



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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C)

Sunday 23rd November 2025 | Edition 48/2025

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord is the response to today's psalm. It is very fitting that we go to the house of the Lord, as he is King of the universe. his kingdom has no boundaries or borders. We the people of the kingdom has a very important role to play in the life of the kingdom. We need to be his presence in the world we live in.

I extend my thanks to everyone who has been involved in the celebrations of the weekend's event with the Christ the King. As we are drawing the raffle this weekend I thank everyone who has bought a ticket and congratulations to the winners of the fuel vouchers!

Next weekend is the first week of Advent and over the next four weeks we will be exercising Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

May this time of preparation for Christmas be a time of renewal and growth.

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: Natalina D'Anna, Brendan Bell, Catherine Bell, Aaron Needham, Terese Pain, Dennies Mendoza, Madeline Nolan, Mark Weir, Mary Moloney, Lynne McIntyre, Graeme Floyd, Less Gregg, Des Healy, Celia Dy.

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: Josie Brigante

ANNIVERSARIES:

Merbein: Maria Piscioneri, Bill Farrell, Jan Martin, Jeff Power, Robert Cox, Santo Rullo

Mildura: Saturday 6pm: Don Fraiia (Melbourne - 30 day mass)

Sunday 9am: Peter Ho, Maria Nguyen, Peter, Maria Joseph & Lucia Tran and all souls.

Sunday 5pm: Terasa Nguyen, Maria Primarano, Veronica Jayet

Wednesday 2pm: Tim Bowring

Robinvale: Brendan Gorman, Eileen Ryan, Eileen Hope, Carmel Nolen, Bernie Curran, Norris Curran, Vincenzo Ludica, Serafina Marciano

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

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sunday 7th December, 12pm

Parish Council Meeting, Monaghan Centre

Wednesday 10th December, 7pm

Liturgy of Mercy and Forgiveness, Mildura

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December

Fr Cay Trinh celebrating Masses this weekend

Wednesday 17th December, 6:30pm

Baptism Information Session, Monaghan Centre

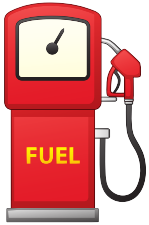
Sunday 21st December, after 5pm Mass

Fr John's farewell, Monaghan Centre

FUEL RAFFLE

Our 2025 fuel raffle will be drawn this Sunday after the 5pm Mass
Tickets are still available at just \$2 each.

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



TWO ENCORE SCREENINGS

Due to popular demand Wallis Cinema has scheduled encore screenings of *Signorinella: Little Miss*, on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th December. The film relates the personal stories of Italian women all over the country who reshaped Australian culture and business in the post-WWII years. Three members of our own community are included: Julia Zaetta, Elina Garraffa, and Celistina Mammone.

For more information call Wallis Cinema: 5023 4452.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

The final edition of *ODC* for 2025 has been published. Pick up your complimentary copy after Mass today.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The summer 2025/2026 edition is also available to take home.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 26th November, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

LITURGY OF MERCY AND FORGIVENESS

7pm on **Wednesday, 10th December**, at Sacred Heart Church, Mildura. All welcome.



RCIC

This weekend several of our RCIC candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We wish them congratulations and God's blessings.



MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER

St Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions, Martyrs

10:30am Funeral Mass, Red Cliffs

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 25th NOVEMBER

Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

7:15am Finance Council Meeting, Parish Office

10am Anointing Mass, Jacaranda Cottages, Red Cliffs

4pm-5:30pm Holy Hour, Mildura

6pm Mass, Mildura

6pm Mass, Robinvale

WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

~~9:30am Mass, Mildura~~

~~9:30am Mass, Robinvale~~

10.30am Funeral Mass, Robinvale

2pm Anointing Mass, Mildura

~~3pm-5pm Holy Hour & Mass, Owen~~

5pm Soup Kitchen, Monaghan Centre

5:30pm First Reconciliations, Mildura

6.30pm Baptism Preparation, Monaghan Centre

HAMPER APPEAL

Over November/December we are seeking assistance in creating hampers to assist people in need in the parish. We are working with the Parish Office, Presbytery and Soup Kitchen.

