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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs

6pm Mildura

Wednesday

9.30am Mildura

Thursday

9.30am Merbein Anoint

9.30am Mildura

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

Tuesday 4.30pm, Mildura

Thursday 4.30pm, Red Cliffs

Friday 6.30pm, Mildura

Saturday 10am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura

Thursday 4:30pm, Red Cliffs

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

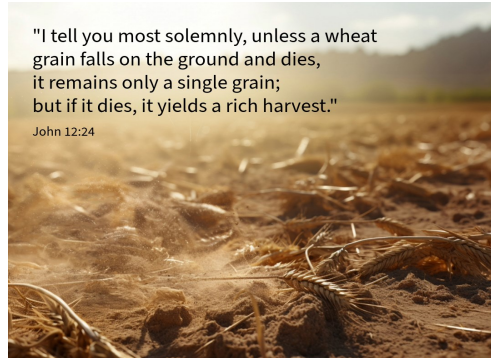
Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura

"I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."

John 12:24



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

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

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Weightman

Mildura – Sunday 9am:

Lawrence Naray

Mildura–Tuesday 6pm:

Ilario Dichiera

Merbein:

Gilia Dichiera (5 yr ann.)
Cathy Weinert,
Frank Lowry
Eva Matotek
Laurie Waddell

Red Cliffs:

Vincenza Tassone (10 yr ann.)
Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna
Domenico & Caterina D'Anna
Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna,
Vincenza Tassone
Giuseppe D'Anna

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

Create a clean heart in me, O God is today's response to the psalm. To have a clean heart allows God to be present in our lives. We are in the final weeks of Lent; this is the time to finalise our personal preparation for the celebration of Easter.

During this week the church celebrates St Patrick and St Joseph. Both are very influential not only in their time but even today. Joseph is a great model of holiness in ordinary, every day, family life. Patrick was the first missionary after the apostles, who has inspired every generation since to go out to the peripheries. This is something we can do even in our own circle of friends and family.

On Sunday (17th March) I will celebrate by 18th anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Being ordained on St Patrick's day gives me personally a great example of priesthood.

Every day has its challenges, its celebrations and its encounters with God's people – those of faith and those who are not. Please continue to pray for me as I pray for you each day.

God Bless,

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 17 March – Family Group

12pm Lunch at Irymple Hotel

Tuesday 19 March – Princes Court

1pm Mass with Anointing

Tuesday 26 March

Parish Finance Meeting 7.30am

Tuesday 26 March – BUPA

1pm Mass with Anointing

Wednesday 27 March – Baptism Preparation

Parents Meeting at 7pm, Monaghan Centre

Wednesday 27 March – Confirmation Preparation

Parents Meeting at 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

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

SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

The Sacred Heart Family Group will gather for Lunch at the Irymple Hotel, Sunday 17th March at 12 noon.

Jim & Kit are the hosts.

Please let your intentions known by calling 50211918. All welcome to join us.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

Just a friendly reminder that public praying of the rosary needs to be completed 15 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

This allows time for everyone to have some silence in preparation to participate in the mass.



2024 CONFIRMATION DATES

For students in Grade 3 and above



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

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



ANOINTING MASSES

- 21st March, 9.30am, Merbein

- 27th March 2pm, Mildura

- 11th April 5.30pm, Red Cliffs

BAPTISM



We welcome into our Parish Community

Deanielle Villanueva,

Santino Circosta,

Mackenzie & Murphy Mangan,

Coyote Hensgen and

Samuel Catanzariti

who are baptised this weekend.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you know of someone who is sick and homebound in your parish and they would like to receive communion please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

SR MARION MCDONALD

Sr Marion McDonald's Funeral details are as follows:

Tuesday 19th March, 2024 at 1.30pm at Sacred Heart College Chapel, Retreat Road Newtown Geelong. Her funeral can be watched on the following webcast: <https://tinyurl.com/sr-marion>

Those who are unable to make their way to Geelong can join us at the Monaghan Center Sacred Heart Church, Mildura where we will telecast the service.

There will be a memorial service to be held at Our Lady's Merbein at a date to be confirmed, where we envision having mass and a dinner to honor Sr Marion.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent 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



CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

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

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

St Joseph's Red Cliffs are organising a Mother's Day Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 12th May 10am at Red Cliffs Church.

- 1st Prize \$350 Hamper
- 2nd prize \$150 Hamper
- 3rd Prize \$50 Hamper

Tickets \$2 each and are available either from the Parish Office or at each weekend Mass—Merbein and Red Cliffs. Proceeds will go to the Roof Loan for St Joseph's Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

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.



SPONSORSHIP

This weekend's bulletin is proudly sponsored by the Davasia Family who have asked for personal family prayers.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

5pm	Merbein
6pm	Red Cliffs
7pm	Mildura

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

9am	Mildura Stations of the Cross
3pm	Merbein
3pm	Red Cliffs
3pm	Mildura

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

6pm	Mildura
6pm	Red Cliffs

Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

8:30am	Irymple
9am	Mildura
10:30am	Merbein
11:00am	Werrimull
5pm	No Mass

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go, DD	\$2384.75
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2006.10
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 933.10
Project Compassion	\$ 548.10

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

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 8—L Welsh

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

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

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

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 15:47

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.