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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
CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Masses

Tuesday - Transfiguration of the Lord

9:30am Red Cliffs

10:30am Regis (Tenth Street)

6pm Mildura

Wednesday

9:30am Mildura

Thursday - St Mary of the Cross

~~9:30am Merbein~~

9:30am Mildura

10:30am Chaffey Aged Care

5:30pm Red Cliffs (with Anointing)

Friday

6pm Mildura

Saturday - St Lawrence

9:30am Mildura

6pm Mildura

Sunday - 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30am Irymple

9am Mildura

10am Red Cliffs

10:30am Merbein

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4:30pm-5:15pm, Mildura

Friday, 5pm-5:45pm, Mildura

Saturday 10am-11am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm-5:15pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Fr Matthew Thomas
Diena Brown
Teresa Camarotto
Catherine Bell
James & Karlee Bowring
Don Marciano
Mary Mazza
Rodrico Rodriguez

Please obtain permission if you are submitting another's name. Intentions are printed for one month only, but can be renewed each month.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Irymple 8.30am Sunday:

Rocco Lamattina

Mildura 9am Sunday:

Healy Family
Maria Lipic (30 day mass)

Mildura 5pm Sunday:

Pat Zara
Robert Brown

Tuesday 6pm:

Robert Brown

Merbein:

Mario Berton
Steve Dolenc
Leo McCarthy
Michele Pavey
Rosario Pediglieri
Janice Pezzaniti
Peter Willcock

If you have booked a memorial Mass please speak to the priest prior to the Mass.

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRIEST

You may have heard already that on Wednesday afternoon Fr Matthew suffered a heart attack. He was flown to Melbourne that evening, a stent was inserted Thursday morning, and he is now recovering well. He has received a great many messages from parishioners, and he thanks you all for your support and prayers.

Naturally we all want Fr Matt's recovery to be speedy and complete. Therefore he won't resume parish duties for some time. This weekend, Deacon Cay is leading Assemblies of the Word and Communion at Irymple and Red Cliffs. Fr Shaiju will celebrate the Sunday evening Mass, and he will also assist with the weekday schedule. The Vicar General is helping to arrange supply priests for the next few weekends.

In the stress of these last few days I have been so grateful for the Eucharist. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are puzzled by the powdery substance that covers the ground. "What is that?" they ask. In Arabic the question is pronounced "*manna*." When we gaze on the Eucharist, we might ask something similar. Not "What is that?" but "*Who* is that?" Or: "What is the power of this bread, which is not really bread?"

Every time we approach Jesus in this great mystery, we carry with us our desires and intentions, our hopes, our joys, our sorrows ... He wants it all!

Godspeed,

Fr John

EVENTS IN AUGUST

Sunday 4th – Parish Council
12pm Meeting in the Monaghan Centre

Wednesday 7th – Bereavement Team
1pm Meeting in the Parish Office

Saturday 10th – Knights of the Southern Cross Festa
6pm Mass followed by light supper

Thursday 15th – Holy Day of Obligation
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:30am Mass in Mildura. 5:30pm Mass in Red Cliffs.

Sunday 18th – Indian Community Festa
9am Mass followed by refreshments

Tuesday 20th – Northern Zone meeting in Horsham
No morning Masses. No Adoration or Confession.

Wednesday 28th – First Communion Preparation
7pm Meeting in Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 28th – Baptism Preparation
7pm Meeting in Monaghan Centre

ANOINTING MASSES



Tue 6 Aug: 10.30am Regis Tenth
Thu 8 Aug: 10.30am Chaffey
Thu 8 Aug: 5.30pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
~~Thu 15 Aug: 9.30am, OLSH Merbein~~
Thu 15 Aug: 1.30pm, Regis Ontario
Wed 28 Aug: 2pm, Mildura



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Grade 4 and above.

