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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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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
9.30am Red Cliffs No Mass
6pm Mildura

Wednesday
9.30am Mildura

Thursday
9.30am Merbein
9.30am Mildura
5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday
6pm Mildura

Saturday
9.30am Mildura
6pm Mildura

Sunday
8.30am Irymple
9am Mildura
10am Red Cliffs
10.30am Merbein
5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4.30pm, Mildura
Thursday 4.30pm, Red Cliffs
Friday 6.30pm, Mildura
Saturday 10am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

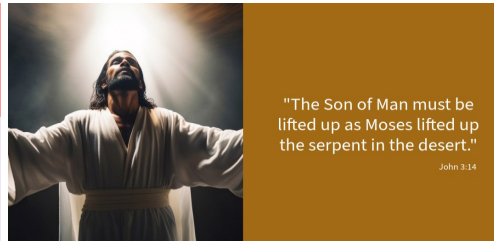
Tuesday 4pm, Mildura
Thursday 4:30pm, Red Cliffs

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



"The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert."
John 3:14

LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Don Marciano
Fr Vittorio Basso
Rebecca Scown
Rodrico Rodriquez
Natalina D'Anna
Morgan Diaz-Jones
Catherine Bell

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.

RECENT DEATHS:

Sr Marion McDonald RSM

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura-Sunday 9am:

Henry Berton
Mario Burelli
Mary O'Bryan

Mildura-Sunday 5pm:

Emma Deluca
Domenico Ficarra
Natale Mammone
Leo Timpano

Mildura-Tuesday 6pm:

Franc Strubelj
Knights of the Southern Cross

Merbein:

Larry Dichiera (5yr anniversary)
Mary Weeks
Rosalind McDonald
Colleen Piscioneri
Ilario Mazza, Keith Flenley

Red Cliffs:

Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna
Vincenza Tassone
Francesco Tassone
Maria-Antonia Tassone

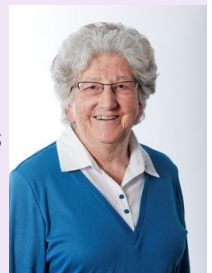
If you have booked a memorial Mass please speak to the priest prior to the Mass to let him know you are there.

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

It is with sadness that I inform the Sunraysia Community of the death of Sr Marion McDonald.

Our prayers are with Sr Marion's Family, the Sisters of Mercy and also the communities in which she served and ministered.

Sr Marion was a Principal at St Joseph's College and for 17 years was the Parish Leader at Our Lady's Merbein from 1999-2017.



She was an inspiration to some, and an example of hospitality to others, but most of all she was a friend to all she met.

Let us pray that God now welcomes her into his eternal love.

This week sees a number of changes around the parish.

Fr John is away from Monday to Wednesday due to meeting commitments in Ballarat and Melbourne.

I will be in Swan Hill on Tuesday for the Northern Zone Meeting. With this taking place there will be no Tuesday 9.30am Mass in Red Cliffs.

God Bless.

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10 March – Trading Table & Cuppa
After 9am Mass at Sacred Heart, Mildura

Sunday 10 March – Cuppa
After 10am Mass at St Joseph's, Red Cliffs

Monday 11 March – K.S.C.
Knights Clubrooms, 1.30pm

Sunday 17 March – Family Group
12pm Lunch at Irymple Hotel

Tuesday 19 March – Princes Court
1pm Mass with Anointing

Tuesday 26 March – BUPA
1pm Mass with Anointing

Wednesday 27 March – Baptism Preparation
Parents Meeting at 7pm, Monaghan Centre

Wednesday 27 March – Confirmation Preparation
Parents Meeting at 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

Holy week rosters are now available in all churches for you to fill in, from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

The Sacred Heart Family Group will gather for Lunch at the Irymple Hotel, Sunday 17th March at 12 noon. Jim & Kit are the hosts. Please let your intentions known by calling 50211918. All welcome to join us.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Just a friendly reminder that public praying of the rosary needs to be completed 15 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. This allows time for everyone to have some silence in preparation to participate in the mass.

2024 CONFIRMATION DATES

For students in Grade 3 and above



Parent meeting: 27th March 7pm,
Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration dates are:
Friday 17th, Saturday 18th,
and Sunday 19th May.



ANOINTING MASSES

- 14th March, 5:30pm, Red Cliffs
- 21st March, 9.30am, Merbein
- 27th March 2pm, Mildura

PRESBYTERY CARPARK

Can I please asked that those people who are parking their cars in the presbytery yard to refrain from parking in the area in front of the Carport and Garage. When people park there this limits the priests access. There is plenty of parking in the carpark or on the street at weekends and weekday masses.

YOUTH BULLETIN

The new youth and young persons bulletin are now in all churches and can be taken by anyone who would like to take one. There is a find-a-word, crossword and activity puzzle. This is a an opportunity for any of us to take the challenge of completing the activities which relate to the readings of the week.



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WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at Sacred Heart Church Mildura:

- 7am, followed by Morning Prayer
- 5:15pm, followed by 6pm Mass
- 6:30pm led by Indian Community
- 7:30pm led by Tongan Community



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEW PRINCIPAL

Mr Greg Kluske has been appointed new College Principal effective 15th April 2024.



We wish Greg every blessing on this new appointment and wish Mrs Marg Blythman all the best in her retirement.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Tuesday 4.30pm–5pm	Mildura
Thursday 4.30pm–5pm	Red Cliffs
Friday 6.30pm–7pm	Mildura
Saturday 10am	Mildura

Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 13th March 7pm – Mildura

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

St Joseph's Red Cliffs are organising a Mother's Day Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 12th May 10am at Red Cliffs Church.

- 1st Prize \$350 Hamper
- 2nd prize \$150 Hamper
- 3rd Prize \$50 Hamper

Tickets \$2 each and are available either from the Parish Office or at each weekend Mass—Merbein and Red Cliffs. Proceeds will go to the Roof Loan for St Joseph's Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

5pm	Merbein
6pm	Red Cliffs
7pm	Mildura

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

9am	Mildura Stations of the Cross
3pm	Merbein
3pm	Red Cliffs
3pm	Mildura

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

6pm	Mildura
6pm	Red Cliffs

Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

8:30am	Irymple
9am	Mildura
10:30am	Merbein
11:00am	Werrimull
5pm	No Mass

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$3071.90
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2425.70
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$1076.25
Project Compassion	\$ 441.30

This week's Counting Team:
No. 6—W Carmichael

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 7—B Collins

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 136. R. V. 6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in
him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is
done in God.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v. 12

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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.

Parish Safety Officer
Vince Pileggi.