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 **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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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

### MASS TIMES

#### Monday of Holy Week

11am **Chrism Mass,**  
**St Patrick's Cathedral**

#### Tuesday of Holy Week

9:30am Red Cliffs  
1pm BUPA (Anointing)  
6pm Mildura

#### Spy Wednesday

2pm Mildura (Anointing)

#### Maundy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

5pm Merbein  
6pm Red Cliffs  
7pm Mildura

#### Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

9am Way of the Cross, Mildura  
3pm Merbein  
3pm Red Cliffs  
3pm Mildura

#### Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

6pm Red Cliffs  
6pm Mildura

#### Easter Sunday: Mass of the Resurrection

8.30am Irymple  
9am Mildura  
10.30am Merbein  
11am Werrimull

~~No 5pm—Mildura~~

#### RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura  
Thursday 4:30pm, Red Cliffs  
Friday 9am, 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



### LET US PRAY

#### FOR THE SICK:

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

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.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nizigiyimana Manedore

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

##### Mildura

**Sat 6pm:** Harold Green  
**Sun 5pm:** Carmela Fuda

##### Merbein:

Vincenzo Barderi  
Carlo Longeri  
Domenico Manno  
Terry Rowe

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

This weekend we commemorate Palm Sunday. Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem by people singing and cheering. How the week changes from celebration to uncertainty, then fear and grief, and then back to celebration.

Two thousand years later, we might ask ourselves, what does this mean and how do I enter into Holy Week? I personally use this week as a mini retreat; a time of prayer and reflection.



We are fortunate to have a seminarian join us for Holy Week and Easter. On Monday we welcome Channa

Thilakarathna, who is studying for the priesthood for our diocese, having migrated from Sri Lanka to Australia last year. We hope Channa enjoys his time with us.

Please note the office will be closed on Good Friday. Items for next week's bulletin must be submitted by Thursday morning.

God bless,

*Fr Matthew*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 26 March – Parish Finance Committee**  
7:30am Meeting, Parish Office

**Tuesday 26 March – Anointing Mass**  
1pm, Bupa Mildura Aged Care

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

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

**Tuesday 2 April – Anointing Mass**  
1:30pm, Regis Tenth Street Aged Care

**Wednesday 3 April – Bereavement Team**  
1pm Meeting, Parish Office

**Monday 8 April – Knights of the Southern Cross**  
7:30pm Meeting, Knights Club House

**Thursday 11 April – Anointing Masses**  
10am, Chaffey Aged Care, Merbein  
5:30pm, St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs

**Thursday 11 April – St Anthony's Committee**  
7:30pm Meeting, Sacred Heart Church

**Thursday 18 April – Anointing Masses**  
9:30am, Our Lady's Church, Merbein  
1:30pm, Regis Ontario Aged Care

**Sunday 21 April – Parish Council**  
12pm Meeting, Our Lady's Church, Merbein

**Wednesday 24 April – Anointing Mass**  
2pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

**Thursday 25 April – ANZAC Day Mass**  
6pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

**Sunday 28 April – Tongan Festa**  
**FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL, PRIEST & MARTYR**  
9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

## CONFIRMATION DATES



**For students in Grade 3 and above**

*Parent meeting:* This Wednesday, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.

*Celebration:* Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND

If you know of someone who is sick and homebound in your parish and they would like to receive communion please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

## FOOTY TIPPING TALLY

A tally sheet will be displayed in all church foyers as well as the Parish Office for those who signed up for our Parish Footy Competition.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last. Good luck!



## WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Francesco Bozzi and Kimberley Rowe** who were married at Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

## SR MARION McDONALD

There will be a memorial service at Our Lady's Merbein at a date to be confirmed. We envision celebrating Mass and dinner to honour Sr Marion.

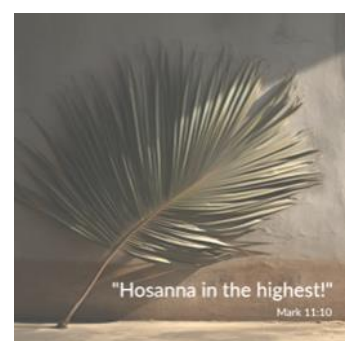


## REQUEST FOR EASTER DAISIES

The Altar of Repose at Sacred Heart Church will be prepared on Maundy Thursday. If you have flowers – especially Easter daisies – in your garden, donations will be gratefully received. Please bring them to the Monaghan Centre on Thursday before 2pm.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to Teresa Parente and staff and students at St Joseph's College for making the palm crosses that we have used this weekend.



## CONFESSIONS IN MILDURA

- **Tuesday of Holy Week:** 4.30pm – 5pm
- **Good Friday:** 9am (during Way of the Cross)
- **Holy Saturday:** 10am to 11am

## 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$350 Hamper

2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$150 Hamper

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Since 2000, the Sunday after Easter has been known as Divine Mercy Sunday, in accord with a request Jesus made to St Faustina in a series of private revelations in the 1930s: *"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter solemnly celebrates My mercy. On that day the very*

*depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it human or angelic, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."*

The Feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter culminates a nine-day novena which starts on Good Friday. If you would like to pray the novena, pamphlets detailing the prayers are available in all church foyers this weekend.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the following events will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Mildura:

- 2pm – Confessions available
- 3pm – Exposition & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 4pm – Rosary, followed by Solemn Benediction
- 5pm – Mass with blessing of Mercy images



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## PROJECT COMPASSION



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. Together, we have helped vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

## GOOD FRIDAY PENANCE

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Those suffering ill health are exempted from this.

- **Catholics between 18 and 60** are obliged to fast – you are permitted one full-size meal, and two smaller snacks which between them do not equal a full-size meal. (No restriction on drinks.)
- **All Catholics over the age of 14** are obliged to abstain from meat.

Faithful outside these age groups are not obliged but still encouraged to observe these customs.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Priest Support (Presbytery)

Cash (1<sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go

\$2,614.45

### Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$2,028.80

### Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)

\$1,256.90

### Project Compassion – Caritas

\$504.05

### This week's Counting Team:

No. 8 – L Welsh

### Next week's Counting Team:

No. 9 – G Macri

## GOSPEL

John 12:12-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!'

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!'

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult  
and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

## RESPONSORIAL

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us  
and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8-9

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mark 15:1-39

The Passion of the Lord according to Mark

*Passion Narrative is displayed on screen.*

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### EASTER SUNDAY

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34, 37-43

**Psalm:** 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**Response:** *This is the day the Lord  
has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

### 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