



Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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SUNDAY MASSES

Sacred Heart, Mildura
261 Eleventh Street

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

Sunday 5pm

St Francis Xavier's
2 Elms Street, Irymple
Sunday 8:30am

St Joseph's, Red Cliffs
8725 Calder Highway
Sunday 10am

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
20 Box Street, Merbein
Sunday 10:30am

St Mary's, Robinvale
19 Watkins Street
Saturday 6pm

St Patrick's, Manangatang
33 Pioneer Street
Sunday 9am

St Joseph's, Ouyen
94 Oke Street
Sunday 11am

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 31st August 2025 | Edition 36/2025

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Our psalm this week is **God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor**, which links into the theme of the Gospel very well of Jesus inviting the poor person to **move to a place of honour**. In some situations and events certain people always presume that they are to be seated in places of honour. Jesus today is challenging us to be open to the people who often work in the background to make an event amazing or on the other hand someone who does not say much at a meeting but is full of wisdom and insight. These are the ones who need to be honoured and celebrated. The psalm talks about a home for the poor. This is not always a physical home, but can be simply an acknowledgement of their presence and existence.

Next weekend we have the Clergy Assistance Fund Collection for retired and sick clergy. I invite you to support this collection which will occur in each of our churches.

A Centenary Mass in Manangatang will occur next Sunday 7th at 11am. Please note a change of Mass time in Ouyen for the weekend.

Fr Bill is away this week at a conference in Ballarat and next week he will be on retreat in Sydney. We wish him well for the conference and also ask God's blessing for him while on retreat.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

St Joseph's, Ouyen: Faye Nihill, 0429 921 326
St Mary's, Robinvale: Mary Knight, 0438 627 920

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas
Assistant Priests: Fr John Corrigan and Fr Bill Lowry
Parish Secretary: Carmel Spagnolo

LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK: Brendan Bell, Catherine Bell, Patrick Hunt, Barry Crosbie, Kaye Grivec, Terese Pain, Amara Nolen, Bernadette Ryan, Amelia Spataro, Mark Weir, Mary Moloney, Lyn McIntyre, Graeme Floyd, Diane Chisholm and Les Gregg.

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.

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Recent Death: Ron Bell

ANNIVERSARIES:

Merbein: Michel Matotek, John Crawford

Mildura: Dien Brown

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am: Joseph & Helen Grivec, Claire Schorback

Tuesday 6pm: Pat Farmer

Wednesday 9.30am: Domenico Cavallaro (1 year anniversary)

Friday 6pm: Giuseppe Zappia (1 month Mass)

Ouyen: Wed 5pm John Moulder (40day Mass)

Red Cliffs: Maria Circosta

Robinvale: Leo Englefield, Lucia Gervasi, Elieen Walsh, John B Pragt, Cristoforo Vespucci, Maria Rosa Messatesta, Mary Ryan, Ferdinando Zappia

If you have booked a memorial Mass please inform the priest of your arrival before the Mass begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7th September, 11am
Centenary Mass in Manangatang

Thursday 11th September - No Masses
Parish Administration meeting, Horsham

Tuesday 16th September - No Holy Hour
Northern Zone meeting, Birchip

Tuesday 23rd September, 7.15am
Finance Committee Meeting, Parish Office

Wednesday 24th September, 6:30pm
Baptism Information Evening, Monaghan Centre

OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to a parish administration meeting in Horsham, the parish office will close early, at midday, on Wednesday 10th September. The office is closed all day Thursday 11th September, and resumes normal operations on Friday 12th September.

LAY LED LITURGIES

Advanced Notice. Please note that Lay Led Liturgies will replace Sunday Mass at the following churches:

- **Irymple** 8.30am on 14th September 2025
- **Red Cliffs** 10am on 14th September 2025



FIRST RECONCILIATION

(Grade 2 and above)

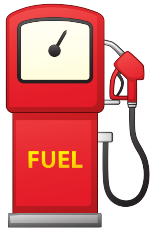
Parent meeting: 15th October, 7pm in Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration date: Wednesday 26th November, Sacred Heart Church.

FUEL RAFFLE

We are thrilled to announce the inaugural fundraiser organised by our newly established parish Social Committee. Our 2025 fuel raffle, proudly sponsored by TASCO Petroleum, will be drawn on the feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23rd November, following the 5pm Mildura Mass. Tickets are just \$2 each.

- **1st Prize:** \$1,000 fuel
- **2nd Prize:** \$500 fuel
- **3rd Prize:** \$100 fuel



The funds generated from this raffle will support every community within our parish. Tickets can be purchased before and after Sunday Mass at all our churches. If you're interested in selling a book of tickets, please reach out to the Parish Office.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist with ticket sales at Sacred Heart Church during all weekend Masses leading up to the drawing. Please contact the Parish Office at 5021 2872.

STEWARDSHIP/PLANNED GIVING

Our new stewardship program commences next Sunday. This weekend's envelope is a generic envelope, with black writing. **Last year's statements and new envelopes are available for collection at all church entrances this weekend.** Please note the statement year is from 01/09/2024 to 24/08/2025.

NUMBER..... (if applicable)	DATE.....
<i>My Offering to my Church</i>	
<p>There are 53 Sundays in this calendar year. This envelope is the 53rd Sunday in the series. Please use it as you would your usual Weekly envelopes.</p>	

MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER
Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

5pm Soup Kitchen, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

Fr John's Birthday today!!

