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2 Elms Street, Irymple

 **OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART**
20 Box Street, Merbein

 **SACRED HEART**
261 Eleventh Street, Mildura

 **ST JOSEPH'S**
8726 Calder Highway, Red Cliffs

 **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
47 Werrimull South Road, Werrimull



Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs

6pm Mildura

Wednesday:

9.30am **No Mass Mildura**

10am Funeral Mildura

Thursday:

9.30am Mildura SHPS

12.30pm **Merbein OLSHPS**

5.30pm Red Cliffs Anoint Mass

Friday:

9.15am SPSS

1.30pm Funeral Mildura

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

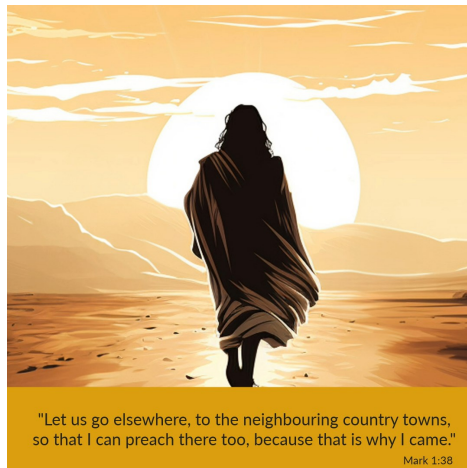
Tuesday 4pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



"Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came."
Mark 1:38

LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Sr Marion McDonald RSM
Natalina D'Anna
Morgan Dias-Jones
Catherine Bell

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.

RECENT DEATH:

Tess Kerr
Margaret Huntly

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura, Saturday 6pm:
Albino Dimasi (10 yr Mass)

Mildura, Sunday 9am:
Betty Drewry

Merbein:

Vera Fletcher, Antonio Palamara,
Betty Jenner, Adele & Peter
Mazza, Rita Bowring

Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe D'Anna (5 yr ann.)

If you have booked a memorial Mass, please speak to the priest prior to the Mass to let him know you are present.

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

The power of a heal hand. At times in our lives when we are unwell, unsure or even just at different times in our lives. The example in the Gospel today reminds us of God's healing through touch and how Jesus showed the people around Simon's Mother-in-law how this is possible.

'Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted' is today's response to the psalm. *This fits in well with the Gospel and also to our life experiences.*

We do have a couple of changes for this week please note Wednesday no mass at Mildura 9.30am and Merbein has moved from 9.30am Thursday to 12.30pm for opening of school mass, please come and join with the school community.

We welcome back Fr John this weekend and then we wish him well for next week when he is leading a conference in Melbourne.

God bless,

Fr Matthew.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4 February

12noon Parish Council Meeting, Mildura

Wednesday 7 February

1pm Bereavement Team meeting, Mildura

Sunday 11 February

9am Trading Table & Cuppa, Mildura
10am Cuppa, Red Cliffs

Monday 12 February

7.30pm KSC monthly meeting

Tuesday 13 February

1.30pm Regis Tenth, Mildura

Thursday 15 February

10.30am Chaffey Aged Care, Merbein
1.30pm Regis Ontario, Mildura

Tuesday 27 February

7.15am, Parish Finance, Mildura

Wednesday 28 February

7pm Baptism Preparation, Mildura

FOOTY TIPPING COMP.



The Parish is running a footy tipping comp this year. If you would like to be involved it is a \$25 entry fee. Please pay the office when you collect your competition sheet. Please note that tips for every round must be submitted by the start of the season. Prize money for First, Second, Third and Last.

SR MARION MCDONALD



We have received news from Geelong that Sr Marion McDonald is quite unwell. We are asked to keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Sr Marion was a teacher and Principal at SJC for a number of years and the parish leader at Merbein from 1999 to 2017.

