



# 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 | Edition 37/2025

### FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Our psalm this week '**Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.**'

Allowing God to shine his face on us reminds us of the love that a father can give. Which is fitting for this weekend when we celebrate Father's Day. A day to remember our own fathers or those father like figures in our lives. In the churches today you will be able to collect a fathers day prayer please take one and say a prayer for them.



Fr Bill is away from Sunday to Friday this week on retreat, so please keep him in your prayers. Fr John is away on Tuesday in Ballarat for meetings and then in Horsham on Thursday. From Thursday I am away for nine days with 106 Year 9 students in Central Australia. Owing to all of these planned absences, please be alert to changes in Mass times. Note too that the office will be closed on Thursday due to the diocesan administration meeting in Horsham.

Our Manangatang community is celebrating its centenary this weekend. Mass will be at 11am with lunch following. I hope everyone has a great time reminiscing the past and looking forward to the future.

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, Tim Jess, 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 Deaths:** Paul Bottrell, Marion Brodie (nee Rose).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Merbein:** John Barling, Mary Dorman Snr, Irene Byrne, John Klaric

### Mildura:

**Saturday 6pm:** Vince Tripodi

**Sunday 9am:** Ragelio Laguidao, Minda Wright, Periclis Galon, Ramon & Alice Echanes, Evelyn Cabizares, Evangeline & Meriam Echanes.

**Sunday 5pm:** Ragelio Laguidao, Christine Skiadas (1yr ann.)

**Robinvale:** Maria Galioto; Frank Grant; Rose Carr; Michael Gorman; Margaret Sinclair; June Foran.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - No Holy Hour**

Northern Zone meeting, Birchip

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7.15am**

Finance Committee Meeting, Parish Office

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 6:30pm**

Baptism Information Evening, Monaghan Centre

## LAY LED LITURGIES

Please note that Lay-led Liturgies will replace the scheduled Mass at Irymple and Red Cliffs next Sunday.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

(Grade 2 and above)

**Parent meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm in Sacred Heart Church.

**The celebration date:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Sacred Heart Church.



## 2025 FOOTY TIPPING RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of our Parish Footy Tipping Competition:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: **Trevor Aust** with 138 correct tips.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **Mike Griffen** with 134 tips.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: **Fr John Corrigan** with 133 tips.

Lucky last: **Clive Morgan** with 99 tips!

## BAPTISMS

The Church welcomes with great joy:

**Calyx Estrada and Oakley Mazza**

who this weekend receive the sacrament of Baptism at Mildura and Red Cliffs.



## MANANGATANG CENTENARY

This weekend St Patrick's Manangatang community celebrates 100 years since the opening of its church. Manangatang is the parish's third oldest community, after Mildura (1896); Ouyen (1922).

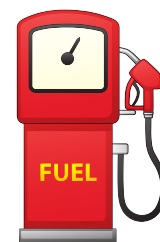


May the spirit of unity and faith that has sustained this community for a century continue to inspire and strengthen us in the years to come. The centenary is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our rich history, honour the pioneers who laid our foundations, and look forward to a bright future filled with hope and promise. Let's pray that God provides all our parish communities with another century of faith, friendship, and fortitude!

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November, following the 5pm Mildura Mass. Tickets are just \$2 each.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** \$1,000 fuel
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** \$500 fuel
- **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**5pm Soup Kitchen**, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

**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 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

**3pm Wedding**, Mildura

**4pm-5:30pm Holy Hour**, Mildura

**6pm Mass**, Mildura

**6pm Mass**, Robinvale

### WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

**9:30am Mass**, Mildura

**9:30am Mass**, Robinvale

**12pm Parish Office closes early**, Mildura

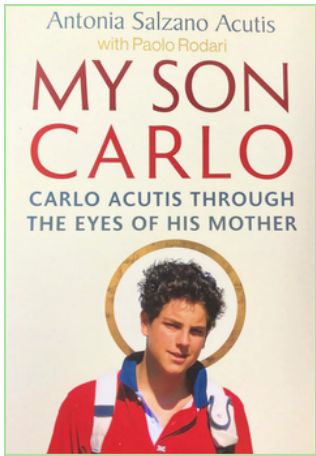
**3pm Holy Hour**, Ouyen

**5pm Soup Kitchen**, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

**5pm Mass**, Ouyen

## ST CARLO ACUTIS

Pope Leo is canonising Carlo Acutis this weekend. Known for creating a website which catalogues miracles related to the Eucharist, St Carlo is the first millennial saint. His life is a testament to the power of young people to make an impact through their faith and talents.



In *My Son Carlo*, St Carlo’s mother, Antonia Salzano Acutis, shares the intimate family moments of her son's life, including his death 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 St 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.”**

*My Son Carlo* is available at the parish office for \$25.

## FATHER’S DAY PRAYER

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of Compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and father figures who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

## STEWARDSHIP

<b>Presbytery - Priests Support</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$3462.90
<b>Parish - Mission &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD, and CC	\$2305.50
<b>Parish - Mission &amp; Maintenance</b> Loose Plate (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	\$1352.10
<b>This week’s Counting Team:</b> No. 1 - G Lavery	
<b>Next week’s Counting Team:</b> No. 2 - P McDonald	

## COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

### Ballarat Clergy Support Fund - Fathers’ Day Appeal

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides assistance to retired clergy who have spent their lives in service of others. Currently, the Fund financially supports and cares for seventeen retired priests.



Your generous giving each year has allowed the Fund to continue supporting our retired priests, ‘caring for those who cared for us.’ Special envelopes are available for today’s Fathers’ Day special collection. You may also return your envelope next week. For your convenience, a credit card option is also available. Contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.



**2025 Jubilarians. 50 years:** Fr Eugene McKinnon, Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Fr Wally Tudor SSC. **60 years:** Fr Patrick Flanagan.

THURSDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time	FRIDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER The Most Holy Name of Mary	SATURDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor
<b>Parish Administration Day</b> , Horsham PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY <del>9:30am Mass, Merbein</del> <del>9:30am Mass, Mildura</del> 2pm-4:30pm Adoration, Ouyen <del>5:30pm Mass, Red Cliffs</del>	<del>9:30am Mass, Ouyen</del> 4pm-5:30pm Holy Hour, Mildura 6pm Mass, Mildura 6:40pm Wedding Rehearsal, Mildura	9:30am Mass, Mildura 10am Confessions, Mildura 10am-11am Children’s Catechism, Monaghan Centre, Mildura 11:30am Christian Meditation, Monaghan Centre, Mildura 1pm Wedding, Mildura 6pm Mass, Mildura 6pm Mass, Robinvale



# FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

# RESPONSORIAL

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’ To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night (R.) You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.) Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

# SECOND READING

Philemon 9-10,12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say

– a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalms 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws..

Alleluia!

# GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

SUNDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH	NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS
8:30 Lay-led Assembly, Irymple 9am Mass, Manangatang 9am Mass, Mildura 10am Lay-led Assembly, Red Cliffs 10:30am Mass, Merbein 11am Mass, Ouyen 5pm 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)	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9  Psalm: Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7  Response: Do not forget the works of the Lord!  Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  Gospel: John 3:13-17