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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**
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Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
9.30am Red Cliffs
6pm Mildura

Wednesday: St Francis de Sales
2.00pm Mildura (Anointing)

Thursday: Conversion of St Paul
9.30am No Mass in Merbein
9.30am No Mass in Mildura
11am Funeral Robinvale
5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday: Australia Day
6pm Mildura

Saturday
9.30am Mildura
6pm Mildura

Sunday
8.30am Irymple Lay-led
9am Mildura
10am Red Cliffs Lay-led
10.30am Merbein
5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 10am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION
Tuesday 4pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS
Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Sr Marion McDonald RSM
Natalina D'Anna
Morgan Dias-Jones
Catherine Bell

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura, Saturday 6pm:
Kayleen Branch
Giuseppina Caia
Murray Surace (30th anniversary)

Mildura, Sunday 9am:
Mary Natale, Giuseppe
Vincenzo & Maria Simonetta
Maria Valisprieri (30 day Mass)

Mildura, Sunday 5pm:
Steve Panuccio
Catherine Byrne Groves

Mildura, Friday 6pm:
John Herrick

Merbein: Joe Olden
Steve Panuccio
Vince Piscioneri
Martin Rogers
George Russell

Red Cliffs: Giuseppe D'Anna
Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna
Domenico & Caterina D'Anna
Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna
Vincenza Tassone

If you have booked a memorial Mass, please speak to the priest prior to the Mass to let him know you are present.

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Believe in the Good News, to have hope and faith in God can be a challenge at times and sometime we wonder if there is Good News out there in the community and life. I say yes there is. I see it in you. In the community there are so many examples of the Good News of God being lived out that reminds me of God being present in our lives and I thank God each day in my prayers for the example of that, that you are to me and I sincerely thank you and it gives me hope that soon we can have a world to live in that has peace and love as its focus.

Australia Day on Friday is a prime example to all of unity. No matter our backgrounds its a day to give thanks for the blessing we receive in living in this great country of ours. Its not perfect but it allows us to have freedom of speech, freedom of religion and an openness to dialogue with others on issues of life. Lets accept each other and celebrate our uniqueness in the image and likeness of God.

Fr John and Fr Shaiju will be away from the region for the next three weeks, so I ask that you are patient with me as I am on my own.

God bless,

Fr Matthew.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 24 January
2:00pm Anointing Mass, Mildura

Wednesday 24 January
7:00pm Baptism Preparation Evening
Monaghan Centre

Friday 26 January
6:00pm Australia Day Mass, Mildura

OFFICE HOURS IN JANUARY

From **2nd January till 25th January** the parish office will be from **9am till 12noon only**.

The office will be **closed on Friday 26th January Office** due to the Public Holiday.



FOOTY TIPPING COMP.

The Parish is running a footy tipping comp this year. If you would like to be involved it is a \$25 entry fee. Please pay the office when you collect your competition sheet. Please note that tips for every round must be submitted by the start of the season. Prize money for First, Second, Third and Last.

SR MARION MCDONALD

We have received news from Geelong that Sr Marion McDonald is quite unwell at the moment and we are asked to keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Sr Marion was a teacher and Principal at SJC for a number of years and the parish leader at Merbein 1999-2017.



YOUTH PROGRAM

A catechetical program for 16 to 25 year olds, using Ascension Press's award-winning *Chosen: This is your Catholic Faith* is coming soon. One hour sessions will be held in the Monaghan Centre at 6pm Sundays, after 5pm Mass, and include light refreshments. For details, visit www.sunraysiacatholic.org/chosen-youth



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community **Amia Costa, Faith Jukes, Leo & Ned Henschke and Santino Monteleone** who are baptised this weekend.

2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES

Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)



Parent meeting: 27th March 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration dates are as follows: Friday 17th May, Saturday 18th May, and Sunday 19th May.

First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)



Parent meeting: 28th August 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration dates are as follows: Friday 25th October, Saturday 26th October, and Sunday 27th October.

First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)



Parent meeting: 16th October 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration date: Wednesday 27th November 6pm or 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.



ANOINTING MASSES

- 24th January, 2pm at Mildura
- 8th February, 5:30pm at Red Cliffs
- 15th February, 9:30am at Merbein

ALTAR SERVERS GUILD

The parish is founding an Altar Servers Guild to provide practical training and ongoing formation to Guild members. The Guild will meet weekly during school terms. If you are interested in joining the Guild visit www.sunraysiacatholic.org/altar-servers or call the parish office on 5021 2872.



LENTEN BOOKS & LEADERS

Our Lenten program – the Diocese of Wollongong’s *Pieta* – has been ordered. If you would like to purchase a booklet please contact the Parish Office. Booklets are \$9 each.

If you are interested in leading a Lenten group please contact the parish office so that we can advertise when and where your Lenten group is meeting.

CHILDREN’S CATECHISM

The Missionary of Charity Sisters co-ordinate a Catechist Program for children aged 3 to 15. The program recommences on Saturday 10th February from 10am-11am in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome. **Parents are invited to attend a 10am Parent Meeting on Saturday 3rd February for enrolments.**



ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses on 14th February 2024:

- 9.30am, Red Cliffs
- 10am, Combined schools Mildura
- 12.30pm, Merbein
- 6pm, Mildura

WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, commencing 16th February, at Sacred Heart Church Mildura:



- 7am Stations & Morning Prayer
- 5.15pm Stations, followed by 6pm Mass
- 6.30pm Indian Community-led
- 7.30pm Tongan Community-led

ROSTERS & WHATSAPP

Our new bulletin design deliberately excludes ministry rosters, as we wish to maximise user-friendly reading. Copies of rosters will continue to be emailed out to volunteers, and printed copies are displayed on foyer notice boards. We are also developing private WhatsApps groups to streamline the arrangement of swaps and substitutions when a volunteer is unavailable.

ADVERTISE HERE

Full colour advertising space the size of a business card.

Circulation: 500 print
250+ electronic

Cost: \$50 per week.

SUNRAYSLA PIETY SHOPS

The parish office in Mildura and St Joseph’s Church in Red Cliffs both feature well-stocked piety shops. Items include:

- Bibles and other books
- Crucifixes and pictures
- Statues and plates
- Medals and scapulars
- Rosaries and prayer cards
- Greeting cards
- Momentos of Baptism, First Communion, etc.



The “pop-up” piety table which is sometimes open after Sunday Masses in Mildura carries just a small sample of our stock. 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 and charge cost-price only. Both are equipped for cash, credit card, and EFT-POS. (Card transactions attract a 1.2% surcharge.)

STEWARDSHIP

Priests’ Support (Presbytery)

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$2219.30

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$2370.60

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2nd Collection Loose Plate)

\$818.60

This week’s Counting Team:
No. 8 – L Welsh

Next week’s Counting Team:
No. 9 – G Brizzi

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing

to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

Response: If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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.

Our Parish Safety Officer is Vince Pileggi.