




 **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**  
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**  
47 Werrimull South Road, Werrimull



# Sts Anne and Joachim

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

## MASS TIMES

**Monday - St Mary Magdalen**  
No Masses

**Tuesday - St Bridget of Sweden**  
9.30am Red Cliffs  
6.00pm Mildura

**Wednesday - St Charbel Makhlof**  
2.00pm Anointing Mildura

**Thursday - St James the Apostle**

~~9.30am Merbein~~

~~9.30am Mildura~~

10.00am Funeral Service Mildura  
10.30am Funeral Mass Robinvale  
5.30pm Red Cliffs

**Friday - Sts Anne and Joachim**  
6.00pm Mildura

**Saturday**  
9:30am Mildura  
6.00pm Mildura

**Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

8.30am Irymple  
9.00am Mildura  
10.00am Red Cliffs  
10.30am Merbein  
5.00pm 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:

Teresa Camarotto  
Catherine Bell, Mary Mazza  
Don Marciano  
James & Karlee Bowring  
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:

Maria Svrta, Joan Welsh

### ANNIVERSARIES:

#### Mildura 6pm Saturday:

Peter, Maria & Joseph Tran  
Maria Nguyen & All Souls

#### Mildura 5pm Sunday:

Joan Appleby  
Bruin Michael Callipari  
Giuseppe & Domenico Martino  
Pasquale & Grazia Mammone  
Natalizia Monteleone

#### Mildura 2pm Wednesday:

Joe de Jong

#### Mildura 6pm Friday:

Ilario Circosta

#### Merbein:

Bert Adolph  
Gwen Jessup  
John Lambshed

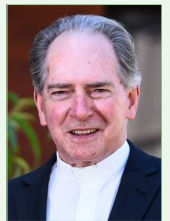
#### Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna  
Domenico & Caterina D'Anna  
Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna  
Giuseppe D'Anna  
Vincenza Tassone

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

## FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

This weekend we welcome Bishop Paul here with us as a Diocese we celebrate 150 years. He will be celebrating four masses over the weekend. Saturday evening 5pm Red Cliffs, Sunday 8.30am Irymple, 10.30am Merbein and 5pm Mildura.



I thank all those who have prepared food and helped with the celebrations after masses during the Bishops Visit.

On Friday St Joseph's College had mass where Bishop Paul and the Directors of Mercy Education installed Mr Greg Klusty as the 17th Principal. We wish Greg all the best the next seven years.

The latest copy of ODC are here and ready to be collected from the foyers of the churches.

Lets use the Gospel as a good starting point on going to a quiet place and reflect and listen to God's word. In the business of everything happening its important to stop and not be caught up and to find some time for self care.

God Bless,

*Fr Matthew*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 23 Jul—Parish Finance Meeting**  
7.30am Parish Office

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

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

**Wednesday 7 Aug – Bereavement Team Meeting**  
1pm—Parish Office

**Monday 12 Aug—Knights of the Southern Cross**  
7.30pm—KSC Clubrooms

## ANOINTING MASSES



Tue 23 Jul: 1pm Bupa Aged Care  
Wed 24 Jul: 2pm Sacred Heart Church  
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

## MARIAN MASS

Saturday 27th July 9.30am—Mother of Consolation

## 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.

## REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you*, 'God chose you in Christ'.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: "take no purse, no haversack" because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.

You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

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## DID YOU KNOW !

1889 Fr Michael Costello came from Charlton to celebrate Masses in Mildura until 1893

1896 first little wooden church (now located as the school chapel at St Paul's Primary School)

1922 First church built in Red Cliffs. 1967 New Church built and opened

1915 The Mercy Sister arrived in Merbein for religious instructions of the local children.

1920 the First Mass celebrated in the Merbein Public Hall – Fr Ryan

1958 a church was bought from Towaninnie near Quambatook and moved to Irymple.

## WEDDINGS



We congratulate **Andrew Stewart and Tonia Mammone** who were married at Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

# SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:

This year's theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71: 9), recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age. All too often, in fact, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of the elderly due to numerous contingent situations, such as the migration of children or the crisis of families, or due to the individualistic mentality that makes those who are advanced in years feel like a burden. It seems that everyone takes for granted that there is a time in life when one remains alone. It is a habit and a mentality to which, with resignation, even the elderly do not object.



Pope Francis proclaimed the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July each year – July 28 in 2024.

The Day is marked near the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Parishes, schools, agencies, aged care facilities and other ministries are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the contribution of older people to their families and communities.

## JESUS YOUTH KIDS & TEEN PROGRAM

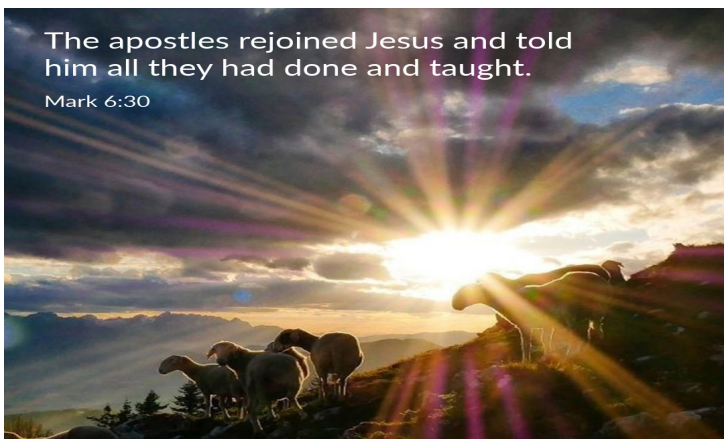


Jesus Youth  
Australia

The Kerala Community will be organising a Jesus Youth—Kids and Teen Program which will be held on Sunday 18th August from 2pm—4.30pm. Age groups:

**Kids—5 years old to 12 years old**  
**Teens—13 years old to 18 years old**

If you are interested in participating in this program please complete the registration form available from the Parish Office or for further information please contact Vinu 0480 239 318






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## CATHOLIC EARTH CARE TO HOST SEASON OF CREATION WORKSHOP IN SEPTEMBER

Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting the Catholic community – including schools, parishes, diocese, organisations and religious orders – to join its 2024 Season of Creation convocation. Taking place from Thursday, September 12 to Saturday, September 14, the convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together.

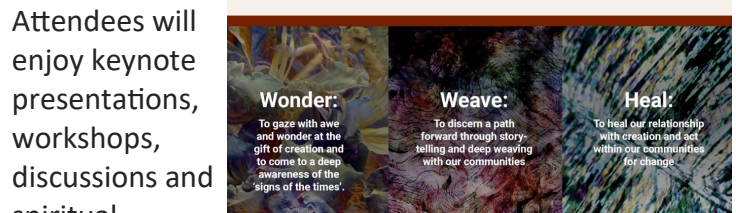


**SEASON OF CREATION  
CONVOCATION 2024**  
wonder · weave · heal

**Wonder:**  
To gaze with awe and wonder at the gift of creation and to come to a deep awareness of the signs of the times.

**Weave:**  
To discern a path forward through storytelling and deep weaving with our communities.

**Heal:**  
To heal our relationship with creation and act within our communities for change.



Attendees will enjoy keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences, before gathering to transform learnings into action. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. More information is available from the diocesan website: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation->

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STEWARDSHIP	
<b>Priest Support (Presbytery)</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$2096.55
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2331.50
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 1195.30
<b>This week's Counting Team:</b> No. 6 – W Carmichael	
<b>Next week's Counting Team:</b> No. 7 – B Collins	

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!'

## RESPONSORIAL

Ps 22, R. v. 2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:42-44

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

**Response:** The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15

### 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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