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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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Sunday 11th August 2024 | Edition 32/2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

10am Funeral Mass, Mildura

Tuesday

~~9:30am Red Cliffs~~

6pm Mildura

Wednesday - St Maximilian Kolbe

9:30am Mildura

10am Funeral Service, Merbein

Thursday - Assumption of B.V.M.

~~9:30am Merbein~~

9:30am Mildura

5:30pm Red Cliffs

Friday

11am Funeral, Snrysa Frnrls Chpl

6pm Mildura

Saturday

9:30am Mildura

6pm Mildura

Sunday - 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30am Irymple

9am Mildura

10am Red Cliffs

10:30am Merbein

5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4:30pm-5:15pm, Mildura

Friday, 5pm-5:45pm, Mildura

Saturday 10am-11am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm-5:15pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Fr Matthew Thomas

Dien Brown

Teresa Camarotto

Catherine Bell

James & Karlee Bowring

Don Marciano

Mary Mazza, Clive Simpson

Rodrico Rodriguez

Please obtain permission if you are submitting another's name. Intentions are printed for one month only, but can be renewed each month.

RECENTLY DEATHS:

Jack Braidie

Lorna Kearney

Anne Kuhn

Kathleen Ostrogay

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura:

Maria Dimasi

Elisabetta Pollifrane

Oliver Rozario (40 day Mass)

Irymple:

Vince & Grazia DeMaria

Merbein:

Frank Aston

Guiseppe Capogreco

Annunziata Monteleone

Karl Sabo

Alice Wagner

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

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Our psalm response is 'Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.'

This last week has given me some challenges and also some surprises in life! Through it all I really did see and experience the goodness of the Lord.

As you know last week I had a blood clot which caused a heart attack. I am very happy to report that there is no damage to my heart and I'm also doing really well with my recovery.

I am so grateful for the support I have received through messages, visits, and most of all prayer. I ask that we support all of our medical personnel our ambos, doctors, nurses, allied health staff, and support staff who work in our hospitals.

I am still restricted from parish duties for a few more weeks. I am thankful to Fr John, Deacon Cay and Fr Shaiju who have each taken on some of my workload.

This weekend we celebrate St Mary of the Cross and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May Our Lady and St Mary intercede for us and be our support this week.

God Bless,

Fr Matthew

EVENTS IN AUGUST

Monday 12th – Knights of the Southern
7:30pm Meeting in the KOSC Club Rooms

Thursday 15th – Holy Day of Obligation
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:30am Mass in Mildura. 5:30pm Mass in Red Cliffs.

Sunday 18th – Indian Community Festa
9am Mass followed by refreshments

Tuesday 20th – Northern Zone meeting in Horsham
No morning Masses. No Adoration or Confession.

Wednesday 28th – Baptism Preparation
6:30pm Meeting in Monaghan Centre

Wednesday 28th – First Communion Preparation
7pm Meeting in Sacred Heart Church

ANOINTING MASSES



Thu 15 Aug: 1.30pm, Regis Ontario
Wed 28 Aug: 2pm, Sacred Heart, Mildura
Tue 3 Sep: 11am, Jacaranda Red Cliffs
Thu 12 Sep: 5.30pm, St J.'s, Red Cliffs
Tue 17 Sep: 1pm, Princes Court, Mildura

Thu 19 Sep: 9.30am, OLSH, Merbein

Tue 24 Sep: 1pm, Bupa Aged Care, Mildura

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS



First Communion. (Gr. 4 and above)

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

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



First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 and above)

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

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

PLANNED GIVING

Our current Planned Giving year will cease on 25th August and our new Planned Giving year will commence on 1st September. New envelopes will be available to collect from from 24th & 25th August.

If you would like to newly join our planned giving program or need to change any details regarding your current contributions, change of contact details, residential addresses, etc please contact the Parish Office by Friday 16th August so that our database is up to date.



GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS

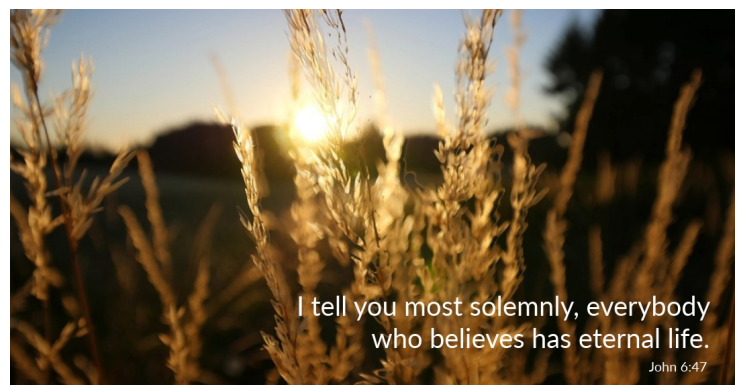
ST MARY MacKILLOP PARISH CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 8th August the Church celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross. At this weekend's 6pm Vigil Mass, on Saturday 10th August, the Knights of the Southern Cross celebrate Australia's patron saint, who is also patron saint of the Knights. After Mass, light supper will be provided in the Monaghan Centre. Everyone is invited to join this celebration of St Mary of the Cross.



KERALA COMMUNITY'S PARISH CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 15th August the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a holy day of obligation. On the same day, India celebrates Independence Day. Our Keralan community will celebrate the Assumption at 9am Mass today, Sunday 11th August. After Mass, refreshments will be served in the Monaghan Centre, which all parishioners are invited to share.



I tell you most solemnly, everybody
who believes has eternal life.

John 6:47

Join us as we farewell the

Sisters of Mercy

and celebrate 119 years of their service and accomplishment in the Sunraysia region.

Save the date. Details to follow.

Sunday 29 September 2024

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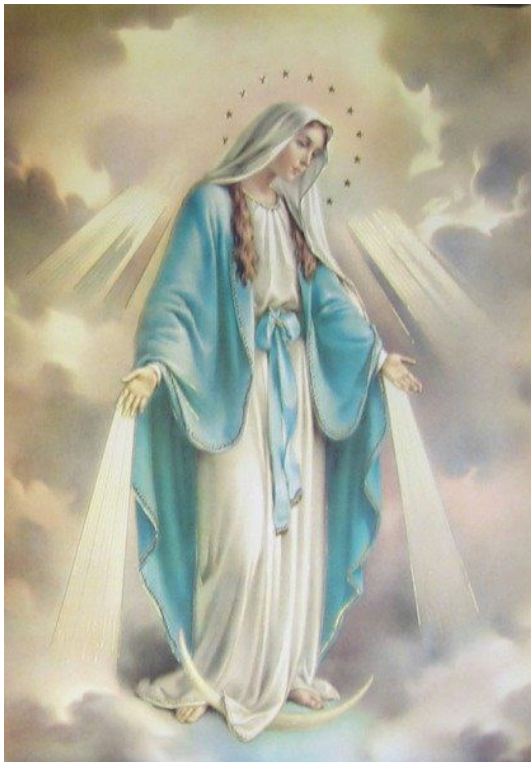


FAREWELL THE SISTERS OF MERCY

Later this year, Sr Patricia Fitzgibbon will move to a Mercy community in Melbourne. With this occurring we in Sunraysia will no longer have the presence of residential Sisters of Mercy. To acknowledge and celebrate 119 years of dedicated service, leadership, and education that they have shared, we will be celebrating them all with a mass and lunch. See our advanced notice and please save the date.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This day is a day of obligation where we are asked to attend mass and offer the day in honour of Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses on Thursday will be at Mildura 9.30am and Red Cliffs at 5.30pm.



Today would be a great day to pray the rosary or at least say a Hail Mary. As we do, let's think of our family and friends and members of our community who need a prayer and ask Mary to intercede for them today.

TRADING STALL THIS SUNDAY

A cuppa and the trading table will be held after Mildura's 9am Mass this weekend. This month, proceeds go to the Sunraysia Parish Soup Kitchen.



SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

Mildura's "pop-up" piety table will operate next Sunday after 9am Mass and 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.)

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery)

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$1724.45

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$5978.75

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2nd Collection Loose Plate)

\$ 637.60

This week's Counting Team:

No. 9 – G Brizzi

Next week's Counting Team:

No. 1 – G Lavery

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for 40 days and 40 nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

John 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.
Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.
I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come down from
heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9.

Response: Taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr John Corrigan

Deacon: Rev Cay Trinh

Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo

Child Safety Officer: Vince Pileggi

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH. Sts Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish of Sunraysia adheres to Victoria's eleven Child Safe Standards. Our policies are on display in each church and on our website.