

-  **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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

- Monday**
No Mass
- Tuesday**
9.30am Red Cliffs
2:30pm Regis Tenth
6pm Mildura
- Ash Wednesday:**
9:30am Red Cliffs
10am Mildura
12:30pm Merbein
6pm Mildura
- Thursday:**
9.30am Merbein
9.30am Mildura
10:30am Chaffey, Merbein
1:30pm Regis Ontario
5.30pm Red Cliffs
- Friday:**
10.30am Funeral Red Cliffs
2pm Funeral Coomi
6pm Mildura
- Saturday**
9.30am Mildura
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
Thursday 4:30pm, Red Cliffs

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent in Mildura:

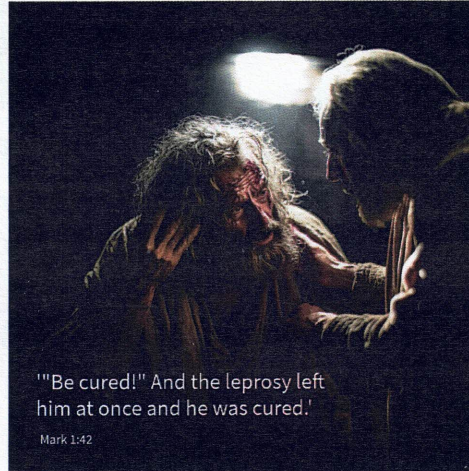
7am, followed by Morning Prayer
5:15pm, followed by 6pm Mass
6:30pm, led by Indian Community
7:30pm, led by Tongan Community

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



"Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured!

Mark 1:42

LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Sr Marion McDonald RSM
Rodrico Rodriquez
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.

RECENT DEATH:

Ole Byholm, Terence Undy,
Michael Hudson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura, Sunday 5pm:

Patrick & John Donnellon
Teresa Cavallo

Mildura, Friday 6pm:

Rita Bowring

Merbein:

Rita Bowring, Maurice Wilson,
Christopher Matotek and
Florence Harding

Red Cliffs:

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

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, we begin our annual Lenten journey in preparation for Easter. The ceremonies are listed in the bulletin to enable us all different times to attend mass and receive the ashes.

I encourage all of us to have a look at our prayer lives and see if there is something that I can change to enrich my relationship with God.

World day of prayer for the sick.

This weekend we are asked as a church community of Australia to pray for the sick in our family, friendship group, community, and those in our country.

Sickness is not just physical it also emotional and psychological. Having someone pray for the intention of others allows the people to remain anonymous if they wish.

We are offering extra time across the parish for confession and also adoration of the blessed sacrament.

Please collect your project compassion boxes and envelopes from the foyer of the churches.

God Bless

Fr Matthew.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Mass at Regis Tenth, Mildura

Thursday 15 February

10.30am Mass at Chaffey, Merbein
1.30pm Mass at Regis Ontario, Mildura

Thursday 15 February

7:30pm St Anthony Committee meeting

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



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 Thursday 7 March, which is the start of the season. Please highlight the winners for each round. If it's a draw – you get a point. If any round is unmarked the away team wins. Prize money for First, Second, Third and Last.

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

- 15th February, 9.30am at Merbein
- 28th February, 2pm at Mildura
- 14th March, 5:30pm at Red Cliffs

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.**

THEOLOGY 101: THE MASS

Fr John will lead a short five-week course on the theology of the Mass, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Friday evenings. We begin 23rd February and conclude 22nd March. Classes are in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome, and no booking is necessary.

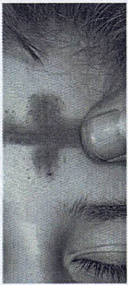


LENTEN BOOKS & LEADERS

The Diocese of Wollongong's *Pieta* booklets have arrived. Booklets are \$9 each. Please collect from the Parish Office. You are welcome to pray privately, or join one of the parish's Lenten prayer groups:

Group 1: Lead by Althea Mitting, Fridays 10:15am, at Sacred Heart, Mildura.

Group 2: Lead by Janine Cameron, Mondays 10am, at St Joseph's Red Cliffs.



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, followed by Morning Prayer
- 5:15pm, followed by 6pm Mass
- 6:30pm led by Indian Community
- 7:30pm led by Tongan Community

PROJECT COMPASSION

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world tackle poverty, food security, education, sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lent.



FAST & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. For Catholics of the Latin Rite, **fasting is obligatory for everyone aged 18 to 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. (There is no restriction on drinks.)

Abstinence from meat is binding upon all members of the Latin Catholic Church **from age 14 onwards**.

Members of the Eastern Catholic rites are to observe the particular law of their Church.

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. The "pop-up" piety table will now open on the **third weekend of each month in Mildura at all Masses**. 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.)



ACCOMMODATION

We have a 16 year old student studying at TAFE looking for accommodation for 3 days a month from a Monday to Wednesday. If you can help out please contact the Parish Office for further details.

STEWARDSHIP

Priests' Support (Presbytery)

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$2296.05

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$2526.25

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2nd Collection Loose Plate)

\$ 997.35

This week's Counting Team:

No. 2 – R Tongue

Next week's Counting Team:

No. 3 – P McDonald

First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: 24:4-9. R. see v.10

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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.