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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

~~6pm Mildura~~

Wednesday

9:am Mildura
10am Graveside Funeral

Thursday

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

Friday

6pm Mildura

Saturday

9:30am Mildura
6pm Mildura

Sunday

8:30am Irymple
9am Mildura
10am Red Cliffs
10:30am Merbein
5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION, MILDURA

~~Tuesday 4:30pm - 5:45pm~~

Friday 4:30pm - 5:45pm

Saturday 10am

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

~~Tuesday 4pm, Mildura~~

Friday 4pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Barry Crosbie
Julia Lewis
Rocco Fotia
Brendan Bell
Catherine Bell

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:

Alex Patterson
Erlinda Macaambac (Philippines)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Graham

Saturday 6pm:

Leonor Anchez

Mildura:

Sunday 9am:

George Farmer
Melina Piscioneri

Sunday 5pm:

Leonor Anchez
Melina Piscioneri

Merbein:

Rachel (Cox) Grant
Mona & Percy Richardson
Richard Murphy jnr
Teresa Chiera
Kevin Forbes

Red Cliffs:

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

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy is today's response to the psalm. The verses give us all examples of the times God has filled people with Joy. Sometimes it's hard for us to see the good in events and situations but God often gives us signs in many different ways. This week I experienced this. I am grateful to have some special people around me to remind me of the great things in life that fill us with joy.

Please note that on Tuesday Fr John and myself are attending meetings in Ouyen and Robinvale. Due to these meetings there will be no mass or adoration.

Wednesday Fr John is away and I have a Funeral at 10am so the mass has been moved to 9am for this week.

The asbestos tiles have been removed so now the next stage of repairs can commence in the Mildura Church.

School holidays have commenced for Victorian Schools, we wish everyone a safe and holy break.

God bless,

Fr Matthew



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 9th April, 6pm Liturgy
Reconciliation, Sacred Heart Mildura

Monday 14th April, 7:30pm Meeting
Knights of the Southern Cross, Club Rooms

Wednesday 23rd April, 6.30pm Meeting
Baptism Preparation, Monaghan Centre



Remember to set your clocks
back one hour!

HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK (14th April)
Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass)

1pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper

5pm Merbein

6pm Robinvale

7pm Mildura, Red Cliffs, Ouyen



GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross

9:30am Mildura

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3pm Merbein, Robinvale,
Mildura, Red Cliffs,
Ouyen, Manangatang



HOLY SATURDAY
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

5pm Manangatang

6pm Red Cliffs

7pm Mildura, Ouyen, Robinvale



EASTER SUNDAY
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

8:30am Irymple

9am Mildura

10am Ouyen (TBC)

10:30am Merbein

11am Werrimull

5pm No Mass



ADVANCE NOTICE

Lay Led Liturgy: Irymple and Red Cliffs

Sunday 6th April, Sunday 4th May, Sunday 8th June
Sunday 13th July, Sunday 14th September

Lay Led Liturgy: Mildura and Merbein

Sunday 29th June, Merbein only

Mildura: 6pm Sat 19th July & 9am Sun 20th July

Merbein: Sunday 20th July

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

Family Group are having lunch at the Irymple Hotel on Sunday 13th April at 12 noon. Elayne and Frank are the hosts. Let your intentions be known for booking on 0442 206 917. Or Denise & Gerry 03 5021 1918

HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

Holy week rosters are now available in all churches for you to fill in, from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cooks and Waiters are needed for Soup Kitchen on Monday and Wednesday nights. If you can help please contact Paula on 0428

560 663 or pcox@sjcmda.vic.edu.au



PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

Planned Giving receipts are now available to collect. Please collect from your church collection point. If you find a discrepancy kindly contact the Parish Office. Receipt date is from: 1/9/24 to 30/3/25.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Sunraysia Community:



-  **Giulia Caminiti**
-  **Rose Cirillo**
-  **Milani Roccisano**
-  **Polly Valentich**
-  **Lucius Dominelli**
-  **Atticus Dominelli**
-  **Aurelia Dominelli**

who have been baptised this weekend.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground.

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UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

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Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413.

LENT RECONCILIATION RITE

This Wednesday 9th April 6pm at Sacred Heart Church Mildura. All welcome.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Since 2000, the Sunday after Easter has been known as Divine Mercy Sunday, in accord with a request Jesus made to St Faustina in a series of private revelations in the 1930s: "I desire that the first Sunday after

Easter solemnly celebrates My mercy. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it human or angelic, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the following events will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Mildura:

- 2pm – Confessions available
- 3pm – Exposition & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 4pm – Rosary, followed by Solemn Benediction
- 5pm – Mass with blessing of Mercy images

ANOINTING MASSES



- 10th April 10am, Chaffey Aged Care
- 10th April 5.30pm, Anointing, Red Cliffs
- 17th April 9.30am, Anointing, Merbein
- 15th April 1.30pm, Regis Ontario
- 23rd April 2pm, Anointing, Mildura

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Jesus Christ." (1Corinthians1:4)



Dear Friends,

With a heart full of gratitude, I extend my sincere thanks to each one of you for your love, support, and kindness. These past four and half years have been a deeply enriching journey, filled with invaluable experiences and lessons that I will always cherish.

I am especially grateful to Frs. Matt Thomas and John for their friendship and guidance, and a heartfelt thanks to Carmel for her unwavering support. Your generosity of heart and spirit has been a great blessing to me.

As I move forward in my ministry, I humbly ask for your prayers, just as you remain in mine. May the Lord continue to bless and guide us all.

With deepest appreciation,

Fr Shaiju Mathew

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2344.55
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$3159.25
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 918.40
Project Compassion	\$ 400.00

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

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Because of Christ I look upon everything
else as useless in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can

have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer
trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection
that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection
that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and
based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by
reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I
can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the
dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet
won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for
which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won.
All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead
for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for
the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in
Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who
had been caught committing adultery; and making her
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the
Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus
bent down and started writing on the ground with his
finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked
up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent
down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard
this they went away one by one, beginning with the
eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who
remained standing there. He looked up and said,
'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'
'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,'
said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY YEAR C

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

Response: My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest:
Fr John Corrigan

Visiting Priest:
Fr Shaiju Mathew

Parish Secretary:
Carmel Spagnolo

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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.

Parish Safety Officer:
Vince Pileggi