


 **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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## Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

### MASS TIMES

#### Monday

No Mass

#### Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs  
10:30am Jacaranda  
6pm Mildura

#### Wednesday

9.30am Mildura  
**10am Funeral (NW Funerals)**

#### Thursday

9.30am Merbein  
9.30am Mildura  
5.30pm Red Cliffs

#### Friday

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

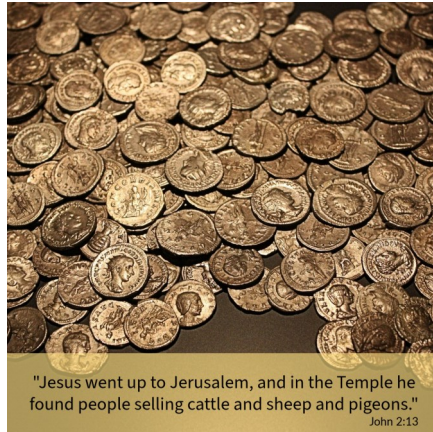
Tuesday 4pm, Mildura  
Thursday 4:30pm, Red Cliffs

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Saturday 10am, Mildura

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



"Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons."  
John 2:13

### LET US PRAY

#### FOR THE SICK:

Sr Marion McDonald RSM  
Fr Vittorio Basso  
Rebecca Scown  
Rodrico Rodriquez  
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.

#### RECENT DEATHS:

Carmela Fuda  
John Edwards  
Veverlie Pancho (Philippines)

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Mildura-Saturday 6pm:**  
Helen Love (1st anniversary)  
Decoroso Tac-an

#### Irymple-Sunday 8.30am:

George Gerstenmyer

#### Mildura — Sunday 9am:

Helen & Joseph Grivec  
Elvie McGlynn  
Una Khan

#### Merbein:

Frank Sylvia  
Cosimo Ierace

#### Red Cliffs:

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

Today's Gospel lends itself to Internet memes. The example below is typical. Underneath the humour lies a serious point. Jesus "is like us in all things but sin." And yet in the cleansing of the Temple we see him angry. *Violently* angry. Anger is not, in itself, sinful. It's easy to forget that.

People often confess anger as though it's a sin. But it's not always. Emotions are "calls to action," and it's the circumstances around our emotions which require moral judgement. Sometimes justice compels us to be angry. Certainly, it's justice which compels our Lord in today's Gospel.

Wrath (uncontrollable rage) and vengeance are sins. Deadly sins. We must also beware bitterness, which is always toxic. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can discern the anger in our souls, and distinguish between righteous anger and its sinful counterfeits.

Fr John

**IF ANYONE EVER ASKS YOU  
"WHAT WOULD JESUS DO"?**



**REMINDE THEM THAT FLIPPING OVER  
TABLES & CHASING PEOPLE WITH A WHIP  
IS WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITIES**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday 3 March – Chosen Youth Program

6pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

### Tuesday 5 March – Talk on Divine Mercy

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

### Wednesday 6 March – Bereavement Team

Team Meeting at 1pm, Parish Office

### Sunday 10 March – Trading Table & Cuppa

After 9am Mass at Sacred Heart, Mildura

### Sunday 10 March – Cuppa

After 10am Mass at St Joseph's, Red Cliffs

### Monday 11 March – K.S.C.

Knights Clubrooms, 1.30pm

### Sunday 17 March – Family Group

12pm Lunch at Irymple Hotel

### Tuesday 19 March – Princes Court

1pm Mass with Anointing

### Tuesday 26 March – BUPA

1pm Mass with Anointing

### Wednesday 27 March – Baptism Preparation

Parents Meeting at 7pm, Monaghan Centre

### Wednesday 27 March – Confirmation Preparation

Parents Meeting at 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

## PARISH FOOTY TIPPING COMP.



Final call! If you would like to be involved cost is a \$25 entry fee. Competition sheet must be submitted and fee paid by 4pm

**this Thursday 7 March**, which is the first day of the 2024 AFL season.

## 2024 CONFIRMATION DATES

For students in Grade 3 and above



Parent meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> March 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

The celebration dates are:  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>,  
and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.



## ANOINTING MASSES

- 14th March, 5:30pm, Red Cliffs
- 21st March, 9.30am, Merbein
- 27th March 2pm, Mildura

## CHOSEN YOUTH STARTS TODAY



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](http://www.sunraysiacatholic.org/chosen-youth)

## SACRED HEART FAMILY GROUP

The Sacred Heart Family Group will gather for Lunch at the Irymple Hotel, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon. Jim & Kit are the hosts. Please let your intentions known by calling 50211918. All welcome to join us.

## HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

Holy week rosters are now available in all churches for you to fill in, from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

**Focus for Third Sunday of Lent:** Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

**Please donate to Project Compassion!** Together we can build a better tomorrow.

## 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 this Tuesday, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## LAY MISSION AND VOCATION

Join us for another Cardijn Institute webinar, a follow up to Bishop Eugene Hurley's presentation. **7pm this Wednesday at the Monaghan Centre.**

## DO YOU NEED A SKIP BIN FOR YOUR BUSINESS, FARM OR HOME?

Cleanaway is a local Aussie business with national experience, who provides a full waste management service to the Sunraysia community.

Call today to get your skip bin sorted quickly & easily.

Chat to Narelle on 0429 33 11 77



## EASTER TRIDIUM

### Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

5pm	Merbein
6pm	Red Cliffs
7pm	Mildura

### Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

9am	Mildura Stations of the Cross
3pm	Merbein
3pm	Red Cliffs
3pm	Mildura

### Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

6pm	Mildura
6pm	Red Cliffs

### Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

8:30am	Irymple
9am	Mildura
10:30am	Merbein
11:00am	Werrimull
<b>5pm</b>	<b>No Mass</b>

## STEWARDSHIP

<b>Priest Support (Presbytery)</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$2143.40
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2415.25
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 771.20
<b>Project Compassion</b>	\$ 363.20

**This week's Counting Team:**  
No. 5—H Kay

**Next week's Counting Team:**  
No. 6—W Carmichael



## FIRST READING

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

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)



## WEDDINGS

We congratulate  
**Salvatore Gallo & Louise Spagnolo**  
who were married this weekend.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

**Psalm:** Ps 136. R. v.6

**Response:** Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

### 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.

**Parish Safety Officer**  
Vince Pileggi.