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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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs

6pm Mildura

Wednesday:

9.30am Mildura

Thursday:

9.30am Merbein

9.30am Mildura No Mass

5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday:

6pm Mildura

Saturday

9.30am Mildura

Time TBC Funeral Buronga

6pm Mildura

Sunday

8.30am Irymple

9am Mildura

10am Red Cliffs

10.30am Merbein

5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura

"Be quiet! Come out of him!"

Mark 1:25



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Sr Marion McDonald RSM

Tess Kerr

Natalina D'Anna

Morgan Dias-Jones

Catherine Bell

If you want a sick person prayed for, ask their permission. Names will be included for the duration of one month after which family or friends can request more time.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura, Saturday 6pm:

Margaret Lunn,

Mile Adrimovic

Mario, Vincenzo & Giuseppina
Panetta

Vince Tripodi (30 days)

Mildura, Sunday 5pm:

Maria Carlucci

Mildura, Thursday 9.30am:

Jack Quinlan

Merbein:

Mary Dorman, Kevin Rogers,

Katherine Nicholl, Ruth McKee,

John Carruthers, Maria Scali and

Vincenzo Piscioneri

Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

If you have booked a memorial Mass, please speak to the priest prior to the Mass to let him know you are present.

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Jesus spoke with authority, he gave examples to us of the relationship he has with God and also over unclean spirit. How do I speak to others, am I just a symbol clashing or am I someone who offers words of wisdom. In the stillness of life we can hear through the noise around us the words of God and respond to it.

The psalm response is if we hear God's word harden not our hearts. With a harden heart I am unable to show love and or be loved. With an open heart I am able to show God's love to others and to experience God's love from others.

RCIA re-commences on Thursday evening so we pray for those who are exploring their faith and relationship with God.

Next week the 2024 school year commences, so we wish all of our Staff and Students the best for the coming year. May it be a year full of adventure, learning and openness to a deeper understanding of life and the world in which we live.

Office hours return back to normal as from Tuesday.

God bless,

Fr Matthew.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4 February

12noon Parish Council Meeting, Mildura

Wednesday 7 February

1pm Bereavement Team meeting, Mildura

Sunday 11 February

9am Trading Table & Cuppa, Mildura
10am Cuppa, Red Cliffs

Monday 12 February

7.30pm KSC monthly meeting

Tuesday 13 February

1.30pm Regis Tenth, Mildura

Thursday 15 February

10.30am Chaffey Aged Care, Merbein
1.30pm Regis Ontario, Mildura

Tuesday 27 February

7.15am, Parish Finance, Mildura

Wednesday 28 February

7pm Baptism Preparation, Mildura

2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES

Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)



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

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

First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)



Parent meeting: 28th August 7pm,
Sacred Heart Church.

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

First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)



Parent meeting: 16th October 7pm,
Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration date:
Wednesday 27th November
6pm or 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

ANOINTING MASSES



- 8th February, 5.30pm at Red Cliffs
- 15th February, 9.30am at Merbein
- 28th February, 2pm at Mildura

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 the start of the season. Prize money for First, Second, Third and Last.

SR MARION MCDONALD



We have received news from Geelong that Sr Marion McDonald is quite unwell. We are asked to keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Sr Marion was a teacher and Principal at SJC for a number of years and the parish leader at Merbein from 1999 to 2017.

ALTAR SERVERS GUILD

The parish is establishing an Altar Servers Guild If you are interested

in joining the Guild visit

www.sunraysiacatholic.org/altar-servers or call the parish office on 5021 2872.



YOUTH PROGRAM

A catechetical program for 16 to 25 year olds, using Ascension Press's award-winning *Chosen: This is your Catholic Faith* is coming soon. 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

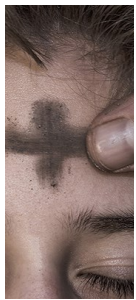
LENTEN BOOKS & LEADERS

Our Lenten program – the Diocese of Wollongong’s *Pieta* – has been ordered. If you would like to purchase a booklet please contact the Parish Office. Booklets are \$9 each.

If you are interested in leading a Lenten group please contact the parish office so that we can advertise when and where your Lenten group is meeting.

CHILDREN’S CATECHISM

The Missionary of Charity Sisters co-ordinate a Catechist Program for children aged 3 to 15. The program recommences on Saturday 10th February from 10am-11am in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome. **Parents are invited to attend a 10am Parent Meeting on Saturday 3rd February for enrolments.**



ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses on 14th February 2024:

- 9.30am, Red Cliffs
- 10am, Combined schools Mildura
- 12.30pm, Merbein
- 6pm, Mildura

WAY OF THE CROSS

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



- 7am Stations & Morning Prayer
- 5.15pm Stations, followed by 6pm Mass
- 6.30pm Indian Community-led
- 7.30pm Tongan Community-led

ROSTERS & WHATSAPP

Our new bulletin design deliberately excludes ministry rosters, as we wish to maximise user-friendly reading. Copies of rosters will continue to be emailed out to volunteers, and printed copies are displayed on foyer notice boards. We are also developing private WhatsApps groups to streamline the arrangement of swaps and substitutions when a volunteer is unavailable.

ADVERTISE HERE

Full colour advertising space the size of a business card.

Circulation: 500 print
250+ electronic

Cost: \$50 per week.

SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

The parish office in Mildura and St Joseph’s Church in Red Cliffs both feature well-stocked piety shops. Items include:

- Bibles and other books
- Crucifixes and pictures
- Statues and plates
- Medals and scapulars
- Rosaries and prayer cards
- Greeting cards
- Momentos of Baptism, First Communion, etc.



The “pop-up” piety table will now open on the **third weekend of each month in Mildura** and carries just a small sample of our stock. If you wish to purchase something we don’t have in stock, please inform the parish office. We can acquire items at discounts not available if you shop directly online. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit and charge cost-price only. Both are equipped for cash, credit card, and EFTPOS. (Card transactions attract a 1.2% surcharge.)

STEWARDSHIP

Priests’ Support (Presbytery)

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$2095.10

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$2163.60

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2nd Collection Loose Plate)

\$ 890.55

This week’s Counting Team:

No. 9 – G Brizzi

Next week’s Counting Team:

No. 1 – G Lavery

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Psalm: Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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.