

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

*The Sunraysia Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.
 Child Safety Officers:- Mildura—Christine Slattery, Merbein—Kevin Aston, Red Cliffs—Bernadette Gardner*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times 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	AS ADVISED
FRIDAY	5:40PM	9:30AM	
SATURAY	9:30AM	9:30AM	

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	IRYMPLE	MILDURA	RED CLIFFS	MERBEIN
SATURDAY		6:00PM		
SUNDAY	8:30AM	9:00AM	10:00AM	10:30AM
		5:00PM		
WERRIMULL 11:00AM (LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)				

MILDURA

Recent Deaths: Domenico Vallelonga

ANNIVERSARIES: Michele Callipari

Sunday 10am: Paul Matulin (50th anniversary), Joyce Ribarits (1st anniversary), Generosa Zappia, Giuseppe Martino, Pasquale & Maria Grazia Mammeone, Natalizia & Natale Monteleone

RED CLIFFS

Anniversaries:

MERBEIN

Recent Death:

Anniversaries: April 21st Francesco Deano; 23rd Michelle Callipari, Vincenza Palamara; 25th Vittorio Cirillo, Ken McCleary, Robert Doddo

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

Easter Sunday / Year C 20th & 21st April 2019

It does not always pay to discount someone's story just because it sounds a bit fantastic. In Luke's resurrection account, that's what the "eleven and all the rest" do with the women's stories of a rolled-back stone, no body, and heavenly interpreters. The notion of resurrection was not in itself extraordinary in a first century Jewish context. The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection, but the idea that God would raise one person from the dead before the time of the general resurrection was quite unthinkable. From the men's perspective, therefore, the women are talking nonsense. Peter decides to go and confirm their testimony, indicating that he suspects there is some truth in what they have to say. Their account checks out and he goes away in amazement (no apology, just amazement).

This gospel and the whole Easter celebration is about "the one who lives". Luke's account leaves no doubt about the death of Jesus: there are witnesses, there is evidence. The same goes for the burial. Now, in the story of the empty tomb, Luke wants to assert that Jesus is alive. The women (Mary of Magdala, Joanna the wife of Chuza, Mary the mother of James and unidentified others) are confronted with the question: "Why are you seeking among the dead the one who lives?" They are then entrusted with the message of resurrection: "He is not here, but has been raised." They are invited to remember the prophetic words of Jesus. They do indeed remember and they return to proclaim the good news. In line with countless prophetic figures before and since, their testimony is rejected, but is nonetheless effective through the telling and retelling of the story.

We turn briefly to the reading from John's gospel for Easter Sunday morning. Mention of "the first day of the week while it was still dark" evokes the first day of creation and God's word bringing light. The two angels guarding the tomb call to mind the heavenly creatures who barred the way to the tree of life in the Genesis garden story. The biblical story has come full circle, from creation to resurrection and new creation.

We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact, and re-tell these originating stories of our tradition, to dramatise and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In our liturgical re-telling, all the power of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a commitment to life. In these times of planetary uncertainty, a commitment to life includes taking seriously the findings of reputable climate change scientists who no doubt sometimes feel a bit like the women of the gospel whose message was discounted. Resurrection faith invites us to live simply so that all may simply live.

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



Sacred Heart Mildura REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Sacramental Life & Liturgy

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome into our Parish Community Edith Browne, Giselle Nicolaci & Jariah Nicolaci.



CONGRATULATIONS

To our RCIA candidates initiated into our community during the Easter Vigil. We continue to pray with Christina, Rebecca and Pauline 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.

ANZAC DAY MASS

Will be held on Thursday 25th April 9.15am. All welcome.



Community Life & Outreach

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 24th April 7.30pm, Monaghan Centre.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Will be having dinner on Sunday 28th April 2019 at Miss Lucy's Restaurant 140, 8th St Mildura at 6.30pm. Please RSVP on 0427238778.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Just a friendly reminder to return your Project Compassion Boxes or Envelope packs to the Parish Office asap.

REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS cont.

ADVANCE NOTICE

MASS COUNTS START ON WEEKEND 4-5 MAY

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the 4 weekends of May commencing on the weekend of 4-5 May.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—BURONGA

On Sunday 28th April—10am at St Michael's Church, Buronga. This will be Fr George's final Sunday Mass in Buronga. All most welcome. It will also be an opportunity to meet the incoming priest Fr Mark Whybrow.

HE IS RISEN

2019 CLASS REUNIONS: LORETO COLLEGE BALLARAT

Past students and staff of Loreto College Ballarat, Marys Mount and Dawson Street are warmly invited to attend the following 2019 Class reunions:

- Class of 1969 Saturday 4 May 11am
- Class of 1979 Saturday 18 May 11am
- Class of 1989 Saturday 4 May 4pm
- Class of 1999 Saturday 18 May 4pm
- Class of 2009 Friday 3 May 4pm

Full details and booking information <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/events-publications-media/loreto-event/>

Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

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

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.

