



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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 19th October 2025 | Edition 43/2025

MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRIEST

This weekend the universal Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, as we honour and pledge our prayerful and monetary support to Catholic Mission the Pope's international mission agency here in Australia.

This day of prayer and solidarity arrives at an opportune time, a mere two weeks after Pope Leo XIV published his first Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexit Nos*, On Love for the Poor.

In this beautiful work the Holy Father invites us to reflect on the increasing disparities of wealth and inequality in our world today, and our Christian duty to alleviate the hardships of the poor.

He cautions Christians not to succumb to "attitudes shaped by secular ideologies or political and economic approaches" that lead to generalisations or mistaken conclusions about those who experience poverty and our obligations to support them.

Pope Leo further expresses concern "that some dismiss or ridicule charitable works, as if they were an obsession on the part of a few and not the burning heart of the Church's mission". This convinces the Holy Father "of the need [for us] to go back and re-read the Gospel, lest we risk replacing it with the wisdom of this world" (n. 15).

May we take up this invitation from our Holy Father to see charity as our own personal mission as members of God's Church.

Fr Bill

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, Pacita Dinawanao, Sue Mattschoss, Lyn McIntyre, Graeme Floyd, Les Gregg, Des Healy.

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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Frank Monaghan

Merbein: Patrick Olden, George Kremor, Peter Blyth, Mona Wells

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm: Anna-Maria Tripodi, Des Drewry, Zacharias Thomas

Sunday 9am: Paulina Cabug, Fleciano Pancho

Sunday 5pm: Bruno Timpano, Domenica Ficarra

Ouyen:

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

Robinvale: Maria Vincenza Garreffa, Angela Romeo, Mary Murphy

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 22nd October, 6.30pm
Baptism Parents Meeting, Monaghan Centre

Saturday 25th October, 9.30am
Marian Devotional Mass, Temple of the Lord

Saturday 25th October, 10am to 3pm
Parish Retreat Day, Fort Courage, Wentworth

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th October
PRIESTS IN BALLARAT FOR DIOCESAN MEETINGS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The celebration date will be held on Wednesday 26th November, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura



ADVENT PRAYER BOOK

We have obtained a limited number of copies of *The Promise*, the Diocese of Wollongong's Advent and Christmas daily reflections for 2025. The book will be available in late November for \$5. If you wish to reserve a copy, please call or email the parish office.



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community

Nora Birch,
Theodore Hensgen and
Valencia Vallelonga

baptised this weekend in Mildura.



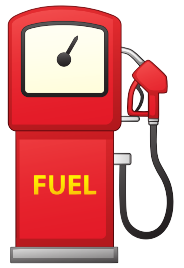
SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Are having a luncheon at the Merbein Club on Sunday, 19th October at 12 noon. All welcome. Please RSVP to Helen or John on 0427441466

FUEL RAFFLE

Our 2025 fuel raffle will be drawn on the feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23rd November, following the 5pm Mass. Tickets are just \$2 each.

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



Tickets can be purchased before and after Sunday Mass at all our churches.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Monday 3rd November

- 6pm - Robinvale Cemetery
- 6pm - Mildura, Murray Pines Cemetery

Wednesday 5th November

- 6pm - Nichols Point Cemetery
- 6pm - Ouyen Cemetery

Thursday 6th November

- 5.30pm - Merbein Cemetery
- 5.30am - Red Cliffs Cemetery

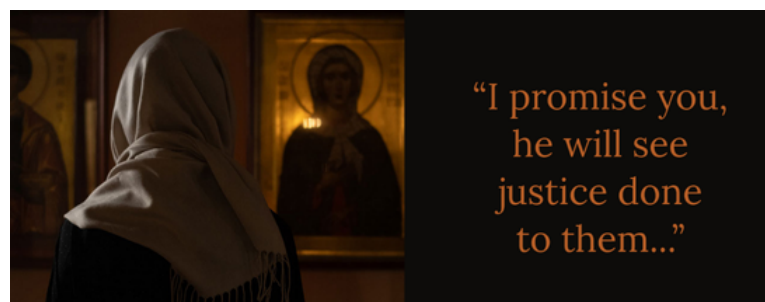
Thursday 13th November

- 5.30pm Red Cliffs Old Cemetery



PARISH REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Sunraysia Parish will celebrate our yearly Remembrance Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 7th November 2025 at 6pm, followed by a BBQ after Mass. For catering purposes please call the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



MONDAY 20th OCTOBER

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 21st OCTOBER Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

1:30pm Anointing Mass, Regis Ontario

4pm-5:30pm Holy Hour, Mildura

6pm Mass, Mildura

6pm Mass, Robinvale

WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER St John Paul II, Pope

9:30am Mass, Mildura

9:30am Mass, Robinvale

2pm Mass, Anointing Mildura

3pm Holy Hour, Ouyen

5pm Soup Kitchen, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

5pm Mass, Ouyen

6:30pm Baptism Parents Meeting, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

RETREAT DAY

THIS SATURDAY

Fort Courage, Wentworth

When the apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done, he said to them: *"Come away with me to a lonely place and rest for a while."* (Mk 6:30-31)



All parishioners are invited to join our one-day retreat to slow down, reinvigorate your faith, and refresh your relationship with the Lord. The day starts at 10am and concludes at 3pm. BYO picnic lunch; tea and coffee are provided. You are welcome to bring a Bible and writing journal, but reading and writing resources will be provided. Indoor facilities are booked in case of inclement weather. Please register your interest with the parish office.

CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

www.catholicmission.org.au/mission

Free Call: 1800 257 296

Envelopes are available at all church entrances and need to be returned by 26th October 2025.



STEWARDSHIP

Presbytery - Priests Support

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$5,872.35

Parish - Mission & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD, and CC

\$2,138.10

Parish - Mission & Maintenance

Loose Plate (2nd Collection)

\$1,101.75

This week's Counting Team: No. 7 - L Welsh

Next week's Counting Team: No. 8 - G Macri



The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass, Merbein

9:30am Mass, Sacred Heart Primary School, Mission Mass, Mildura

~~2pm-4:30pm Adoration, Ouyen~~

5:30pm Mass, Red Cliffs

7pm RCIA, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER

Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass, Ouyen

9.30am Grandparents Day Mass, Merbein

1pm Wedding, Mildura

4pm Wedding Rehearsal, Mildura

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

5pm Confessions, Mildura

6pm Mass, Mildura

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER

Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass, Mildura

10am Confessions, Mildura

10am Parish Retreat Day, Fort Courage

10am-11am Children's Catechism, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

11:30am Christian Meditation, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

1:30pm Wedding, Mildura

6pm Mass, Mildura

6pm Mass, Robinvale

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R.)



SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'"

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Mass, Irymple
9am Mass, Manangatang
9am Mass, Mildura
10am Mass, Red Cliffs
10:30am Mass, Merbein
11am Mass, Ouyen
5pm Mass, Mildura
5pm Anniversary Mass, Robinvale
5:30pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Merbein

**WE ARE A CHILD
SAFE PARISH**

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)

**NEXT SUNDAY'S
MASS READINGS**

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Psalm:

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19. 23. R. v.7

Response:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14