



 **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**  
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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## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### MASS TIMES

**Monday - St Pius of Pietrelcina**  
No Mass

**Tuesday**

~~9.30am Red Cliffs~~

1pm Bupa (Anointing Mass)

6pm Mildura

**Wednesday**

2pm Mildura (Anointing Mass)

**Thursday**

9.30am Merbein

9:30am Mildura

5:30pm Red Cliffs

~~5:30pm Buronga~~

**Friday - St Vincent de Paul**

~~9:30am Mildura~~

~~6pm Mildura~~

**Saturday - St Lawrence Ruiz et. al.**

9:30am Mildura

6pm Mildura

**Sunday - 26<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Irymple

9am Mildura

10am Red Cliffs

10:30am Merbein

5pm Mildura

### RECONCILIATION (MILDURA)

Tuesday 4:30pm – 5:15pm

Friday 5pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 10am – 11am

### 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:

Mick Joslyn, Mary Grivec,  
David Adolph, Catherine Bell,  
Mary Mazza, Clive Simpson,  
James & Karlee Bowring,  
Don Marciano,  
Teresa Camarotto,  
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:

Catherine Smith,  
Celia Montefalcon (Philippines)

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Maree O'Callaghan

#### Irymple Sunday 9.30am:

Maria-Rosa Lamattina

#### Mildura Sunday 9am:

Rosina Frazzica

#### Mildura Sunday 5pm:

Carmela Fotia,  
Leo Timpano  
Vincenza Mammone

#### Wednesday 2pm:

Carmela Fotia

#### Merbein:

Roy Fellows, Ida Pearson,  
Koke Matheson, Vince Manno,  
Margaret Cook, Peg McCarthy,  
Teresa Panuccio,  
Margaret Code

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

### FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRIEST

The conclusion of another school term demonstrates how rapidly the year is passing. Let's pray for our school families and staff, that the holidays are fruitful and refreshing.

Across the river, the parish of Wentworth is awaiting a new parish priest, due to arrive in early October. This Thursday marks the first anniversary of Fr Don Gunn, a former parish priest of Wentworth. At 5:30pm Thursday, one of the Sunraysia priests will offer Mass for Fr Don as St Michael's Buronga.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus again presents small children as the model of Christian discipleship. In Bethlehem, any adult who wishes to enter the Church of the Nativity must bow their head and squeeze through a very low door. Children pass through the same door with ease. It's a perennial reminder: we must be deliberate in shaking off the vanity and self-love that adults pridefully accrue without much thought or effort.

Godspeed,

*Fr John*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Sisters of Mercy Farewell**  
9am Mass followed by Presentation and Lunch

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Bereavement Team**  
1pm Meeting, Parish office

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Parish Council**  
12pm Meeting, Monaghan Centre

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October: Knights of Southern Cross**  
7.30pm Meeting, Knights Clubrooms

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October: First Reconciliation**  
7pm Parents' Meeting, Sacred Heart, Mildura

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Baptism Preparation**  
6:30pm Meeting, Monaghan Centre, Mildura



## ANOINTING MASSES

Tue 1 Oct: 1.30pm, Regis Tenth, Mildura  
Thu 10 Oct: 10.30am, Chaffey, Merbein  
Thu 10 Oct: 5.30pm, St Joseph's Red Cliffs  
Thu 17 Oct: 9.30am, Our Lady's Merbein

Thu 17 Oct: 1.30pm, Regis Ontario, Mildura  
Wed 23 Oct: 2pm, Sacred Heart, Mildura  
Tue 29 Oct: 10.30am, Jacaranda Village, Red Cliffs

## SCHOOL-AGE SACRAMENTS



### First Communion (Gr. 4 and above)

*First Communion Masses:* Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.  
All churches.

### First Reconciliation / Penance (Gr. 2 and above)



*Parent meeting:* 16<sup>th</sup> October 7pm,  
Sacred Heart Church.

*Celebration date:* Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
November 6pm or 7pm, at Sacred Heart  
Church.



## WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Jacob Aiello**  
**and Annie-May Retallick** who  
were married on Saturday.

## PLANNED GIVING

Our new Planned Giving cycle has begun. **Please dispose of old envelopes. Your new envelope colour is now green.**

Could the parishioner with new envelope number **74** please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 asap.



GRATEFUL  
AND  
GENEROUS

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER

This Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September the parish office will be closed due to the AFL Grand Final public holiday. Mass on Friday will be celebrated at 9:30am, not 6pm.



## SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical initiative inaugurated by the Orthodox Church in 1989, and which Pope Francis introduced to the Catholic calendar in 2015. It starts on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology and beloved in many denominations.



## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*Triune God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness, visible in the diversity you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.*

*We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us. May the Holy Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. Give us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, and hope and act together with her.*

*Loving and Creator God, we pray that you enable us to have the same compassion as Jesus, our redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures made in your image. Amen.*

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



The Archangel Michael is patron saint of chivalry, which in former times accounted for knights and men at arms. In the modern age, St Michael is patron saint of police, paramedics and military personnel. His feast day is 29<sup>th</sup> September, but falling on a Sunday this year, it won't be celebrated.

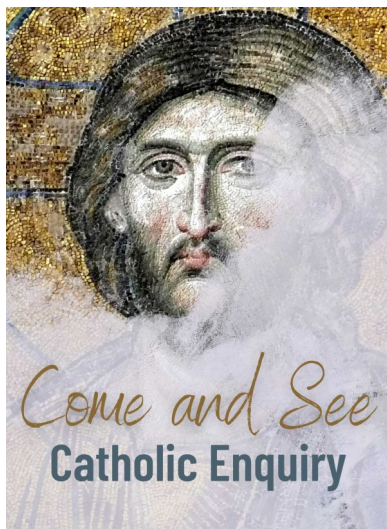
## POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY

In Australia, 29<sup>th</sup> September is National Police Remembrance Day, which in Victoria is also known as Blue Ribbon Day. A police march and service will be held in Melbourne this Friday, but the regional celebration in Mildura is at **11am, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, at Sacred Heart Church.



This week, we are called to remember, honour, and pray for all police officers, especially those who have died in the line of duty.

*St Michael the Archangel, intercede for them.*



## RCIA PROGRAM

Do you know anyone who has spoken about becoming Catholic? Perhaps you have a friend or relative who's seeking spiritual things.

Our RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

will commence in October, and culminate in adult Baptisms and Confirmations next Easter. Please recommend the program to interested parties, and invite them to contact the parish office.



## NEXT SUNDAY WE FAREWELL THE

*Sisters of Mercy*

We acknowledge and celebrate 119 years of dedicated service, leadership, and education.

9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church  
10am Dedication of Mercy Garden  
10:30 Light Luncheon, Monaghan Centre



## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA

Fr Angelo Cagna will conduct missions in preparation for the Festa from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October with Solemn Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. At the

conclusion of Mass there will be a procession with the statue, rosary and hymns ending with a special blessing for all. From 12 noon there will be music, food stalls with Zeppole, BBQ, spaghetti, Italian biscuits and cakes, drinks and a jumping castle with various entertainment for all the family. All welcome.

## STEWARDSHIP

<b>Priest Support (Presbytery)</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$2,248.90
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2,578.60
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$821.55
<b>Retired Priests Fund</b>	\$100.00

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

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

# FIRST READING

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6, 8

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

# SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

# GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*All who wish to be first must make themselves servant of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Numbers: 11:25-29

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14, R. v. 9

**Response:** The precepts of the Lord  
give joy to the heart.

**Second Reading:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Mark: 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## 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.