Mildura: Clair Lang, Michele Vanni, Sandra McCarthy, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Vince Alicastro, Fr Denis Dennehy, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan

Merbein: Martin Rogers, Kit Coogan, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR

Red Cliffs: Maureen Lee, Fr Patrick Flanagan, Max Slatter, Edna Chua, Lily Flanagan, Barry Crosbie, Brendan Bell, Caterina Brizzi, Marie Adams, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Joe Cufari, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone

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

PROJECT COMPASSION

EASTER SUNDAY
21st April 2019



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we showcase the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering communities to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development. Lives change when we all give 100%.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
#projectcompassion 1800 024 413



DIOCESAN PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Bishop Paul is inviting applications from appropriately qualified and experienced persons for the position of Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator, to support the development of parish life, assist with pastoral planning and promote formation in faith for people throughout the diocese. This is a full-time one year contract position, with ongoing contract after review. Information about the position and how to apply can be accessed on the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or by contacting the bishop's office at bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by phoning (03) 5337 7121. Queries can be directed to the Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, on 0419 305 848. The closing date for applications is Friday 26 April 2019 at 5.00pm.

2019 AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019! The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. Interested parishioners can find more information on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Parish Office 5021 2872.

This Weekend's Responsorial Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

CATHOLICS URGED TO FOCUS ON EASTER MESSAGE OF HOPE

Australia's bishops and religious leaders have called on the faithful this Easter to be filled with hope for the future while encouraging Church organisations to continue providing great works of love, care and mercy.

In their 2019 Easter messages, the bishops reflected on local and global issues, including the effects of sexual abuse revelations, the rise of ideologies of hate expressed in violent massacres and the financial and social pressures on families, especially in regions crippled by long-term drought and natural disasters.

They all called for Catholics to draw strength from the Easter message of the Risen Lord and the transformative power of Jesus by using the teachings of Christ to help navigate a path through problems facing our families, communities, the Church and the world.

Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said every day millions of Australians encountered Christ and the Church through Catholic parishes, schools and universities, hospitals, aged care homes and hospices, in campaigns on behalf of Indigenous people, refugees and victims of modern slavery, and in organisations supporting the needy and homeless.

Archbishop Fisher said all of these works were works of Easter, raising people up, and all were declarations of love, especially for the weak and powerless. "By these works of mercy, more than our words, will people judge whether we are serious, whether we really believe in the Resurrection, whether Easter is for us and them," he said.

Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge reflected on the difficulties now facing the world and the Church and the recurring messages of hope in the Old and New Testaments. "Facing into the darkness of the world and the Church, we too turn to the Cross," he said.

"Evil is powerful and the darkness is real. But the greater power which raised Jesus from the dead – we call it the love of God – will bring good from evil, light from darkness.

"So when we kindle the new fire at Easter we go to the very heart of biblical religion, finding fresh hope in the midst of what seems to be hopelessness. That's why even now we will sing the songs of joy. The victory belongs to love."

Catholic Religious Australia president Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ urged all Catholics to use the days of the Easter Triduum to pause, reflect and ask themselves: "Where is the God of Easter wanting to break through in my life?", she asked.

"Each one of us walks this journey of suffering in solidarity with Jesus each time we allow ourselves to be moved by the atrocities occurring around our world," Sr Monica wrote about this year's 25th anniversary of the 100 days of genocide in Rwanda and Rwanda's slow road of forgiveness,

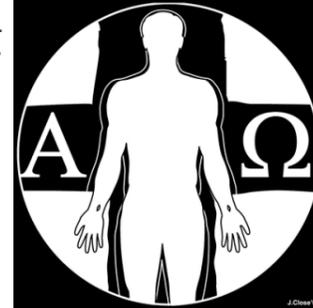
reconciliation and rebuilding. She also mentioned Australia's support for New Zealanders following the Christchurch massacre.

"In these experiences we are challenged to reflect on how fear, hatred and destruction can be such a source of suffering. Such realities engage us in our own fears and hates in both our personal and communal journeys," she said.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli, in his Easter message to his Melbourne Archdiocese, described how the risen Jesus' transfigured wounds brought new hope.

"Today begins my first sharing of the Easter season with you as your Archbishop. We have been walking through loss and grief in the Church here in Melbourne and we are so in need of the Lord, who wants us to share in his Easter joy. Christ is alive and he wants us to be alive," he said.

Archbishop Comensoli said the Risen Lord would never abandon his people and instead offers his followers the strength to set out on a new path with him.



VISIT TO PERU

Due largely to the commitment of Marion Guthrie, over a number of years our Parish Primary Schools have been actively supporting missionary projects in Peru.

Through assistance from the Catholic Education Office and the Schools, Marion and I will be accompanying three other staff member on a tour of the places in Peru where we continue to support these projects, both on the edge of the city of Lima, and in the region of Ayacucho in the Andes Mountains.

I take this opportunity to thank the Parish also for the support these projects receive through our Shared Table Stall on the second Sunday of the month.

I will be absent for the next four weeks, as I will use this journey as my annual leave for this year. We are fortunate to have the help of Fr. Ted McCormack MSC who will provide Masses in Ouyen and Patchewollock on the first weekend of May.

