


 **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

**Parish Office:** 257 Eleventh Street, Mildura. **Office Hours:** 9am - 4pm, Tue to Fri.

**Postal Address:** PO Box 10037, MILDURA VIC AUSTRALIA 3502

**Office Phone:** 03 5021 2872 **Presbytery:** 0417 862 082

**E-mail:** [sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au) **Website:** [www.sunraysiacatholic.org](http://www.sunraysiacatholic.org)

9th February 2025 | Edition 7/2025

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

### MASS TIMES

#### Monday

No Mass

#### Tuesday

6pm Mildura

#### Wednesday

2pm Mildura (Anointing)

#### Thursday

~~9:30am~~ Mildura

9:30am Merbein

5:30pm Red Cliffs

#### Friday

10am Funeral Mass

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:

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:

Maria Vanni  
David Richard Falkland

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

#### Sunday Irymple 8.30am:

Rosa & Grace Lamattina  
Nicola Alicastro

#### Merbein:

Florence Harding, Annie Olden,  
Marguerite Berton, Betty Hudson,  
Alice McCleary, Steve McCarthy

#### Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna,  
Domenico & Caterina D'Anna,  
Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna,  
Giuseppe D'Anna,  
Vincenza Tassone

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

Our psalm response this week is: *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.* This doesn't mean that God guarantees happiness to everyone who follows him. We only have to look at Jesus on the Cross to remember that.

On the other hand, people who foster *hope*, in the good times and in the bad, have a very different experience of sadness and suffering. Hope is a decision that we can make every day. It is something Pope Francis has emphasised in focusing this 2025 jubilee around hope.

This week Fr John is away from the parish for a couple of days, so please note the modified weekday Mass schedule.

Can I please advise that the sacristy is not a public area. Under the professional standards guidelines we need a professional workplace for sacristy personnel. Please wait outside the sacristy if you wish to speak to the priest and if he has time he will talk to you other wise please contact the office and make an appointment. This way we are giving you the time you need and also we might have other appointment after mass that need to be attend to first. For example hospital calls.

God bless,

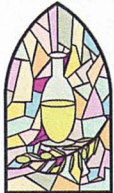
Fr Matthew

## EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

**Tuesday, 18 Feb, 7.15am**  
Parish Finance Meeting, Parish Office

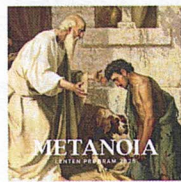
**Wednesday, 26 Feb, 6:30pm**  
Baptism Preparation Evening

## ANOINTING MASSES



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.

Books have arrived and if you ordered a book please pick up from the Parish Office.

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

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

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

## 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.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Parish Community:



✠ **Vito Adams, Joseph Chirchiglia**  
✠ **Leonard Khenglawt, Gia Polata**  
✠ **Alba Chisari, Isabella Cirillo**  
✠ **Jacob Melsen**

who were Baptised at Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

## 2025 SACRAMENTAL DATES

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



### Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

The celebration dates are as follows:  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## PAPAL BLESSINGS

A reminder that if you require a Papal Blessing for a special occasion, they are now to be ordered online from the Office of Papal Charities. The costs of a Papal Blessings apply only to parchment and postage; the rest is a contribution to the Pope's charitable works. Visit [www.elemosineria.va](http://www.elemosineria.va)

# JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025



*Jubilee of Artists: February 15-18, 2025*

The Jubilee of Artists rejoices with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. The service of beauty is a pathway into the divine and helps us dream of new horizons for the common good. The Jubilee invites artists to contribute to the work of the Church in bringing about a New Creation where people can live in peace and justice. Further resources for the Jubilee of Artists is available from the diocesan website [www.tinyurl.com/jubilee-of-hope](http://www.tinyurl.com/jubilee-of-hope) and from the National Centre for Evangelisation, [www.tinyurl.com/pilgrims-of-hope-2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/pilgrims-of-hope-2025)

## Prayer for the Jubilee of Artists

*Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works thy hands have made*

*I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder:  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

We praise you, Creator God, and thank you for the marvels of the universe which stir us to wonder.

Bless artists by whose gifts we see the beauty which is truth, the key to the mystery and the call to transcendence.

May the work of their hands lead Christian communities to that infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy. We pray 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!



# SUNRAYSLA PIETY SHOPS

Mildura's "pop-up" piety stall now operate on the **first and third weekend of each month at all Masses**. Red Cliffs opened every Sunday. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit services equipped for cash and card. (Card transactions attract a 1.6% surcharge.)

**This weekend the Mildura Piety will be selling preloved religious items.**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



This year, the World Day of Prayer focuses on the Cook Islands. You are welcome to one of the two ecumenical services within our 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 13<sup>th</sup> March**, 8.30am and **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, after the 6pm Mass. New volunteers are most welcome to attend.

## VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

A volunteer is desperately needed to enable the Italian Seniors to continue to meet each week to play Bingo, cards and to socialise. The person would need to be available some Friday afternoons between 12.30 and 4.30pm to open, set-up and be responsible. Please contact Rose if you can help— 0437 482 738.

STEWARDSHIP	
<b>Presbytery</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$2115.25
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2264.00
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$947.15
<b>This week's Counting Team:</b> Team 8: L Welsh	
<b>Next week's Counting Team:</b> Team 9: G Macri	

# FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*A curse on those who trust in humanity;  
a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

# RESPONSORIAL

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

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
- He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
- Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

# SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has

not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

# GOSPEL

Luke 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor:  
yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now:  
you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now:  
you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich:  
you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now:  
you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now:  
you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13, 22-23

Psalms: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 1. 12-13. R. v.8

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

## PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:  
Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest:  
Fr John Corrigan

Visiting Priest:  
Fr Shaiju Mathew

Parish Secretary:  
Carmel Spagnolo

## WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Sts Anne and Joachim Parish of Sunraysia is committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children, young people and vulnerable adults. The parish adheres to Victoria's 11 Child Safe standards. Our policies can be read in each church and on our website.

Parish Safeguarding Officer:  
Vince Pileggi