer** on being received as full members of the church during the Easter Vigil ceremonies. Well done!

**THERESIAN MEETING** Due to Easter holiday the next meeting will be held on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>

**STEPPING OUT** – An exhibition by local basket weavers at GALLERY F, 31-33 Deakin Ave Mildura. From March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>. Opening hours: Thursday & Friday 10-am-4pm; Saturday: 10am-2pm

**THE EMPTY TOMB**

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The linen burial cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this 'death business' for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to know the sufferings of death again.

Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way? Obviously Mary, Peter and the other disciple were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?

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**MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE**

Last weeks collections	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$139.50</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$240.10</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 46.60</b>
<b>Project Compassion</b>	<b>\$ 205.85</b>

**St. Joseph's Parish Red Cliffs**

**Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein**

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

## Easter / Year B 31st March & 1st April 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 7:30pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 8:00am	Sacred Heart Sunday 10:00am	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader Reader	Tony Finn	Peter Issanchon	Soane Fatai	M Duck	Tim Lewis T Jansen / N Suppa	K Simmons	<b>April 29th</b>
Music					Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory	RCIA	Katy Quinlan	Baptism Families			Dannatt Family	
Altar Servers	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer		Doug		<b>May 27th</b>
Eucharist Ministers	Mary Gobbo	Rose Op't Hoog	Vittorio Carlucci	M Hill	Stefano	Sr Carmel	<b>May 27th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Carmel Muscatello	Rini Op't Hoog	Clem Carlucci		Grace	J Dannatt	
	Greg Johnston	Marg Blythman	Elina Garreffa				<b>June 24th</b>
	Elvira Mazza	Judy Webster	Maria Page				Sr Carmel Setford Annette lemon
	Paul Kerr	Ellen Frauenfelder	Bobby Castillo		Melita	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Philip Opie	Margaret McDonald	Maryann Modica		Topui	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
Counting Team	Team 7	Helen Kay			T & J Lewis		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	

## 2nd Sunday of Easter / Year B 7th & 8th April 2018

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



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	Gary Huxtable	Maureen Speed	Jancy Thomas	K Modoo	M Bell M Cavallaro/M Duck	Sr Carmel	<b>April 29th</b>
Music	Filipino Choir / N Armsden	M Sullivan/B Lewis/ P Prescott/J O'Bryan	NO MUSIC		Guitar		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory	Baptism	Baptism			C Cavallaro	Lemon Family	
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer	Please Volunteer			Charlee Besgrove	<b>May 27th</b>
Eucharist Ministers	Katelin Anesbury	Nancy Leonardis	Jacinta Macri	Malcolm Hoy		Sr Carmel	<b>May 27th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Vince Pileggi	Elina Garreffa	Paula Cox			Janine Dannatt	
	Anne-Maree Greville	Maryanne Modica	Jennifer Boord				<b>June 24th</b>
	Taiana Fatai	Lyn Welsh	Reni Cheriyan				Sr Carmel Setford Annette lemon
	Margaret McDonald	Loretta Thomspen	Wendy Finn		C Markham	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Trish McNamara	Giuseppe Scopacasa	Tony Finn		M Matotek	Vi Barling Margo Farnsworth	
Counting Team	TEAM 8	TREVOR AUST 5023 6597			T & J Lewis		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	GROUP 5 G Tassone	As per arrangement	

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