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*Sts Anne and Joachim*  
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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### MASS TIMES

#### Monday

No Masses

#### Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs  
1.30pm Funeral Requiem Mildura  
6pm Mildura

#### Wednesday -

9.30am Mildura

#### Thursday - St Benedict

9:30am Merbein  
9:30am Mildura  
1.30pm Funeral Prayers Chapel  
5.30pm Red Cliffs

#### Friday

6pm Mildura

#### Saturday -

9:30am Mildura  
6pm Mildura

#### Sunday - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8.30am Irymple  
9.00am Mildura  
10am Red Cliffs  
10:30am Merbein  
5pm Mildura

#### RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4:30-5:15pm, Mildura  
Friday, 5-5:45pm, Mildura  
Saturday 10-11am, Mildura

#### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4-5:15pm, Mildura

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



### LET US PRAY

#### FOR THE SICK:

Catherine Bell  
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.

#### RECENT DEATHS:

Giuseppe Mazza, Luigi Morello

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

##### Mildura 6pm Saturday:

Giuseppe Ierino (Italy)  
Vincenzo & Caterina Monteleone  
Leo & Giuseppe Monteleone  
Peppina Timpano  
Peter, Maria & Joseph Tran  
Maria Nguyen  
Domenico Deluca (1 yr ann.)  
Darryn Hooper  
Kelleen Curran  
Margita Koroknai  
and all Souls

##### Mildura 6pm Tuesday:

Natale Tassone (1 month)

#### Merbein:

Noel Keens  
Maurie Maffei  
Varghese Mampilly  
Giovanni Ienco  
Helen Costovich

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

### FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

*'Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy'* is today's psalm response. When we have our eyes fixed on the Lord we are able to see by his example how to treat and respond to other people and to different situations in life.

Having faith in God allows for both positives and negatives to be present in our lives and to have the support and courage to tackle anything which life deals us. God shows us his Mercy through the sacraments and also through the actions of others. The Gospel today reminds us that a prophet is often disbelieved in his/her own area. Why is this? I believe it is because we often look to new people and outsiders to bring to light what we already know in our hearts to be true, but when it is a local it often seen as grandstanding.

Fr Shaiju is away on holidays again for the next three weeks Fr John and myself will be covering Robinvale and Ouyen as well as our normal duties here.

**God Bless**

*Fr Matthew*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 8 July – Knights of the Southern Cross**  
7.30pm Meeting in the KSC Clubrooms

**Wednesday 24 July – Baptism Preparation**  
7pm Meeting, Sacred Heart Mildura

**Friday 26 July – Parish Patronal Feast**  
**ST ANNE AND ST JOACHIM**  
6pm Mass and Refreshments, Mildura

## ANOINTING MASSES



Tue 9 July: 1pm, Princes Court Homes  
Thu 11 July: 5.30pm, St Joseph's Church  
Thu 18 July: 10am, OLSH Church  
Tue 23 July: 1pm, Bupa Aged Care  
Wed 24 July: 2pm, Sacred Heart Church

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the 2024 St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal. Please return envelopes to the Parish Office asap.



Your donation will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship.

## FAMILY GROUP GATHERING

Our family group will be lunching at the Mildura RSL Club on Sunday July 14th at Noon. Please let Helen or Gary know your intentions 0350235035



## NAIDOC WEEK 2024

From Sunday the 7th to Sunday 14th we are asked to acknowledge NAIDOC week. This will be celebrated in many different ways in our local communities. I ask that we get involved and learn from each other. One people one voice one Australia.



## 2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES

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



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

*First Communion Masses:* Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & 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> November 6pm or 7pm, at Sacred Heart Church.

## SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

Mildura's "pop-up" piety table will operate on the **third weekend of each month**. Red Cliffs piety operates every Sunday after 10am Mass. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit services equipped for cash and card. (Card transactions attract a 1.6% surcharge.)

## TRADING STALL & CUPPA

Next Sunday the cuppa and trading stall will be held after the 9am Mass in Mildura, and cuppa only after 10:30am Mass in Red Cliffs.



Proceeds from the stalls this month will go to The Bishops Collection.

## ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE

The Committee thanks everyone who organised, supported and stayed on to enjoy the wonderful celebration of the Feast of St Anthony on Sunday 16th June. We had a wonderful day.



We wish to thank the committee for their kind donation of \$2000.00 to the Monaghan Centre and \$200 to The Shared Table.

## BAPTISM



We welcome into our parish community **Elon Donato, Jasper Gray, Demi Kennedy, Koa Sinclair and Lucas Tassone** whose baptism is celebrated this weekend.

## BISHOP PAUL'S VISIT

On the weekend of the 20th and 21st July Bishop Paul will be visiting the parish for the 150th year of the Diocese.



He will be celebrating mass at four of our mass centers and there will be time after each mass for parishioners to join him in either a light meal or a cuppa. (Please note Red Cliffs community have a different mass time for this weekend)

Saturday 20 July:

**5pm Mass** at St Joseph's, Red Cliffs

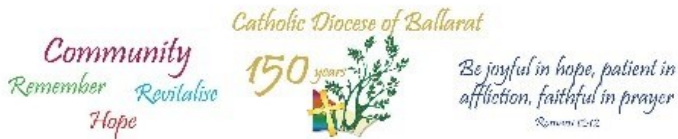
Sunday 21 July

**8:30am Mass** at St Francis Xavier, Irymple

**10:30am Mass** at Our Lady's, Merbein

**5pm Mass** at Sacred Heart, Mildura

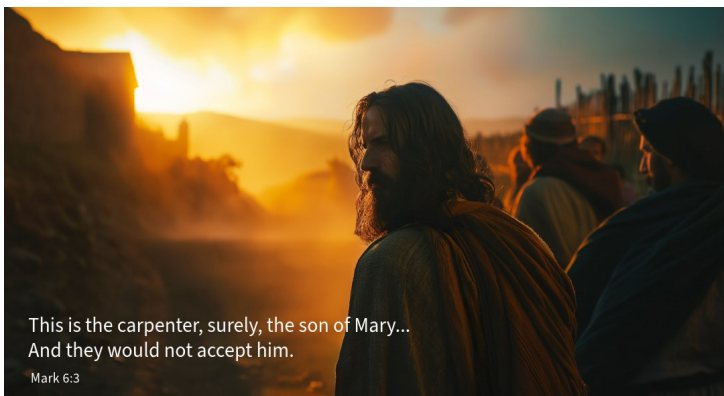
We ask that you please contact the office or write your name and numbers attending on the RSVP sheet located in the foyers of the churches to assist with catering.



## PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**For the pastoral care of the sick:** Let us pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. Lord, hear us.



This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary... And they would not accept him.

Mark 6:3

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## REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

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<b>Priest Support (Presbytery)</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$2004.15
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2290.50
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 995.10
<b>This week's Counting Team:</b> No. 4 – M Roper	
<b>Next week's Counting Team:</b> No. 5 – H Kay	



## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

## RESPONSORIAL

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)



## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.' And he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Amos 7:12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**Response:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

### 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

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