Fr. Michael



SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed on Thursday 25th April Due to the ANCAZ DAY public holiday.

REJOICE!

SUNRAYSLIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES FINANCE

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1679.10	\$347.90	\$294.95
2nd Collection (includes all EFT)	\$1593.50	\$120.00	\$164.00
Loose Plate	\$ 861.15	\$151.55	\$ 85.75
The Monaghan Centre	\$ 352.00		
The Shared Table	\$ 285.00		
Project Compassion given to date	\$3337.25	\$418.00	\$3801.75

EARTH DAY: In the face of increasing threats to creation, Catholics around the world are standing up together. This Earth Day, we're coming together for the Amazon, where forests and their rich diversity of life are being eradicated. Wherever we live, we're all part of the circle of protection for all creation. This year Earth Day is on Sunday, April 28th. Maybe we could plant a tree as a sign of solidarity with the Amazon people. Any other ideas??

Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein St. Joseph's Red Cliffs

BAPTISM

We welcome Ali Antonio Karacan, who today through Baptism will be welcomed into our faith community and pray that he and his family will receive special Easter Blessings.



THANK YOU

A special thank you to those who have prepared our Church for the celebration of Easter and we don't take for granted all those who contribute in so many ways in keeping our Church Liturgy operating week after week. Thank you to you all. May you be richly blessed with the peace of the Risen Christ.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Would you please pass in your Project Compassion contribution before the end of April so that all monies can be finalised and sent to Caritas Australia for distribution. Thank you to those who have made a donation and to those who intend to do so. Many thanks.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Term two will commence on 23rd April.
Upcoming events:- April 25th Anzac Day ; 26th Easter Liturgy – 12.30pm; Mother's Day Liturgy -May 10th; OLSH Movie Night –May 10th (see notice on Board). The children at OLSH are collecting Bread Tags which are sent to South Africa where they are sold to a plastics company. These proceeds are then used to provide wheelchairs to people who can't afford them. Over 600 wheelchairs have been supplied through this program in the past 12 years. Let us support the school in this project. A container will be left on the table at the back of the church for these tags.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The children in Grade Five and Six who made their First Reconciliation last year are being invited to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The lessons will be held over May and June and both Sacraments will be celebrated on the Sunday June 23rd 2019, at the 10.30 Mass. To enrol please contact Janine Dannatt on 0419371284 or the School on 50252258. More information will be available as the dates approach.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Sat: 9.30 am Tuesday: 5.30 pm.
Thursday Anzac Requiem at 8.00 am in Unit 9.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL EASTER CELEBRATION

Will be held at St Joseph's Church on Friday 26th April at 9.15 am.
ALL WELCOME

RED CLIFFS PROJECT COMPASSION 2019

Given so far (Tuesday, April 16 at midday): \$3801.75

CUPPA AFTER MASS AND TRADING TABLE

After Mass next Sunday, April 28.
Proceeds from Trading table to help our Project Compassion towards its goal of \$5000.00.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At our monthly Parish Council meeting last Wednesday the following items were discussed.

1. Reviewing the Risk Register—Child Safety in readiness for a May Audit. Signs and posters will shortly be displayed.
2. Please **NO PARKING** at the front of the Church during Sunday Mass. Signs will shortly be in place.
3. Quotes are being organised to replace the ceiling in the church.
4. 4 Planter Boxes have been purchased to be placed along the side of the church—car park side.

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS AND READINGS Second Sunday of Easter Year C / 27th & 28th April 2019

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Responsorial: Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

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

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Werrimull Last Sunday of each month 1:00am	Sacred Heart Saturday 6pm	Sacred Heart Sunday 9am	Sacred Heart Sunday 5pm	Irymple Sunday 8:30am	Red Cliffs Sunday 10:00am	Merbein Sunday 10:30am	Merbein Lay Led Assembly Last Sunday of the month
Leader / Reader	Mary Jackson	Lyn Welsh	Rosemary Zalec	J Keamey	J Vines J Vines / L Grivec	Nancy Prevedello	April 28th
Music	M Sullivan Singing Group	St Peter Chanel Tongan Choir	M Hammond M Macri / J Ljubic		Tongan Choir		Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Offertory		St Peter Chanel			L Bugno	V McCarthy Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Group 2	Volunteer Please	May 26th
Eucharist Ministers	Maria Cirillo	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Bill Dolence	M Hill		Vicki McCarthy	Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
	Christine Carmichael	Sonia Opie	Jacqui Willis			Val McCarthy	
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Philip Opie	Barbara Bunting				June 30th
	Jacinda Deacon	Catherine McErvale	Katrina Groves		G Brizzi		Frances Sabo Sr Carmel Selford
	Katy Quinlan	Elvira Mazza	Judy Hall		J Cameron	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Vince Pileggi	Jill Joslyn	Myrna Rodi		Volunteer	Kay Wagner Val McCarthy	
	Lisa Cirillo				FLOWERS J Cameron		
Counting Team	TEAM 3	PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531			T & J Lewis		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteers	As per arrangement	