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

 **SACRED HEART**
261 Eleventh Street, Mildura

 **ST JOSEPH'S**
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 **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
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Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Corpus Christi (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

10am Funeral Red Cliffs
10.30am Funeral Merbein

Tuesday

9:30am Red Cliffs
10.30am Funeral Robinvale
6pm Mildura

Wednesday –

9:30am Mildura

Thursday

9.30am Merbein
10am Funeral 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
Saturday 10am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura

CHOSEN YOUTH

Sunday 6pm, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Fr Vittorio Basso,
Catherine Bell,
Natalina D'Anna,
Morgan Diaz-Jones,
Sr Rosemary Graham,
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.

RECENT DEATHS:

Mario Cirillo
Mary Bobic:
John Antonie
Pasquale Audino

ANNIVERSARIES:

Irymple 8.30am:
Domenico Spadaccini

Mildura 9am:

Mildura 5pm:

Wednesday 9.30am:

Merbein:
Suzanne Fordham,
Nora Duncan
Carmelo De Angelo Musico

Red Cliffs:

If you have booked a memorial Mass please speak to the priest prior to the Mass.

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

We welcome Fr John back from his retreat. Please note that there are some changes to the weekday mass times due to funerals.

The wintery weather is still with us over the next few days, but as we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi it reminds us of the warmth and care God has for each one of us.

We are reminded that we are nurtured and nourished by the Eucharist, which we are fortunate enough to receive daily and spend some time in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

One thing I enjoy is spending time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, it grounds me and is a visible reminder of the presence of God in my life. It is a privilege that I do not take for granted the celebration of daily mass and sharing with you the body of Christ made present through the Eucharist.

On Friday the 7th June we will celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and also Fr Tom's Memorial Mass. See page 2.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2 June – Sr Marion’s Memorial
10:30am Mass, OLSH Church, Merbein

Wednesday 5 June – Bereavement Team
1pm Meeting, Parish Office

Thursday 6 June—St Anthony Meeting
7.15pm Sacred Heart Church

Friday 7th June – Fr Tom Brophy’s Memorial
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
6pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

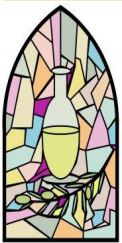
Monday 10 June—KSC Monthly meeting
7.30pm KSC Clubrooms

Wednesday 12 June – Diocesan Leadership Formation

Sunday 16 June – Italian Festa
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA
9am Mass, Sacred Heart Mildura

Tuesday 25 June – Council of Priests, Ballarat
Please note: no Masses in Sunraysia

Wednesday 26 June – Baptism Preparation
7pm—Monaghan Centre



ANOINTING MASSES

Tuesday 4 June, 10:30am Regis Tenth

Tuesday 11 June, 1pm Bupa

Thursday 13 June, 10:30am Chaffey

Thursday 13 June, 5:30pm Red Cliffs

Thursday 20 June, 9:30am Merbein

Thursday 20 June, 1:30pm Regis Ontario

Wednesday 26 June, 2pm Mildura



BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish community:
Ferdinando Spagnolo whose baptism is celebrated this weekend.

2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES



First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)

Parent meeting: 28th August 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

First Communion Masses: Friday 25th Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October.



First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)

Parent meeting: 16th October 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

Celebration date: Wednesday 27th Nov 6pm or 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

SR MARION MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday 2nd June we will remember Sr Marion McDonald and give thanks to God for her service to the Catholic community in Sunraysia. You are invited to the 10:30 Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Merbein. Refreshments will follow Mass.



FR TOM BROPHY’S MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass for Fr Tom Brophy will be held on Friday 7th June. The feast of the Sacred Heart is a fitting occasion to recognize Fr Tom’s contribution to the history of the Sacred Heart Catholic Community in Mildura. Following Mass, all are welcome to stay for light refreshments. Please contact the Parish Office for catering purposes 5021 2872.



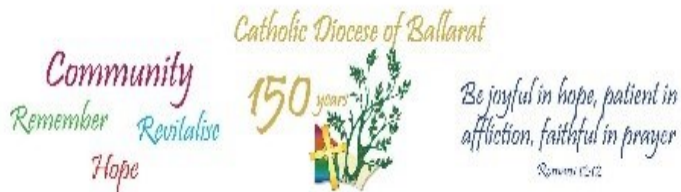
FEAST OF ST ANTHONY

The Italian Community will be celebrating their annual Feast of St Anthony with Mass on Sunday 16th June at 9am. Tickets for the raffle will be sold on the day. All are invited to stay for light refreshments after mass.



SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

Mildura's "pop-up" piety table will operate on the **third weekend of each month**. Red Cliffs piety operates every Sunday after 10am Mass. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit services equipped for cash and card. (Card transactions attract a 1.6% surcharge.)



150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BALLARAT – FORMATION – UPDATED NOTICE

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Clergy in parishes, Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and application forms are available at <http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. Closing date is July 31, 2024.

REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2446.40
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2680.25
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$1096.00

This week's Counting Team:
No. 8 – L Welsh

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 9 – H Kay

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect

sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Psalm: Ps 129. R. v. 7

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
Fr Matthew Thomas
Assistant Priest
Fr John Corrigan
Visiting Priest
Fr Shaiju Mathew
Parish Secretary
Carmel Russo

CHILD SAFE PARISH

Sts Anne and Joachim
Catholic Parish of Sunraysia
adheres to Victoria's eleven
Child Safe Standards.

Policies are on display in each
church and on our website.

Parish Safety Officer
Vince Pileggi