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 **OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART**
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 **SACRED HEART**
261 Eleventh Street, Mildura

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 **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
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Sts Anne and Joachim
CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)

MASS TIMES

Monday of Holy Week

11am **Chrism Mass,**
St Patrick's Cathedral

Tuesday of Holy Week

10am Funeral Mildura
1.30pm Mass Regis Ontario
6pm Mildura

Wednesday of Holy Week

9.30am Mildura

Maundy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

5pm Merbein
7pm Mildura
7pm Red Cliffs

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

9am Way of the Cross, Mildura
3pm Merbein
3pm Red Cliffs (Lay-Led)
3pm Mildura

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

6pm Red Cliffs
7pm Mildura

Easter Sunday: Mass of the Resurrection

8.30am Irymple
9am Mildura
10.30am Merbein
11am Werrimull
No 5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION, MILDURA

Tuesday 4:30pm–5:45pm
Friday 9am –10am
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:

Charles Gerden
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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Kevin Murphy
Muriel McElgunn

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura

Sunday 8.30am:
Maria Dichiera
Caterina Treccase

Sunday 9am:
Paolo & Rosa Panuccio

Sunday 5pm:
Giuseppe Roccisano

Merbein:
Vera Finis, Kathleen Briggs
Max McMillan, Katerina Stefan
Saverio Primarano

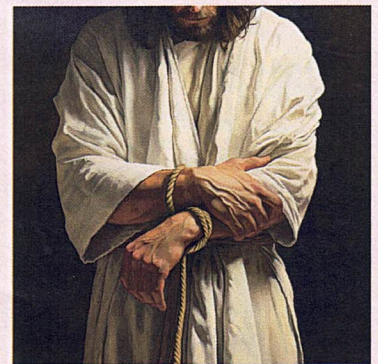
Red Cliffs:

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

Holy Week begins this weekend with Palm Sunday. Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy as a hero. But how things change through the week to then become a wanted and condemned man.

This week is a great time for prayer and fasting. It is also a time to reflect on our own lives and our relationship with Jesus.



Please collect your palm crosses and place them in a prominent place in your house to remind you of Jesus journey through Holy week.

Please note the different service and mass times and also the office will close on Thursday and not re-open until Tuesday.

God bless

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL/MAY

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

Wednesday 23rd April, 6.30pm Meeting

Tuesday 29th April, 7.15am – Meeting
Finance Meeting, Parish office

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



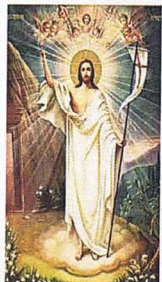
HOLY SATURDAY
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

5.30pm Manangatang

6pm Red Cliffs

7pm Mildura

7.30pm Robinvale



EASTER SUNDAY
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

8:30am Irymple

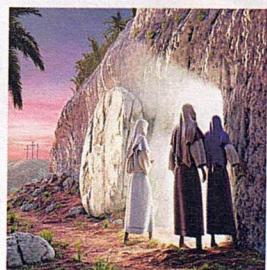
9am Mildura

10am Ouyen

10:30am Merbein

11am Werrimull

5pm No Mass

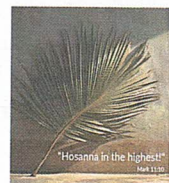


REQUEST FOR EASTER DAISIES

The Altar of Repose at Sacred Heart Church will be prepared on Maundy Thursday. If you have flowers – especially Easter daisies – in your garden, donations will be gratefully received. Please bring them to the Monaghan Centre on Thursday before 2pm.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Teresa Parente and staff and students at St Joseph's College for making the palm crosses that we have used this weekend.



CONFESSIONS IN MILDURA

- **Tuesday of Holy Week:** 4.30pm – 5pm
- **Good Friday:** 9am (during Way of the Cross)

2025 SACRAMENTAL DATES

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.



WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Domenic Gauro & Melanie Caristo

who were married this weekend in
Mildura.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Community:

✠ **Pietro Cua**

who has been baptised this weekend in
Red Cliffs.



