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OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART
20 Box Street, Merbein VIC 3505



SACRED HEART
261 Eleventh Street, Mildura VIC 3500



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Sts Anne and Joachim
CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs

6pm Mildura

Wednesday

9.30am Mildura

Thursday

9.30am Merbein (Anointing)

9.30am Mildura

5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday

6pm Mildura

Saturday

9.30am Mildura

6pm Mildura

Sunday

8.30am Irymple

9am Mildura

10am Red Cliffs

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:

Natalina D'Anna
Morgan Dias-Jones

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:

Sunday Irymple 8.30am:

Rosa & Grace Lamattina

Sunday Mildura 9am:

Mario Littore.

Friday 6pm:

Maria & Giuseppe Piscioneri
Vincenzo & Teresa Piscioneri,
Domenico & Rosa Scali.

Merbein:

Jessie Barnes
Katie Cohrs
Giuseppe Manno
John Dorman

Red Cliffs:

Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna
Vincenza Tassone,
Francesco Tassone
Maria-Antonia Tassone

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.

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

The theme for this weekend's Masses, 'the Lamb of God,' also recalls the Good Shepherd. A Shepherd will often lead their flock in a direction different to what they are used to. This is a good time for us to introduce a new format and structure to the parish bulletin.

Jesus has many ways of passing on the message of God's love, and we have ours. The bulletin, website and celebration of the Eucharist are a few. How do I share the good news to others? How do I shepherd people in my care?

Journeying together in life and faith allows all of us to grow, to change and to be open to new and developing models of church and community within the care and love of God.

'Look, there is the lamb of God!' The disciples recognised Jesus among them. Do I recognise Christ-like people as well?

God bless,

Fr Matthew.

Parish Office: 257 Eleventh St, Mildura. **Office Hours:** 9am - 4pm, Tue to Fri.

Postal Address: PO Box 10037, MILDURA VIC AUSTRALIA 3502

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 18 January
9:30am Anointing Mass, Merbein

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** due to the Public Holiday.

REMINDER

If your personal details have changed eg: change of phone number, email address, residential or postal address please contact the Parish Office so the database can be updated. Thank you.

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

Requests for notices in the weekend bulletin need to be sent by close of business each Thursday. Email notices to the Parish Office at sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call 5021 2872. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Anniversary Masses may be celebrated at any scheduled parish Mass, on weekends and weekdays. Please contact the Parish Office to register your Mass Intention and a reminder to notify the priest prior to Mass.



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community **Domenico Pignataro** whose baptism is celebrated at Merbein 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, Saturday 18th,
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, Saturday 26th 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 to 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

The Missionary of Charity Sisters co-ordinate a Catechist Program for children aged 3 to 15. The program recommences on Saturday 3rd February from 10am-11am in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

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 conclude with light refreshments. For details, visit www.sunraysiacatholic.org/chosen-youth

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 and becoming an altar server 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.



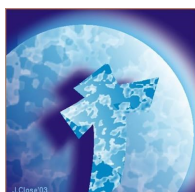
ASH WEDNESDAY

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

BULLETIN AND ROSTERS

Please note that 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 available at the Office and also on foyer notice boards.

ADVERTISE HERE

**Full colour advertising space
the size of a business card.**

SPONSOR OUR BULLETIN

Our newsletter printed in full colour costs the parish \$50 each week. Businesses associated with our parish community may wish to sponsor a week's production. Current circulation is 500 print copies and 250 e-mailed copies, plus downloads from our website.

Sponsors will have exclusive rights to the advertising space above. 52 weekend bulletins available. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office for details or email your business card to sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

PARISH WEBSITE

Over the Christmas break, we've been hard at work developing the parish website, www.sunraysiacatholic.org. You are welcome to visit the website, but be mindful that it is still under construction, so some content is missing. Your feedback is helpful and welcome!

STEWARDSHIP

Presbytery

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$1607.65

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$1366.00

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2nd Collection Loose Plate)

\$ 659.20

This week's Counting Team:
No. 7 — B Collins

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 8 — L Welsh

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 39(40):2,4,7-10

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms: Ps 24:4-9

Response: *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20

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.