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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**
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Sts Anne and Joachim
CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Masses

Tuesday

9.30am Red Cliffs

6.00pm Mildura

Wednesday - St Thomas, Apostle

2.00pm Anointing Mass, Mildura

Thursday - St Elizabeth of Portugal

9.30am Merbein

9.30am Mildura

1.30pm Funeral service

5.30pm Red Cliffs

Friday

1.00pm Funeral Mass Mildura

6.00pm Mildura

Saturday - St Maria Goretti

9.30am Mildura

6:00pm Mildura

Sunday - 14th 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:

Catherine Bell
Don Marciano
Mary Mazza
Rodrigo 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:

Fr Barry Ryan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Grazia Callipari

Irymple 8.30am Sunday:

Michelina Paoliella

Mildura 9am Sunday:

Angelo Grande
Minda Wright
Alice Echanes

Mildura 5pm Sunday:

Mikarla O'Hara

Mildura 9.30am Saturday:

Joe de Jong (1 month Mass)

Merbein:

Josephine Murphy
Alice Avery
Charlie Sanford
Moya Petty
Maria Manno

Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe Mammone
Domenico Mammone

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRIEST

We have come to the end of the second term and first semester of the school year. May God bless our staff and school families, keep them safe in their travels, and refresh them over the school holidays.

Deacon Cay officially begins his ministry with us on 1st July, but he is applying a few finishing touches to his seven years of academic study. Let's pray for him, that he meets his final exams with serene confidence, and his hard work bears a lot of fruit. Cay will join us next week.

The woman in the first part of today's Gospel touches only the fringe of Jesus' cloak, but this was enough: she was immediately healed. Jesus is so powerful that even his garments give away grace, energy and power. Many people in that crowd would have jostled him, but only she was healed. Why? Because she touched him with real faith, knowing that Jesus was very holy. St Ambrose says that we should touch Jesus not with our fingers, but with our faith, knowing that he is the Son of God. If our faith is weak, we don't have much to touch him with. We need to ask him to increase our faith, so that we can be strong, so that we can reach the depths of his heart.

Fr Matt is taking time off this week. He will return on Friday, no doubt restored to his usual level of cheerful enthusiasm.

Fr John

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 3 July – Bereavement Team
1pm Meeting in the Parish Office

Monday 9 July – Knights of the Southern Cross
7.30pm Meeting in the KSC Clubrooms

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

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

BISHOP PAUL'S VISIT

Saturday 20 July:

5pm Mass at St Joseph's, Red Cliffs

Sunday 21 July

8:30am Mass at St Francis Xavier, Irymple

10:30am Mass at Our Lady's, Merbein

5pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Mildura



ANOINTING MASSES



Tue 2 July: 11am, Jacaranda Village

Wed 3 July: 2pm, Sacred Heart Church

Tue 9 July: 1pm, Princes Court Homes

Thu 11 July: 5.30pm, St Joseph's Church

Thu 18 July: 10am, OLSH Church

Tue 23 July: 1pm, Bupa Aged Care

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the 2024 St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal. Please return envelopes to the Parish Office asap.



Your donation will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship.

READERS ROSTER

A new Readers' Roster for the rest of 2024 is now available. Most will have received their roster via email. If you would like a hard copy please call into the Parish Office and collect.

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 November 6pm or 7pm, at Sacred Heart Church.

SUNRAYSIA PIETY SHOPS

Mildura's "pop-up" piety table will operate on the **third weekend of each month**. Red Cliffs piety operates every Sunday after 10am Mass. The Mildura and Red Cliffs piety shops are not-for-profit services equipped for cash and card. (Card transactions attract a 1.6% surcharge.)

TRADING STALL & CUPPA

This Sunday the Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9 am Mass in Mildura, and Cuppa only after 10am Mass, Red Cliffs.

Proceeds from the stalls this month will go to St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal.



STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery)

Cash (1st Collection); Tap & Go

\$1613.70

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC

\$2046.30

Mission, Admin & Maintenance

Cash (2nd Collection Loose Plate)

\$ 682.75

This week's Counting Team:

No. 3 – P McDonald

Next week's Counting Team:

No. 4 – M Roper

COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

On Tuesday the Council of Priests met in Ballarat. The meeting was well prepared by the new Executive: Fr James Kerr (Chair), Fr Matthew Restall (Vice Chair) and Fr Bill Lowry (Secretary).

After a prayerful reflection and discussion amongst priests on the continuing consolidation of parishes throughout the diocese, the Council considered the following:

- **Property Insurance.** This year all parishes have experienced big increases to their insurance bill: some tripled or quadrupled, depending on the age and material used in church buildings. Each priest shared how their parish finance committee has responded to the change, and what processes are in place for regular review.
- **Sabbatical Leave and Professional Development.** Last year Fr Matthew Thomas presented a review of sabbatical leave: its scriptural origin, its purpose, its scope. All priests are invited to fill out the survey form Fr Matt prepared and submit it to the Office of Clergy Life and Ministry.
- **Safeguarding and Professional Standards.** All staff and volunteers in parish leadership should have completed the Safetrac modules which review Victoria's Child Safe standards. Australian Catholic Safeguarding (ACSL) will audit diocesan and parish practices in 2025.
- **Diocesan Assembly.** The bishop requests that each parish in the diocese be represented by its clergy and two parishioners at the Diocesan Assembly which will meet in Ballarat on 15th and 16th November. The Assembly will focus on Pope Francis' call for synodal models of leadership at all levels in the Catholic Church.



THIS WEEKEND: ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on or near the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul (June 29).

I am aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention.

Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for the people around the world.

I commend the 2024 Appeal to you.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Bird, CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat



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to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

- **Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours:** Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions while living authentically in another culture? Come to Palms' Discovery information session. Meet Soraya, Brendan and other Palms participants to discover more about "Assignments Aboard". Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral MacKillop/Glowrey Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. For more information call 0422 472 567 or email palms@palms.org.au

- **Timor-Leste Encounter:** Join our small group encounter tour to Timor-Leste from August 30 - September 11, 2024. You will engage directly with the people and projects that are making a positive difference within their communities, as well as a unique opportunity to experience the profound impact of the Pope's visit and message first-hand. To find out more information and register go to <https://palms.org.au/encounters/>

FIRST READING

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122

Response: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleasing for his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

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

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.