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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**
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Sts Anne and Joachim
CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Sunday 25th August 2024 | Edition 34/2024

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

2.30pm Funeral Merbein

Tuesday - St Monica

~~9.30am Red Cliffs~~

6pm Mildura

Wednesday - St Augustine

2pm Mildura (Anointing Mass)

Thursday - St John the Baptist

9.30am Merbein

9.30am Mildura

5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday

10am Funeral, Merbein

1.30pm Funeral, McGlynn Hunt

6pm Mildura

Saturday - St Bartholomew

9.30am Mildura

6pm Mildura

Sunday - 22nd 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:

David Adolph
Dien Brown, Mary Mazza
Teresa Camarotto
Catherine Bell
James & Karlee Bowring
Don Marciano
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.

RECENT DEATHS:

Maria Abramovic
Christopher O'Malley (Braidie)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura Sunday 9am:

Joseph & Helen Grivec

Merbein:

Domenico Pezzaniti

Red Cliffs:

Rosina Circosta
Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

If you have booked a memorial Mass please

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

We welcome back for a visit Fr Bill Lowry who will be with us this weekend celebrating masses on Saturday evening 6pm and 9am Mildura and 10.30am Merbein.

Deacon Cay has now completed his retreat and is now having a week at home in Vietnam. He will return to us on the 8th Sept.

In the Gospel reading today, the disciples are struggling with the language Jesus is using and have trouble with understanding the meaning of his teachings.

The disciples are being reminded that the Spirit of God is life giving and for us we sometimes have to be open to what God is saying, which could be different to what we are hearing.

This week we celebrate St Monica and St Augustine who both brought to life the Spirit of God to their lives and those around them.

St Bartholomew being a disciple was able to first hand hear and see the message of God, through the work and teaching of Jesus. Let us pray that we too may be able to respond to the call of Jesus to come and follow like Bartholomew did.

God Bless,

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 27th—Finance Meeting
7.15am—Parish Office

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

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

Wednesday 4th—Bereavement Team Meeting
1pm—Parish Office

Monday 9th—Knights of the Southern Cross Meeting
7.30pm—KSC Clubrooms

INVITATION

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Catholic Education at St Paul's Primary School, Mildura.



When: Friday 11th October 2024

Where: St Paul's Primary School, Fourteenth St.

Who: Anyone who has been involved in St Paul's!

Time	Event
12.15pm	Mass- Whole school celebration in the hall (please book ticket)
1.30 pm	Celebration Cake Ceremony / Time Capsule
2pm – 3.25pm	Afternoon Tea (please book ticket)
2.25pm – 3.25pm	Guests and visitors- welcome to wander through the school- Displays
6.30pm onwards	Reunion Dinner - In the School Multipurpose Hall (Cost \$40 per head) Entrée, Main and Dessert (Anniversary Cake- Tea & Coffee provided)
Saturday 12th October 2024	
9.30am- 11.30am	Open Tours for guests and visitors

Please book if you are attending Mass, Afternoon Tea and/or Dinner on <https://www.trybooking.com/CUIHQ> or QR code



SJC MILDURA REUNION

Did you start Year 7 at St Joseph's College Mildura in 1974? (Yes, 50 years ago!!).

Would you like to come to an informal catch up on 5 October, 2024 (venue to be advised)?

Please register your interest with Anne on 0437797228 by 20 September 2024.

PLANNED GIVING



Our current Planned Giving cycle ends this weekend 25th August. Our next cycle will commence on 1st September. Your new envelopes and receipts are now available to collect

GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS

If you are able to collect on behalf of other family and friends please do so as this will save us postage.

If you would like to 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 asap so our database can be updated.

ANOINTING MASSES



Wed 28 Aug: 2pm, Sacred Heart, Mildura

Tue 3 Sep: 10.30am, Jacaranda Red Cliffs

Thu 12 Sep: 5.30pm, St J.'s, Red Cliffs

Tue 17 Sep: 1pm, Princes Crt, Mildura

Thu 19 Sep: 9.30am, OLSH, Merbein

Tue 24 Sep: 1pm, Bupa Aged Care,

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS



First Communion. (Gr. 4 and above)

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

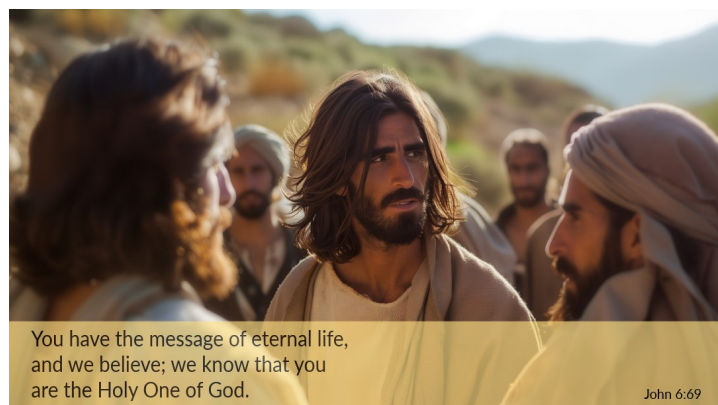
First Communion Masses: Friday 25th Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October. All churches.



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.



You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.

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 mass at 9am and lunch to follow. Please contact the office to RSVP for lunch numbers.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Retired Priests: next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat and Warrnambool and elsewhere, and others live in supported accommodation.

A credit card facility is available, and contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION REFLECTION



The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite **all members of the diocese** to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025 on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registrations are essential through trybooking. Scan or click the QR code.



1987 Academy Award winning Danish film, repeatedly cited by Pope Francis for its Eucharistic motif and celebration of the joy of life. Included in the **Amazon Prime** subscription, and available to rent (for \$4) via **Fetch** and **BeamaFilm**.

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery)

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$1984.30

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$6361.75

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2nd Collection Loose Plate)

\$ 787.15

This week's Counting Team:

No. 2—R Tongue

Next week's Counting Team:

No. 3—P McDonald

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. 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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)



Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

Response: The just will live
in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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.