

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING

Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.


When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.


When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

MASS TIMES

Monday No Mass

Tuesday
10:30am Funeral Mildura
6pm Mildura

Wednesday
9:30am Funeral Mildura Requiem

Thursday
9:30am Mildura
~~9:30am Merbein~~
10:30am Chaffey Aged Care
5:30pm Red Cliffs

Friday
10am Funeral Mildura
12noon SHPS Mildura
2pm Funeral Mildura Requiem
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 - 5:45pm
Friday 4:30pm - 5:45pm
Saturday 10am

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura
Friday 4pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS
Recommences March 2025

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Laura Parente
Giuseppe Scopacasa
Brendan & Catherine Bell
Madeline Nolan
Reynaldo Chan
Salvatore Suppa

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:

Roger Kent, Desmond Lanigan,
Pasquale De Luca, Mary Vulin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday Mildura 9am:
Antonio Palamara (35 yr ann)
Rita Bowring
Elezer Pelligrino
Leonila Rosell

Tuesday 6pm:
Rita Bowring

Merbein:

Antonio Palamara
Adele & Peter Mazza
Rita Bowring
Christopher Matotek

If you have booked a memorial Mass please speak to the priest prior to the Mass to let him know you are present.

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

This coming week we have a number of funerals – please see mass times for some changes.

In today's Gospel Jesus asks the fisherman to set the boats out further and place the nets out again. In our lives sometimes we need to go out to the deep water of life and place our nets. This will allow God to fill our hearts and minds with unexpected gifts and talents which we can use. Having faith that going into the unknown and putting trust in God has great rewards not only for ourselves but for others.

The week of the 24th –28th February Fr John and myself will be on Retreat with the other priests of the Diocese in Hall Gap.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR C

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17. 20-26

PARISH TEAM

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

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. Our Parish Safety Officer is Vince Pileggi.

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Monday, 10 Feb, 7:30pm
KSC Meeting, KSC Clubrooms

Tuesday, 25 Feb, 7.15am
Parish Finance Meeting, Parish Office

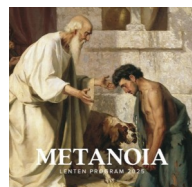
Wednesday, 26 Feb, 6:30pm
Baptism Preparation Evening



ANOINTING MASSES

13 Feb 10.30am, Chaffey Aged Care
13 Feb 5:30pm, St Joseph's, Red Cliffs
18 Feb 1:30pm, Regis Ontario
19 Feb 2pm, Sacred Heart

20 Feb 9:30am, OLSH, Merbein



LENTEN GROUPS

Our Lenten Program for 2025 is *Metanoia*, produced by the Diocese of Wollongong. Booklets cost \$5 and include daily reflections suitable for individual prayer. You are also welcome to join a weekly prayer meeting which focuses on the Sunday readings.

Group 1: Red Cliffs (**Monday 10am**), commencing 3rd March. Call Janine Cameron: 0438 730 976.

Group 2: Mildura (**Thursday 10:30am**), Monaghan Centre commencing 4th March. Call the office.

Group 3: Mildura (**Friday 7pm**) Monaghan Centre, commencing 5th March. Call the parish office.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

If any Parishioner has a very special celebration approaching, the Parish would like to recognise this by way of a notice in the Parish Bulletin. If you are celebrating a special anniversary or birthday contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872. All notices will be added on a monthly basis on the last weekend of each month so notices will need to be received by the middle of each month.

REMINDER

There will be no Masses during the week from 24th February to 28th February due to Fr Matthew and Fr John attending a retreat at Hall's Gap.

2025 SACRAMENTAL DATES

Combined Parent meeting for Confirmation and First Holy Communion Wednesday 2nd April 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.



Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

The celebration dates are as follows:
Friday 30th and Saturday 31st May and
Sunday 1st June.



First Holy Communion (Gr 4 and above)

The celebration dates are as follows:
Friday 20th Saturday 21st and Sunday
22nd June.



First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)

Parent meeting: 15th October 7pm.
The celebration date: Wednesday 26th
November from 5.30pm, Sacred Heart.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Masses on 5th March 2025:

- 10am: Combined schools Mildura
- 12.30pm: Merbein (Liturgy of the Word)
- 5.30pm: Red Cliffs
- 6pm: Mildura

WAY OF THE CROSS

Commencing from Friday 7th March at Sacred Heart Church Mildura:



- Friday's 5.15pm Stations, followed by 6pm Mass
- Friday's 6.30pm Indian Community-led
- Tuesday's 7.30pm Tongan Community-led

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Sacred Heart Family Group will begin the 2025 year with Lunch at the Mildura Working Mans Club on Sunday 16th February from 11.30am. Please contact Lyn or Clive know on 0429437041. All welcome.

JUBILEE OF HOPE



ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL FEBRUARY 8-9, 2025

The Church recognises that military personnel can contribute enormously to the stability of our world and to the establishment of peace. This Jubilee will celebrate the efforts all members of the armed forces and police, municipal police, security operators, veterans, military associations, military academies, chaplaincies and military ordinariates provide for peace. Further resources on the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

PRAYER

Lord our God, we thank you for the service and sacrifice of all who have made possible the freedom we enjoy and the heritage we have been given. We commend to you all who serve our nation in the Armed Forces, Police and Security. Shelter them in danger, and in time of peace keep them from all evil. For ourselves, we pray that you will help us to persevere in loyalty and courage and grant us to be worthy of those who have gone before us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOOTY TIPPING COMP.

The Parish will be running a footy tipping comp this year. Entry fee is \$25 for the round games commencing Thursday March 6th. Collect your competition sheet, highlight the winner for each round and pay at the Parish Office by Friday 28th February. Completed competition sheet need to be handed in to the Parish Office by Wednesday 5th March. If it's a draw — you get a point. If any round is unmarked the away team wins. Prize money for First, Second, Third and Last.

To make it more interesting for \$5, choose who you think will win the 2025 Grand Final. All nominations need to be recorded at the Parish Office by the Opening Round Thursday March 6. All money collected will be shared by all who picked the winning AFL Grand Final winner.

Good luck.



SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

Mildura's "pop-up" piety stall now operate on the **first and third weekend of each month at all Masses**. If you wish to purchase something we don't have in stock, please inform the parish office. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit services equipped for cash and card. (Card transactions attract a 1.6% surcharge.)

Next weekend the Mildura stall will be selling preloved religious items.

TRADING STALL & CUPPA

This Sunday the cuppa and trading stall will be held after the 9am Mass in Mildura, and cuppa only after 10am Mass in Red Cliffs. Proceeds from the stall will go to The Shared Table.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, the World Day of Prayer focuses on the Cook Islands. You are welcome to join one of the two ecumenical services within our Sunraysia area on Friday 7th March:

10am at Church of Christ, Mildura Cnr 10th St & Deakin Ave.

7pm at Anglican Church, Red Cliffs 25 Heath St.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Formation for Ministers of Communion at Mass, at aged care residences, and in the home, will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Mildura on **Thursday 13th March**, 8.30am and **Friday 14th March**, after the 6pm Mass. New volunteers are most welcome to attend.

STEWARDSHIP

Presbytery Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$1905.90
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2473.00
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$1061.15

This week's Counting Team:
Team 7: B Collins

Next week's Counting Team:
Team 8: L Welsh