NB: CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE during all scheduled **Holy Hours**, and also after the 9:30am Saturday Mass in Mildura.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Please email or phone the Parish Office **by Thursday afternoon** to submit bulletin notices.

TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER
Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

1pm Anointing Mass, Princes Court Aged Care, Mildura

4pm-5:30pm Holy Hour, Mildura

6pm Mass, Mildura

6pm Mass, Robinvale

WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER
St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor

9:30am Mass, Mildura

9:30am Mass, Robinvale

1pm Bereavement Team Meeting, Mildura parish office

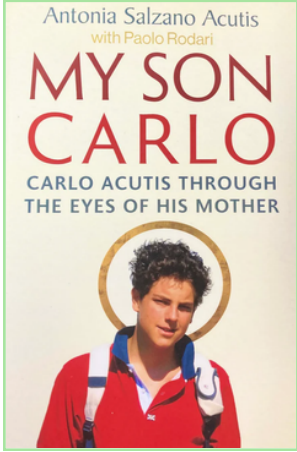
3pm Holy Hour, Ouyen

5pm Soup Kitchen, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

5pm Mass, Ouyen

CARLO ACUTIS

Pope Leo will canonise Blessed Carlo Acutis next Sunday, 7th September. Carlo Acutis has inspired millions with his devotion to the Eucharist and his online evangelisation. Known for creating a website which catalogues Eucharistic miracles, Bl. Carlo will be the first millennial saint. His life is a testament to the power of young people to make an impact in the world through their faith and talents.



Canberra Press, the publishing house of Notre Dame Monastery in Tasmania, has published *My Son Carlo*, authored by his mother, Antonia Salzano Acutis. She shares for the first time the intimate moments of her son's life, including his final days before he died from leukemia at the age of 15. Antonia writes as a mother who lost her son too early, but was forever shaped by his remarkable life. She also shares how Carlo brought people to Jesus, like he did for her, helping her rekindle her faith: **“This was his secret: he had a constant, intimate relationship with Jesus. He wanted everyone he encountered to have this kind of relationship like he did. He did not consider it to be something just for him. He was convinced that this relationship was accessible to all.”**

My Son Carlo retails for \$33 online, but it is available at the parish office for \$25.

SPRING EMBER DAY

The Australian Bishops have designated the first Friday in Spring as a special day of prayer and penance. Next Friday we are encouraged to engage in extra prayer and self-denial, seeking “God’s blessing of favourable weather and fruitful harvest from the land.” It is a day of thanksgiving, and also a day of atonement for exploitation and injustice.

STEWARDSHIP

Presbytery - Priests Support Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2903.80
Parish - Mission & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD, and CC	\$2184.60
Parish - Mission & Maintenance Loose Plate (2 nd Collection)	\$574.60
This week’s Counting Team: No. 8 - G Macri	
Next week’s Counting Team: No. 1 - G Lavery	

AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2025-2026

To read *Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health*, visit tinyurl.com/social-justice-2025. The website also presents details about a webinar on this statement, hosted by the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission. You are warmly invited to join them on Tuesday 9th September, from 7pm to 8:15pm. The webinar will feature presentations by several experts in the field of homelessness and mental health.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund - Fathers’ Day

Ensuring a secure retirement for the clergy of our diocese is a collective responsibility in which we can all participate. Currently, this Fund supports seventeen retired priests. While some reside privately, others live in units in Ballarat and Warrnambool provided by the Ballarat Clergy Support Fund, and a few are in supported accommodation.



For your convenience, a credit card option will be available, and any contributions exceeding \$2 are tax-deductible.

THURSDAY 4 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time	FRIDAY 5 th SEPTEMBER Spring Ember Day	SATURDAY 6 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time
9:30am Mass, Merbein 9:30am Mass, Mildura 10:30am Anointing Mass, Chaffey Aged Care, Merbein 12:30pm St Joseph’s College Mercy Mass, Mildura 2pm Funeral, Mildura 2pm-4:30pm Adoration, Ouyen 5:30pm Mass, Red Cliffs	9:15am Fathers’ Day Liturgy, St Paul’s Primary School 9:30am Mass, Ouyen 11:30am Anointing Mass, Regis Ontario Aged Care, Mildura 4pm-5:30pm Holy Hour, Mildura 6pm Mass, Mildura	9:30am Mass, Mildura (Mother of Fairest Love) 10am Confessions, Mildura 10am-11am Children’s Catechism, Monaghan Centre, Mildura 11:30am Christian Meditation, Monaghan Centre, Mildura 6pm Mass, Mildura 6pm Mass, Robinvale

FIRST READING

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11, R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with

the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

SUNDAY 7 th SEPTEMBER Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS
8:30 Mass, Irymple 9am Mass, Ouyen 9am Mass, Mildura 10am Mass, Red Cliffs 10:30am Mass, Merbein 11am Centenary Mass, Manangatang 5pm Youth Mass, Mildura	The parish of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia is a Child Safe Parish which adheres to Victoria's eleven Child Safe Standards. Our policies are displayed in our churches and on our website. Parish Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) Melanie Grace (Ouyen) Noreen Morris (Manangatang) Vince Pileggi (Sunraysia)	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18 Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17, R. v.1 Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33