STUDENT ENROLMENTS 2024

OLSH Primary School

Prep 20 with a total students 154

Sacred Heart Primary School

Prep 43 with a total students 327

St Joseph's Primary School

Prep 17 with a total students 96

St Paul's Primary School

Prep 51 with a total students 303

St Joseph's College

Year 7 187 with a total students 861



ANOINTING MASSES

- 8th February, 5.30pm at Red Cliffs

- 15th February, 9.30am at Merbein

- 28th February, 2pm at Mildura

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Will be held on Friday 1st March with Mass at 10am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Mildura followed by light refreshments in the Monaghan Centre. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 or email: sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community

Harvie Hird and Noa Tam

who are baptised this weekend.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Sacred Heart Family Group will be starting our new year with Lunch at café 1909 river front restaurant on Sunday 11th February at 12 o'clock.

All welcome to join us.

Please let Denise know your intentions on 0350211918.



LENTEN BOOKS & LEADERS

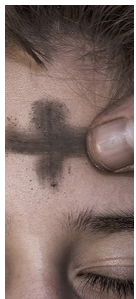
Our Lenten program – the Diocese of Wollongong’s *Pieta* – has been ordered. If you would like to purchase a booklet please contact the Parish Office. Booklets are \$9 each.

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.

Group 1: Lead by Althea Mitting, Friday 10.15am commencing 16 Feb. All welcome.

CHILDREN’S CATECHISM

The Missionary of Charity Sisters co-ordinate a Catechist Program for children aged 3 to 15. The program recommences on Saturday 10th February from 10am-11am in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome. **Parents are invited to attend a 10am Parent Meeting on Saturday 3rd February for enrolments.**



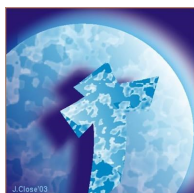
ASH WEDNESDAY

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

LAITY INVOLVEMENT WEBINAR

On Wednesday 7th February we will be having an opportunity to gather and listen to Bishop Hurley about the involvement of Lay people in the parishes, Dioceses and world church through Mission and Vocation. This is commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Vat II Doc *Lumen Gentium*. 7.30pm Monaghan Centre.

ADVERTISE HERE

Full colour advertising space the size of a business card.

Circulation: 500 print
250+ electronic

Cost: \$50 per week.

SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

The parish office in Mildura and St Joseph’s Church in Red Cliffs both feature well-stocked piety shops. Items include:

- Bibles and other books
- Crucifixes and pictures
- Statues and plates
- Medals and scapulars
- Rosaries and prayer cards
- Greeting cards
- Momentos of Baptism, First Communion, etc.



The “pop-up” piety table will now open on the **third weekend of each month in Mildura** and carries just a small sample of our stock. If you wish to purchase something we don’t have in stock, please inform the parish office. We can acquire items at discounts not available if you shop directly online. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit and charge cost-price only. Both are equipped for cash, credit card, and EFTPOS. (Card transactions attract a 1.2% surcharge.)

STEWARDSHIP

Priests’ Support (Presbytery)

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$2024.50

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$2126.60

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2nd Collection Loose Plate)

\$1030.80

This week’s Counting Team:
No. 1 – G Lavery

Next week’s Counting Team:
No. 2 – R Tongue

First Reading

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

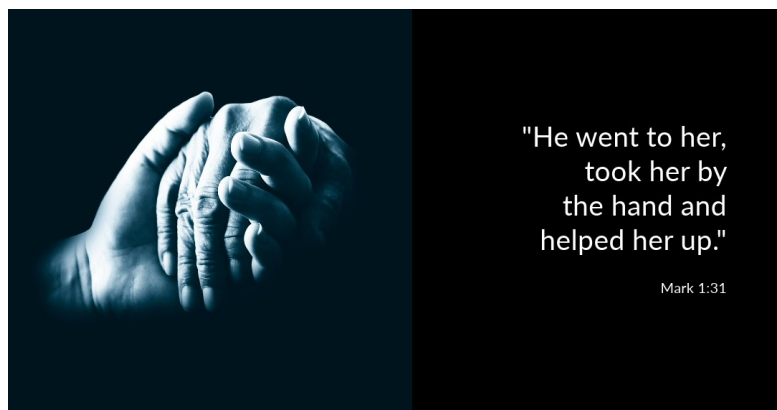
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than
pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have
passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)



"He went to her,
took her by
the hand and
helped her up."

Mark 1:31

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

Psalm: 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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.