First Communion Masses: Friday 25th
Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND



We welcome into our parish community:

- ✠ **Oscar Michael Camilleri**
- ✠ **Henry John Cooper**
- ✠ **Mia Jean Monaghan**
- ✠ **Astar Tate Sullivan**

each of whom is baptised this weekend.

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

We're having a Spud Bake Lunch at the home of Lyn and Colin Welsh on Sunday 11th August. Please bring a sweet to share.



Let Lyn know your intentions: 5023 1356.

PLANNED GIVING

Our current Planned Giving year will cease on 25th August and our new Planned Giving year will commence on 1st September.

New envelopes will be available to collect from all churches from the weekend of 24th & 25th August.

If you would like to join our new planned giving program or need to change any details regarding your current contributions, change of contact details, residential addresses, etc please contact the Parish Office by Friday 16th August so that our database is up to date for our new program.



GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS

ST MARY MacKILLOP PARISH CELEBRATIONS

This year, the Feast of St Mary of Cross falls on Thursday 8th August. Masses on this day will celebrate the liturgical feast. In addition, on Saturday 10th August, the Knights of the Southern Cross will celebrate their patron saint at the 6pm Vigil Mass. After Mass, light supper and refreshments will be provided in the Monaghan Centre. Everyone is invited to join this celebration of St Mary of the Cross.

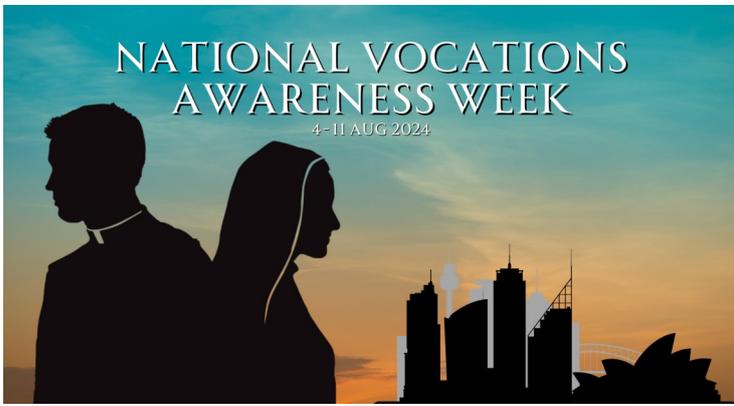


KERALA COMMUNITY'S PARISH CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 15th August the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a holy day of obligation. On the same day, India celebrates Independence Day.

Our Keralan community will celebrate the Assumption at 9am Mass on Sunday 18th August. After Mass, refreshments will be served in the Monaghan Centre, which all parishioners are invited to share.





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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This week always coincides with the feast of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross (8th August), and the feast of the patron saint of parish priests, St Jean-Marie Vianney (4th August).

Every Australian Catholic is invited to pray this week about how God is calling you, personally, to live out your vocation more deeply. You are also invited to pray that our young men and women generously respond to the Lord's call to priesthood and consecrated religious life.

O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up Your Holy Church, we implore You to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make You better known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**Holy Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Jean-Marie Vianney, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.**



DIOCESAN e-NEWS



The latest edition of our Ballarat Diocese e-News bulletin has been published and is available on the diocesan website. Visit:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Click on the News & Events menu item, and select e-News. While there, you can subscribe to the e-mail list and receive e-News each fortnight.

TRADING STALL NEXT SUNDAY

A cuppa and the trading table will be held after Mildura's 9am Mass. This month, proceeds go to the Sunraysia Parish Soup Kitchen.

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$1,569.85
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2,384.50
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 878.00

This week's Counting Team:
No. 8 – L. Welsh

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 9 – G. Brizzi

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them, 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25, 54

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new self that is created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans

live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?'

Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.'

So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9.

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr John Corrigan

Deacon: Rev Cay Trinh

Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo

Child Safety Officer: Vince Pileggi

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH. Sts Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish of Sunraysia adheres to Victoria's eleven Child Safe Standards. Our policies are on display in each church and on our website.