TRADING STALL & CUPPA

Will be held this Sunday after the 9am Mass in Mildura and cuppa only after 10am Mass in Red Cliffs. Proceeds from the stall will go to Project Compassion.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Since the year 2000, the Sunday following Easter has been celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, in response to a request Jesus made to St Faustina Kowalska in a series of private revelations during the 1930s. Jesus said:

"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."



The Feast of Divine Mercy concludes a special nine-day novena, beginning on Good Friday. **If you would like to join in the novena, pamphlets are available in all church foyers this weekend.**

At Sacred Heart Church, Mildura, the following Divine Mercy prayers are scheduled for Divine Mercy Sunday:

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

PROJECT COMPASSION

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of three individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

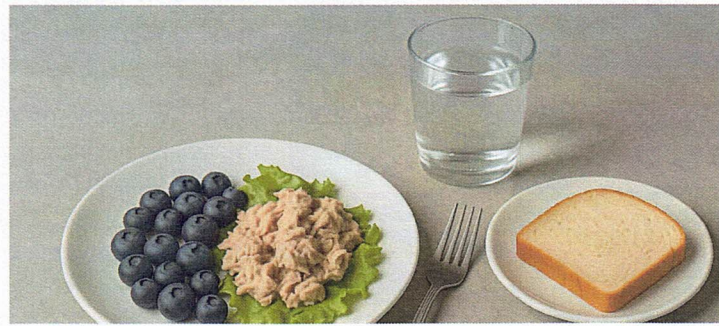


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this Lent

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



GOOD FRIDAY PENANCE

Good Friday is a day of obligatory fasting and abstinence from meat.

Those in poor health are not bound by these obligations – God never asks the impossible, and neither should we.

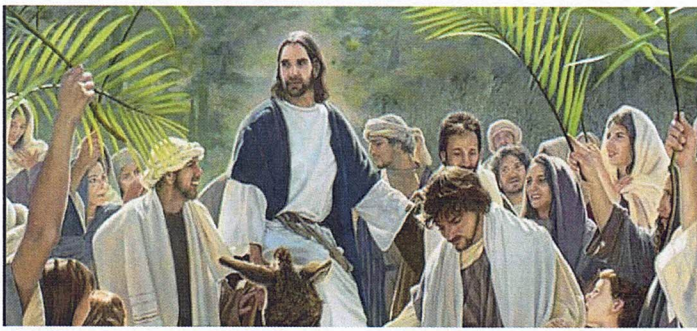
- **FASTING** is required of Catholics aged **18 to 59**. This means one full meal, plus two smaller meals that together do not equal another full meal. There is no restriction on beverages.
- **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT** is required of all Catholics aged **14 and older**.

Catholics outside these age ranges are not obligated by the law, but are encouraged to participate voluntarily, according to their ability and devotion.

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.

STEWARDSHIP	
Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2117.20
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$ 2439.00
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$1402.60
Project Compassion – Caritas	\$ 395.00
This week's Counting Team: No. 7 – B Collins	
Next week's Counting Team: No. 8 – L Welsh	



SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL

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

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
- Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
- They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
- I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

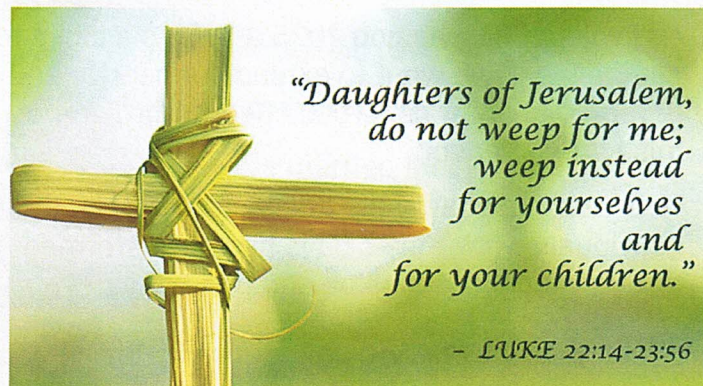
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GOSPEL

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

The normal responses at the beginning and end of the Gospel are not used today.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

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

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