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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**
47 Werrimull South Road, Werrimull



Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

9:30am No Red Cliffs Mass

6pm No Mildura Mass

Wednesday

9.30am Mildura

Thursday

9.30am Mildura

9.30am Merbein

5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday

6pm Mildura

Saturday

9.30am Mildura

6pm Mildura

Sunday - The Ascension

8.30am Irymple

9am Mildura

10am Red Cliffs

10.30am Merbein

5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4.30pm, Mildura

Saturday 10am, Mildura

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 4pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura

CHOSEN YOUTH

Sunday 6pm, Mildura

LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Sr Rosemary Graham

Fr Vittorio Basso

Catherine Bell

Natalina D'Anna

Morgan Diaz-Jones

Mary Mazza

Don Marciano

Terry Murphy

Rodrico Rodriguez

Rebecca Scown

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.

RECENT DEATHS:

Fr Tom Brophy

Rita Mudge (Adelaide)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura 6pm:

Peter, Maria & Joseph Tran

Maria Nguyen & All souls

Pietro Chiera

Domenico Martino (Italy)

Mildura 9am:

Helen & Joseph Grivec

Karen Belej

Mildura 5pm:

Carmelo Zara

Friday 6pm:

Val Drewry

Merbein:

Harry Jay

Frank Chandler

Cosimo Dichiera

Ramon Deed

John Lang

Red Cliffs:

Cosimo Pezzaniti (1 yr ann)

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 ASSISTANT PRIEST

As we hasten towards the Ascension of our Lord, which entails his departure from the Apostles, we must also make our own farewells.

Fr Thomas Brophy, parish priest here from 2003 to 2011, died on Sunday evening. He was surrounded by loving family, and in his final hours Fr Ed Moloney was also at his side.

Fr Matt will return early from his break, so that we can attend Fr Tom's funeral at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat. Please note the subsequent change in our weekday Mass schedule. A Mass in Sunraysia to honour and pray for Fr Tom will be duly organised and advertised in next week's bulletin.

Sr Helen Nolen, who has lived in Mildura and generously served our community since 2017, recently accepted a leadership role with the Mercy Community in Perth. The news has come rather quickly, and Sr Helen will be relocating next Monday 13th May. Nonetheless, we will all have time to thank her and wish her well this Friday evening.

Life is full of partings, some which are momentary and some which are seemingly permanent. The readings in this weekend's Mass, which anticipate the Ascension, remind us of a perennial truth: the bonds of love prevail over all obstacles of time, and distance, and even death.

Godspeed,

Fr John

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 12 May – Ascension of the Lord
All Masses will also celebrate Mothers Day

Sunday 12 May
Trading Table at Mildura after 9am Mass
Cuppa at Red Cliffs after 10am Mass

Monday 13 May – Knights of the Southern Cross
7:30pm Monthly meeting in KOSC Clubrooms

Fri 17, Sat 18, Sun 19 May – Confirmations
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
Confirmations celebrated at all Masses

Tuesday 21 May – Northern Zone Meeting
NB: No 9:30am Mass in Red Cliffs

Wednesday 22 May – Anointing Mass
2pm, Sacred Heart Mildura

Wednesday 22 May – Baptism Preparation
7pm, Monaghan Centre

Friday 24 May – National Patronal Feast
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS
6pm Mass, Sacred Heart Mildura

Sunday 26 May – Filipino Festa
FLORES DE MAYO
9am Mass, Sacred Heart Mildura

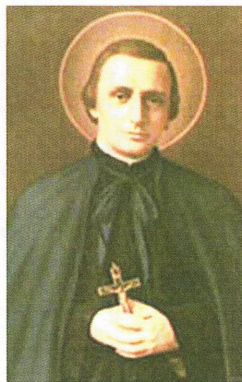
MASS COUNTS

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over all the weekend Masses in May commencing this weekend, 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th and 25th & 26th of May.

SR MARION McDONALD



There will be a memorial service held at Our Lady's Merbein on Friday 31st May at 6pm. Refreshments will follow in the hall. If you need transportation to Merbein, please contact the parish office.



TONGAN KOMUNIO/ COMMUNITY

The Tongan community would like to thank all who helped with the organising of the Feast of Peter Chanel last Sunday and thank you to all who stayed for refreshments.

The Parish would also like to thank the Tongan Community for their very kind donation of \$2000.00.

2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES

First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)



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

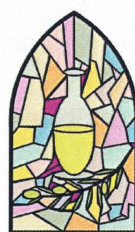
First Communion Masses: Friday 25th Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October.

First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)



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

Celebration date: Wednesday 27th Nov 6pm or 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.



ANOINTING MASSES

5.30pm, Thursday 9 May Red Cliffs

9.30am, Thursday 16 May Merbein

2pm, Wednesday 22 May Mildura

SR HELEN FAREWELL

This Friday's 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church is an occasion for us to give thanks for Sr Helen's gifts and presence among us, and pray rich blessings over her future endeavours. Afterwards, all parishioners are invited to the Monaghan Centre to farewell Sr Helen over a light meal of soups and sandwiches.



Community
Remember Revitalise
Hope

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer
Romans 12:12

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK COMBINED PRIMARY SCHOOLS

To celebrate Catholic Education Week and the 150th anniversary of our diocese, the four parish primary schools in Sunraysia gathered together on Friday. The church was filled to capacity, as you can see!



ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Wednesday's feast day was an occasion for the St Joseph's College community to assemble for Mass and commence a two day celebration of St Joseph the Worker.

Let's continue to keep all our staff, students and school families in our prayers.

BURONGA ST ROCCO CLUB INC

Notice of Annual General Meeting: 6pm on Thursday 9th May 2024 at the Irymple Hotel. Any interested people most welcome to attend. For further information contact Clem Carlucci 0419 349 138.

SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

Mildura's "pop-up" piety table will operate on all weekends until Confirmation and then operate on the **third weekend of each month**. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit services equipped for cash and card. (Card transactions: 1.6% surcharge.)

FR TOM BROPHY'S FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass for Fr Thomas Patrick Brophy will be held at 10am on Monday 6 May 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

His rite of Committal at Ballarat New Cemetery will follow immediately after Mass.

To join the livestream (or to watch later), visit:

tinyurl.com/fr-tom-funeral-mass

tinyurl.com/fr-tom-burial

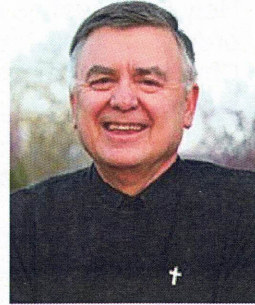


FR PADDY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

All are welcome to Mass celebrating Fr Paddy Mugavin's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

10:30am, Sunday 19th May 2024, at St Mary's Church, Hamilton.

Morning tea and light lunch will be provided.



BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish community: **Felix Cavallo, Rory Conditorio, and Sophie Peters** whose baptisms are celebrated this weekend.

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2230.25
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2431.60
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 998.00

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

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

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed
to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows
God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed

when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of
joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
Fr Matthew Thomas
Assistant Priest
Fr John Corrigan
Visiting Priest
Fr Shaiju Mathew
Parish Secretary
Carmel Russo

CHILD SAFE PARISH

Sts Anne and Joachim
Catholic Parish of Sunraysia
adheres to Victoria's eleven
Child Safe Standards.

Policies are on display in each
church and on our website.

Parish Safety Officer
Vince Pileggi