For next weekend 29th & 30th November we will be collecting the following items: Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Tomato Sauce, BBQ Sauce, Two Minute Noodles. These items can be left in the baskets in the foyer of the churches.



ST VINNIES GIVING TREE

The St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree will be set up in the Mildura church from this weekend. Members of the Sacred Heart Conference will gratefully accept **unwrapped** gifts for children up to 12 years of age. The items can be left in the containers provided at each church during the weekend masses or dropped off at our Assistance Centre, 109 Pine Avenue, Monday to Friday 11am - 1pm.



Our Assistance Centre also provides help for anyone in need of a NILS (no interest) Loan to cover 2026 school expenses.

ROSTERS FOR 2026

Rosters for Readers, and Communion Ministers run until the last weekend in December. To volunteer as a Reader or Communion Minister, please contact the Parish Office. If you're already on a roster and need to update your details or make changes, contact the Parish Office.

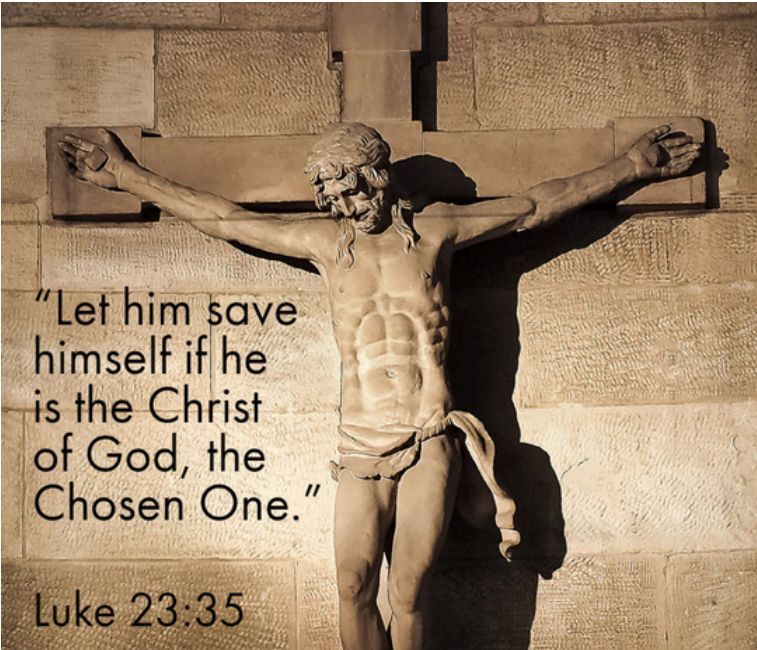


STEWARDSHIP

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| Presbytery - Priests Support Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go | \$3091.20 |
| Parish - Mission & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD, and CC | \$2751.60 |
| Parish - Mission & Maintenance Loose Plate (2 nd Collection) | \$1054.65 |
| This week's Counting Team: No. 4 - H Kay | |
| Next week's Counting Team: No. 5 - W Carmichael | |

ADVANCE NOTICE Fr John's Farewell

Sunday 21st December after the 5pm Mass.
All parishioners are invited to stay on for a bite to each and thank Fr John for two and half year of dedicated priestly service to all in the Sunraysia and greater region. For catering purposes please contact the Parish Office.



| THURSDAY 27 th NOVEMBER Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time | FRIDAY 28 th NOVEMBER Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time | SATURDAY 29 th NOVEMBER Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
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| 9:30am Mass, Merbein 9:30am Mass, Mildura 2pm-4:30pm Adoration, Ouyen 5:30pm Mass, Red Cliffs 7pm RCIA, Monaghan Centre, Mildura | 9:30am Mass, Ouyen 9:30am School Mass, Robinvale 4pm-5:30pm Holy Hour, Mildura 6pm Mass, Mildura | 9:30am Mass, Mildura 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

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v. 2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)



SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER First Sunday of Advent

8:30 Mass, Irymple
9am Mass, Manangatang
9am Mass, Mildura
10am Mass, Red Cliffs
10:30am Mass, Merbein
11am Mass, Ouyen
12:30pm Family Group Lunch, Mildura
5pm Mass, Mildura

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

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

First Reading:
Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm:
Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1

Response:
Let us go rejoicing to
the house of the Lord.

Second Reading:
Romans 13:11-14

Gospel:
Matthew 24:37-44