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 **SACRED HEART**
261 Eleventh Street, Mildura

 **ST JOSEPH'S**
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 **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
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Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs
6pm Mildura

Wednesday

9.30am Mildura

Thursday

9.30am Merbein
9.30am Mildura
5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday

7am Stations and M/Prayer
6pm Mildura

Saturday

9.30am Mildura
6pm Mildura

Sunday

8.30am Irymple
9am Mildura
10am Red Cliffs
10.30am Merbein
5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura
Thursday 4pm, Red Cliffs
Saturday 10am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura
Thursday 4:30pm, Red Cliffs

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Sr Marion McDonald RSM
Rodrico Rodriguez
Natalina D'Anna
Morgan Dias-Jones
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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Irymple – 8.30am Sunday:
Angela Spadaccini

Mildura – Sunday 9am:
Rosa & Grace Lamattina
Rita Bowring

Mildura – Sunday 5pm:
Carmelo Taverna

Merbein:

Victoria Candida, Annie Olden,
Alice McCleary, Steve McCarthy,
Anthony Callahan,
Lola Warburton
Marguerite Berton,

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 there.

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

We have begun our Lenten preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday is a great sign to all of our willingness to change and have a public display of us carrying the cross in our lives and exercising the choice to reevaluate things in our lives.

Today's Gospel is a reminder that the time has come and we need to come out of the desert and be present to others in our community and families about the good news of Jesus.

We have created a young persons activity sheet which is located in all the church foyers.

There is a cross word, find-a-word and an activity page. Reel free to take one home to your children or grandchildren.

May this time of Lent be a time of personal and spiritual growth for all of us as we reflect and respond to God's presence in our lives.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 24 February

9.30am Marian Mass—Mother of Good Counsel

Sunday 25 February

Parish BBQ after 10am Mass
at St Joseph's, Red Cliffs

Tuesday 27 February

7.15am, Parish Finance, Mildura

Wednesday 28 February

7pm Baptism Preparation, Mildura

Friday 1 March

10am World Day of Prayer,
Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

Friday 1 March

7pm World Day of Prayer,
St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs



FOOTY TIPPING COMP.

The Parish is running a footy tipping comp this year. If you would like to be involved it is a \$25 entry fee. Please pay the office when you collect your competition sheet. Please note that tips for every round must be submitted by Thursday 7 March, which is the start of the season. Please highlight the winners for each round. 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

This year, the World Day of Prayer focuses on the women and children of Palestine. You are welcome to join one of the two ecumenical services our parish is hosting on Friday 1 March:

- **10am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Mildura** followed by light refreshments in the Monaghan Centre.
- **7pm St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs.**



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community **Oliver Lamattina and Phoenix Pace** who are baptised this weekend.

2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES

Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)



Parent meeting: 27th March 7pm,
Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration dates are as follows:
Friday 17th, Saturday 18th,
Sunday 19th May.



ANOINTING MASSES

- 28th February, 2pm, Mildura
- 14th March, 5:30pm, Red Cliffs
- 21st March, 9.30am, Merbein



ALTAR SERVERS GUILD

The parish is founding an Altar Servers Guild to provide practical training and ongoing formation to Guild members. The Guild will meet weekly during school terms. If you are interested in joining the Guild and becoming an altar server visit www.sunraysiacatholic.org/altar-servers or call the parish office on 5021 2872.



YOUTH PROGRAM START DATE

A catechetical program for 16 to 25 year olds, using Ascension Press's award-winning *Chosen: This is your Catholic Faith* **starts Sunday 3rd March**. One hour sessions will be held in the Monaghan Centre at 6pm Sundays, after 5pm Mass, and conclude with light refreshments. For details, visit www.sunraysiacatholic.org/chosen-youth

LENTEN BOOKS & LEADERS

The Diocese of Wollongong's *Pieta* booklets have arrived. Booklets are \$9 each. Please collect from the Parish Office. You are welcome to pray privately, or join one of the parish's Lenten prayer groups:

Mildura: Lead by Althea Mitting, Fridays 10:15am, at Sacred Heart, Mildura.

Red Cliffs: Lead by Janine Cameron, Mondays 10am. Please call Janine on 0438 730 976.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, commencing 16th February, at Sacred Heart Church Mildura:

- 7am, followed by Morning Prayer
- 5:15pm, followed by 6pm Mass
- 6:30pm led by Indian Community
- 7:30pm led by Tongan Community



CONFESSION DURING LENT

Tuesday 4.30pm–5pm	Mildura
Thursday 4.30pm–5pm	Red Cliffs
Friday 6.30pm–7pm	Mildura
Saturday 10am	Mildura

Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 13th March 7pm–Mildura

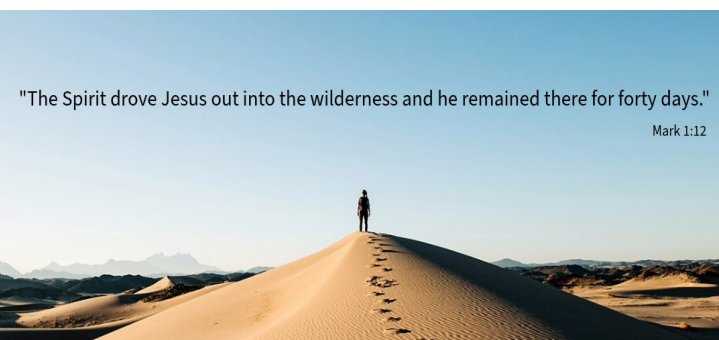
ACCOMMODATION

We have a 16 year old student studying at TAFE looking for accommodation for 3 days a month from a Monday to Wednesday. If you can help out please contact the Parish Office for further details.

PIETY SHOPS

Sacred Heart Church, Mildura this weekend at all Masses.

St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs, Sunday before and after 10am Mass.



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1st Sunday of Lent - 17th & 18th February

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Envelopes and boxes are now available to collect from each church entrance.

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$3015.20
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2441.75
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 893.35
Trading Table The Shared Table Mildura & Red Cliffs	\$ 168.15

This week's Counting Team:
No. 3 – P McDonald

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 4–M Roper

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24(25):4-6,7b-9

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

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

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13. 15-18

Psalm: 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest

Fr John Corrigan

Visiting Priest

Fr Shaiju Mathew

Parish Secretary

Carmel Russo

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.