

## First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

## Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

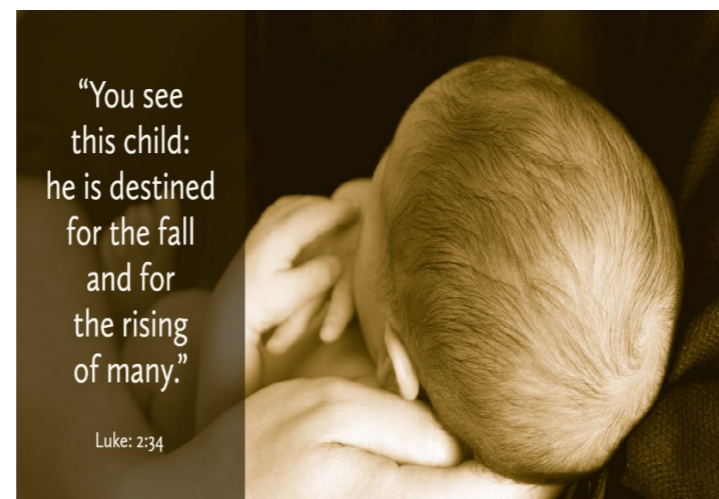
Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



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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**  
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**Sts Anne and Joachim**  
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# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

## MASS TIMES

### Monday

No Mass

### Tuesday

6pm Mildura

### Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Time Table

### Thursday

9:30am Mildura  
9:30am Merbein  
5:30pm Red Cliffs

### Friday

10.:30am Funeral Service Mildura  
2pm Prayer Service Mildura  
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:

Barry Crosbie  
Julia Lewis  
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:

Jill Joslyn, Irene Golobic

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Sunday 8.30am:**  
George Gerstenmayer  
Kevin Welsh snr  
Maria & Frank Cua

**Sunday 5.30pm:**  
Lottie Pyhycz

### Tuesday 6pm:

Roger Kent (30 day Mass)  
Pasquale (Pat) De Luca (30 day Mass)

### Merbein:

Helen McCarthy, Cos Piscioneri,  
Frank Sylvia, Cosimo Ierace,  
Sr Marion McDonald RSM

### Red Cliffs:

Maria-Rosa Vaticano  
Veverlie Pancho

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

**'Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.'** This is the response to the Psalm. I think we all have many things to give thanks for. Let us focus today on the positives in our lives and the people who enrich us.

We have been working hard with the Insurance Company and we should be back in the Mildura church for **Tuesday evening Mass at 6pm.**

There is still workings to be completed as supplies need to be ordered. So the Marion Chapel end of the church will be off limits and there will be a barrier wall installed.

Wednesday being Ash Wednesday reminds us that it is still a day of fasting and prayer, Mass Times are  
9.30am Red Cliffs  
9.30am Mildura,  
10.15am St Paul's School  
12.30pm Merbein,  
5.30pm Red Cliffs  
6pm Mildura.

The Way of the Cross will begin this week and booklets will be left in the churches for those who wish to pray and journey through the way of the cross privately at home or in the church.

*Fr Matthew*

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

**Psalm:** Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

**Response:** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**Second Reading:** Romans 10:8013

**Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

### 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

## EVENTS IN FEBRUARY/MARCH

**Monday, 10 Mar, 7.30pm**

KSC meeting, Clubrooms

**Wednesday, 12th Mar, 1pm**

Bereavement Team meeting, Parish Office

**Thursday, 13th Mar 8.30am**

Communion Minister training, SH Mildura

**Friday, 14th Mar 6:30pm**

Communion Minister training, SH Mildura

**Sunday, 16th Mar 3:00pm**

Altar Servers training, SH Mildura

**Wednesday, 26 Mar 6.30pm**

Baptism Preparation, Monaghan Centre

**Sunday, 30th Mar 5pm**

Youth Mass

## LAY LED LITURGY THIS WEEKEND

Sunday 2nd March—OLSH Merbein—10.30am

## ANOINTING MASSES

13 Mar 5.30pm, St Joseph's Red Cliffs

20 Mar 9.30am, OLSH Merbein

25 Mar 11am, Jacaranda Aged Care

25 Mar 2pm, BUPA Aged Care, Mildura

26 Mar 2pm, SH Mildura



## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Parish Community:



**Della Healy**

who was Baptised at St Joseph's church, Red Cliffs.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> March. Call the office.

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses on 5th March 2025:



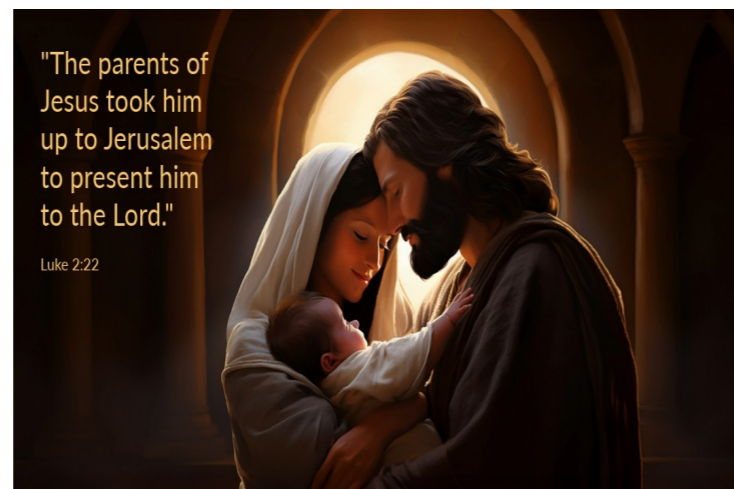
- 9.30am: Beginning of Year school Mass, Red Cliffs
- 9.30am: Mildura
- 10.15am St Paul's Primary School
- 12.30pm: Merbein (Liturgy of the Word)
- 5.30pm: Red Cliffs
- 6pm: Mildura



## 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



"The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Luke 2:22

## JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025



### Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

• Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

• Pope Francis has written a prayer for the Jubilee Year. Prayers cards are available for parishes and schools. The National Centre for Evangelisation have prepared resources for parishes and individuals for the 36 events that will be acknowledged throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. These resources can be accessed from the diocesan website.

## FOOTY TIPPING COMP.

Entrees and fee, \$25, need to be collected and handed back to the Parish Office by this Wednesday March 5th. If it's a draw — you still 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 an extra \$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!



This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Envelopes available at all churches from next weekend.

## MOVIE NIGHT

The Bible Society, Sunraysia Branch is organising a Movie Night, "Miracles from Heaven" Saturday, 15th March 6.30pm at Mildura Church of Christ, Cnr Tenth St & Deakin Avenue. Free event. Kids most welcomed. Popcorn and cordial provided.

Please see flyer at all churches and Parish Office.

All welcome.

## 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

All existing and aspiring Ministers of Communion are invited to attend one of two formation sessions at Sacred Heart Church next month:

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, 8.30am to 9:15am

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, after 6pm Mass

These sessions are suitable for *all* communion ministries — whether at Mass, or at aged care residences, or visiting people at home.

## ALTAR SERVERS' GUILD

All existing and aspiring Altar Servers are invited to a meeting at Sacred Heart Church next month:

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, 3pm to 5pm

Altar servers need to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and made their First Communion. They will attend a two hour guild meeting every month, but their Sunday Mass roster will be negotiable. See registration forms in church for more detail.



## STEWARDSHIP

<b>Presbytery</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$ 951.65
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$1816.00
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$337.40

**This week's Counting Team:**  
Team 1: G Lavery

**Next week's Counting Team:**  
Team 2: R Tongue