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# Sts Anne and Joachim

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## Divine Mercy Sunday (B)

### MASS TIMES

#### Monday

No Mass

#### Tuesday

9:30am Red Cliffs  
6pm Mildura

#### Wednesday

9:30am Mildura

#### Thursday

9:30am Mildura  
~~9:30am Merbein~~  
10am Funeral Red Cliffs  
5:30pm Red Cliffs Anoint

#### Friday

6pm Mildura

#### Saturday

9:30am Mildura  
1pm Mildura Wedding  
6pm Red Cliffs  
6pm Mildura

#### Sunday

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

#### RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4.30pm, Mildura  
Friday 6.30pm Mildura  
Saturday 10am, Mildura

#### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura

#### CHOSEN YOUTH

Sunday 6pm, Mildura



### LET US PRAY

#### FOR THE SICK:

Fr Vittorio Basso  
Catherine Bell  
Natalina D'Anna  
Morgan Diaz-Jones  
Mary Mazza  
Don Marciano  
Rodrico Rodriguez  
Rebecca Scown

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:

Geoff Warman

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Graham

#### Mildura 9am:

Paolo & Rosa Panuccio

#### Merbein:

Richard Murphy jnr  
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

We are now in the season of Easter and over the next six Sundays we have the risen Lord appearing and revealing more to the disciples. This weekend is a prime example. In parishes around the world the main focus is on Divine Mercy. This is to experience God's Divine Mercy and love through forgiveness of sins.

Can I also take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who helped to prepare and conduct the ceremonies over the last few days. It was a reflective and enlightening time.



We are also having a few changes with Day light saving beginning this weekend, remember to wind the clocks back one hour on Sunday morning (3am).

School Holidays are this week and we hope that all staff, students and families enjoy this week.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 8 April – Knights of the Southern Cross**  
7:30pm Meeting, Knights Club House

**Thursday 11 April – Anointing Mass**  
5:30pm, St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs

**Thursday 11 April – St Anthony's Committee**  
7:30pm Meeting, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

**Thursday 18 April – Anointing Masses**  
9:30am, Our Lady's Church, Merbein  
1:30pm, Regis Ontario Aged Care

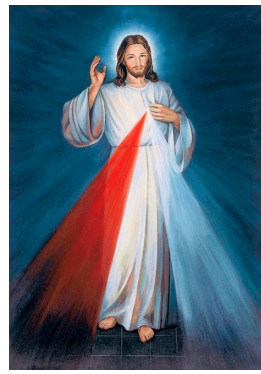
**Sunday 21 April – Parish Council**  
12pm Meeting, Our Lady's Church, Merbein

**Wednesday 24 April – Anointing Mass**  
2pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

**Wednesday 24 April – Baptism Preparation**  
7pm, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

**Thursday 25 April – ANZAC Day Mass**  
6pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

**Sunday 28 April – Tongan Festa**  
**FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL, PRIEST & MARTYR**  
9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura



## 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."*

This 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

## SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

The Sacred Heart Family Group will be lunching at Woodies Gem Shop on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm.

Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions on 0437096737. All welcome to join us.

## OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

This weekend we have available the latest copy of *ODC*. Please collect from the foyers of your church. Some great articles and a good history of the diocese.

## PRESBYTERY CARPARK

Once again people are asked **NOT** to park in the area in front of the carport or the garages. We had an incident on Good Friday where people had parked and priests' vehicles were unable to access this area. In the case of a hospital call, unauthorized parking could inadvertently deprive some of the Last Rites.



## WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Stephen Cirillo and Annameke Puleio** who were married at Sacred Heart Church this weekend.



## BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community: **Dovizioso Da Silva Neto, Felix Cavallo, Ian Williams, Benjy Alderton, Saylor Brown, Asmina Santamaria and Jonty Caristo** whose baptism is celebrated this weekend.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The procedure in which a family prepares for their child's baptism is as follows:

Contact the parish office to obtain the dates in which to attend the Baptism Preparation meeting. The updated Registration Form for the baptism will be handed out at the end of this meeting. Then you complete and return this form to the Parish Office along with payment. Only when following the above procedure will your date for Baptism be confirmed.

## 2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES



### Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

The celebration dates are as follows:  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)



Parent meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> August 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration dates are as follows:  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

### First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)



Parent meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> October 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

Celebration date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm or 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

## ORTHOPEDIC CHAIRS

Our churches have a small number of orthopedic chairs for those who are unable to safely use church pews. These chairs are reserved for parishioners with mobility impairment, who require the armrests to stand and sit. Those who can safely use the church pews are asked not to sit in the orthopedic chairs as you may inadvertently deprive someone who needs that service.

## MUSICIAN—SINGERS

A new music roster is due and it would be great if there are new people willing to commit to the roster. We are especially in need of instrumentalists: organists, guitarists, pianists, etc. If you know someone, please encourage them to "put their hand up." Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872. *With thanks, Marion Guthrie.*

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Congratulations to Surinna, Scott, Vicki, Jan & James

## STEWARDSHIP

<b>Priest Support (Presbytery)</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$4494.00
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$551.00
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$2108.00
<b>Project Compassion</b>	\$ 652.45
<b>Holy Land</b>	\$2419.20

**This week's Counting Team:**  
No.9—G Macri

**Next week's Counting Team:**  
No. 1—G Lavery

## FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

## RESPONSORIAL

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

## SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God  
himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only, but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the  
truth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week,  
the doors were closed in the room where the disciples  
were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among  
them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed  
them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled  
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them  
again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was  
not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said,  
'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the  
holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my  
finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my  
hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the  
disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with  
them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and  
stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he  
spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my  
hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no  
longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my  
God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the  
disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.  
These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is  
the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may  
have life through his name.



"You believe because  
you can see me.  
Happy are those who  
have not seen  
and yet believe."

John 20:29

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### Third Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,  
17-19

**Psalm:** Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9, R. v.7

**Response:** Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

### 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.

#### Parish Safety Officer

Vince Pileggi