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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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The Ascension of the Lord (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

9:30am Red Cliffs

6pm Mildura

Wednesday

9.30am Mildura

Thursday

9.30am Merbein

10.30am Funeral Mildura

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:

Ursula Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura 6pm:

Joseph Pollifrone; Peter, Maria and Joseph Tran, Maria Nguyen, and all souls.

Irymple 8.30am:

Emma Deluca

Mildura 9am:

Rosa Modica, Stefan Klaric.

Mildura 5pm:

Magdaletha John
Helen & John Hrascenec

Tuesday 6pm:

Mildura Nursing Ministry

Wednesday 9.30am:

Emil Kondratow

Merbein:

Connie Croft, June Jewell,
Marj Onslow, Barbara Matotek,
Robert Braidie, Maria Zappia.

Red Cliffs:

Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna,
Vincenza Tassone, Maria-Antonia
Tassone, Francesco Tassone.

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

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST



The Feast of the Ascension is first and foremost a celebration of a great event in the life of Jesus. But it is also a celebration for each one of us, disciples of Jesus. We are destined to share in the Lord's glory. He promises that he will raise us up, just as the Father has raised him up.

It is appropriate that as we ponder the promise of the Ascension, we also celebrate Mothers' Day. A mother's vocation is rich and varied, but it most certainly includes the gift of raising up her children. Her love and support inspires them to be the best versions of themselves; to realise *imago Dei* – the image of God imprinted in every human being.

"To be a mother is to nourish and protect true humanity and bring it to development." (St Teresa Benedicta.)

On Friday night we farewelled Sr Helen, with mass and a lovely supper. We wish her well in her new appointment and thank all those involved.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 – 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 including this weekend.

SR MARION McDONALD



A Memorial Mass for Sr Marion will be 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 office.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR TOM



Fr Tom's funeral in Ballarat was very well attended and many people remarked that it was a beautiful farewell. The parish will adapt the funeral booklet and print copies for a Memorial Mass on Friday 7th June. The feast of the Sacred Heart is a

fitting occasion to recognize Fr Tom's contribution to the history of the Sacred Heart Catholic Community in Mildura. Following Mass, all are welcome to stay for light refreshments.

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.

FLORES DE MAYO



The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) with Mass on Sunday, May 26th at 9am. All are invited to stay for morning tea after Mass.

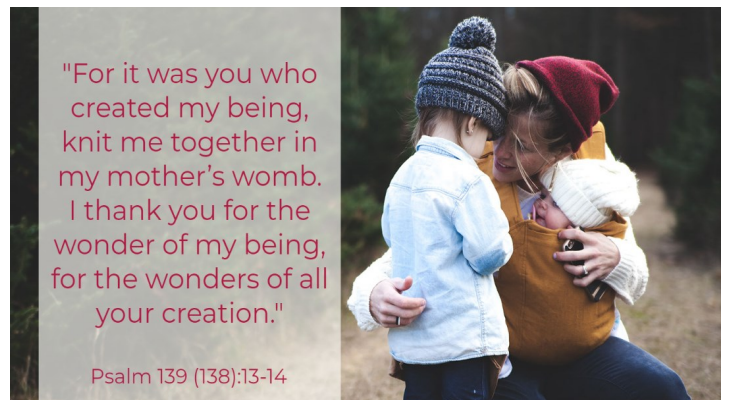
Any children who would like to participate as angels in the procession are most welcome. Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants.

For more information, please contact Anita on 0418 537 959.



ANOINTING MASSES

9.30am, Thursday 16 May Merbein
2pm, Wednesday 22 May Mildura
5.30pm, Thursday 13 June Red Cliffs



"For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation."

Psalms 139 (138):13-14

SUNRAYZIA 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.)

TRADING STALL MILDURA

This Sunday A Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9 am Mass in Mildura. Proceeds from the stall will go to The Shared Table.

Donations of produce, preserves, seedlings, baked goods etc would be greatly appreciated and can be left on the day.



Morning tea will also be served after the 10am Mass in Red Cliffs and the 10:30am Mass in Merbein.



Happy Mother's Day

"Mothers' Day is a special time that gives us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of mothers and mothering. In Mary, we see a role model for someone who entered the mothering journey, as all mothers do, not knowing what to expect and yet determined to do her best. She had faith in the promises of the "Lord being with her".

Cathy Dixon

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.

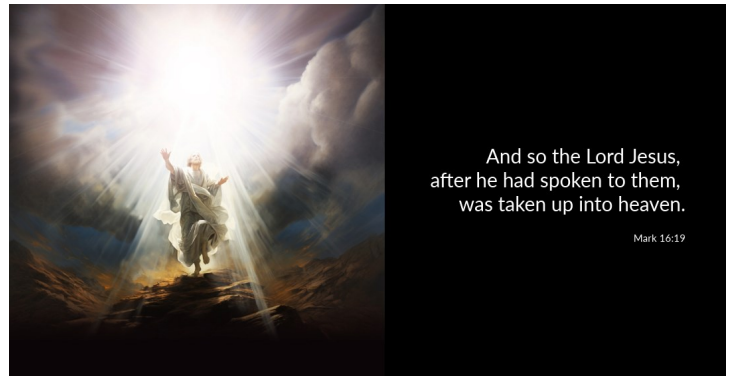
Morning tea and light lunch will be provided.

FUNERAL BOOKS

We have a number of books "Life is Changed not Ended" that family members borrow to help organise a deceased family members funeral. If you have a copy please return to the Parish Office.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The winter 2024 edition is now available at all church entrances.



STEWARDSHIP

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| 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 of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew
the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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