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Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs

6pm Mildura

Wednesday

2pm **Mildura Anointing**

Thursday

9.30am Merbein

9.30am Mildura

5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday

7am **Stations and M/Prayer**

10am **Mildura WDP**

7pm **Red Cliffs WDP**

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

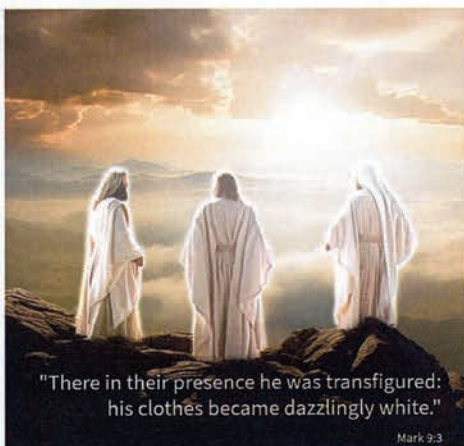
Thursday 4:30pm, Red Cliffs

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



"There in their presence he was transfigured:
his clothes became dazzlingly white."
Mark 9:3

LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Sr Marion McDonald RSM

Rebecca Scown

Rodrigo 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Elena Callipari

Mildura-Saturday 6pm:

Margaret Connolly

Mildura – Sunday 9am:

Joseph and Helen Grivec

Troy Saint

Pat Nolan

Mildura—Sunday 5pm:

Vincenza Carlucci

Antonina Mammone

Merbein:

Helen McCarthy,

Cos Piscioneri, Frank Sylvia,

John Jessup

Red Cliffs:

Ivy Davis

Thomas Smith

Giuseppe Mammone

Domenico Mammone

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 commencing our second week of Lent. In review of the first two weeks what have I noticed about myself and is there something I want or need to change or modify?

Today's psalm response

'I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.'

Being like the disciples and seeing Jesus Transfigured and presenting to them in a different way on the mountain. I might need to ask myself. How do I walk in the presence of the Lord?

I myself have taken a copy of the Stations of the Cross and have been praying them each day. I have been using them during my evening prayers as a way to reflect on the day and also the journey with Jesus. In a way it brings to life and grounds the psalm into reality for me.

Jesus would often go to pray and sometimes take others with him. Can I find a time through this week to spend on the mountain and away from others and devote sometime to Jesus in my personal space?

God bless,

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 25 February

Parish BBQ after 10am Mass
at St Joseph's, Red Cliffs

Tuesday 27 February

7.15am, Parish Finance, Mildura

Wednesday 28 February

7pm Baptism Preparation, Mildura

Friday 1 March

10am World Day of Prayer,
Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

Friday 1 March

7pm World Day of Prayer,
St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs

Sunday 3 March

Chosen Youth Program begins
6pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

Tuesday 5 March

"From Blue Comedy to Divine Mercy"
6:30pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

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

- 28th February, 2pm, Mildura
- 14th March, 5:30pm, Red Cliffs
- 21st March, 9.30am, Merbein

ALTAR SERVERS GUILD

The parish is founding an Altar Servers Guild to provide practical training and ongoing formation to Guild members. The Guild will meet weekly during school terms. If you are interested in joining the Guild and becoming an altar server visit www.sunraysiacatholic.org/altar-servers or call the parish office on 5021 2872.



FOOTY TIPPING COMP.

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 Thursday 7 March, which is the start of the season. Prize money for First, Second, Third and Last.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024



This year, the World Day of Prayer focuses on the women and children of Palestine. You are welcome to join one of the two ecumenical services our parish is hosting on Friday 1 March:

- **10am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Mildura** followed by light refreshments in the Monaghan Centre.
- **7pm St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs.**

YOUTH PROGRAM START DATE



A catechetical program for 16 to 25 year olds, using Ascension Press's award-winning *Chosen: This is your Catholic Faith* **starts Sunday 3rd March.** 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

ST VINNIES SHOP

The Vinnies shop provides a great service for those in need. They are currently seeking volunteers—just a few hours would make a great difference. Please contact Nicole at the Vinnies shop—79 Lime Ave, Mildura.

BLUE COMEDY TO DIVINE MERCY



Come and hear the humorous and powerful testimony of John Percy Canavan, who for 20 years worked as an R-rated comedian. Everything changed when he saw an image of the Merciful Jesus and experienced a profound conversion. Since 1990 John has been Director of Divine Mercy Publications in Melbourne and works tirelessly to spread the message of God's Mercy. **6:30pm, Tuesday 5th March, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura.**



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

Parish Reconciliation Service

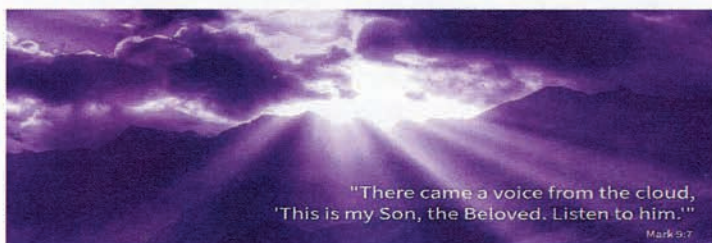
Wednesday 13th March 7pm – Mildura

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.



"There came a voice from the cloud,
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."
Mark 9:7

Today's Bulletin is proudly sponsored by a Parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. Please add their intentions in your prayers.

FLORISTRY LESSONS

Introduction to flower arranging and the Visual Arts.

Contact Mary on 0408 503 001 or email: milduraflowers@gmail.com



PROJECT COMPASSION



Second Sunday of Lent
24th & 25th February

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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.



STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2137.60
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2643.25
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 823.75
Project Compassion	\$ 548.25

This week's Counting Team:
No. 4 – M Roper

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 5 – H Kay

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

Psalm: 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

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.