




 **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

**Parish Office:** 257 Eleventh Street, Mildura. **Office Hours:** 9am - 4pm, Tue to Fri.

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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### MASS TIMES

**Monday - Birth of John the Baptist**  
1pm Funeral Service, Mildura

**Tuesday**  
~~9:30am Red Cliffs~~  
~~6pm Mildura~~

**Wednesday - St Josemaría Escriva**  
2pm Funeral Mass, Red Cliffs  
~~2pm Anointing Mass, Mildura~~

**Thursday - St Cyril of Alexandria**  
~~9:30am Merbein~~  
~~9:30am Mildura~~  
10:30am Funeral, Mildura  
5:30pm Red Cliffs

**Friday - St Irenaeus**  
10:30am Funeral Mass, Mildura  
6pm Mildura

**Saturday - Sts Peter and Paul**  
9:30am Mildura  
6pm Mildura

**Sunday**  
8.30am Irymple  
9am Mildura  
10:30am Red Cliffs (Mass)  
10.30am Merbein (Lay-Led)  
11am Werrimull  
5pm Mildura (Youth Mass)

**RECONCILIATION**  
~~Tuesday 4.30-5pm, Mildura~~  
Friday, 5-5:45pm, Mildura  
Saturday 10-11am, Mildura

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION**  
~~Tuesday 4pm, 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  
Rodrico 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:

Marie Adams  
Vincenza Dichiera  
Alan Mason  
Joseph Tassone  
Phoebe Vann

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

##### Mildura 6pm Saturday:

Chris Bogemann

##### Mildura 5pm Sunday:

Bianca Bachetti  
Paul & Maria Matulin  
Michele & Bruno Mammone  
Anunziata DeMaria

##### Mildura 6pm Friday:

Mario Cirillo (30 day Mass)

##### Merbein:

Maureen Foreman  
Flo Bell  
Bill Chandler  
Jim McSwain  
Florence Matheson  
Joan Edwards

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

### FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRIEST

This week Fr Matthew is leading the St Joseph's College Year 12 students on a retreat in Anglesea. Let's pray all the students and staff involved received an abundance of good resolutions and inspirations to sustain them for the final sprint towards VCE exams and graduation.

Please note that this week's Mass schedule is far from usual, owing not only to Fr Matt's retreat, but also to Tuesday's Council of Priests, and a number of funerals. Note, too, the changes to next Sunday's Mass schedule.

The scene in today's Gospel is the only time we see Jesus sleeping. He was so tired the storm could not wake him – but the Apostles did! St Thérèse of Lisieux wrote a beautiful meditation on this point: *"Far from experiencing any consolation in prayer, complete aridity – desolation, almost – was my lot. Jesus was asleep in my little boat as usual. How rarely souls let Him sleep peacefully within them. Their agitation and all their requests have so tired out the Good Master that He is only too glad to enjoy the rest I offer Him. I do not suppose He will wake up until my eternal retreat, but instead of making me sad, it makes me very happy."*

We are quick to wake the Lord and complain about life's storms. But every storm has meaning; we must pray to find the clues. We will either collapse or we'll grow with the Lord.

Fr John

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 25 June – Council of Priests, Ballarat**  
Please note: no Masses in Sunraysia

**Tuesday 25 June – St Anthony Committee**  
7pm Meeting, Sacred Heart Church

**Wednesday 26 June – Baptism Preparation**  
7pm Meeting, Sacred Heart Mildura

**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

**Friday 19 July to Sunday 21 July**

**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

## 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

## READERS ROSTER

A new Readers' Roster for the rest of 2024 will be prepared the first weekend of July. New readers are most welcome and for any variations current readers may wish to make like days not available or change of Mass time etc please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 by Tuesday 25th June.

## 2024 SACRAMENTAL DATES

### First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)



*Parent meeting:* 28<sup>th</sup> August 7pm,  
Sacred Heart Church.

*First Communion Masses:* Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

### First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and above)



*Parent meeting:* 16<sup>th</sup> October 7pm,  
Sacred Heart Church.

*Celebration date:* Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
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.)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL



In these hard economic times help support those of us volunteering in the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating to our Winter Appeal, held this weekend: 22-23 June.

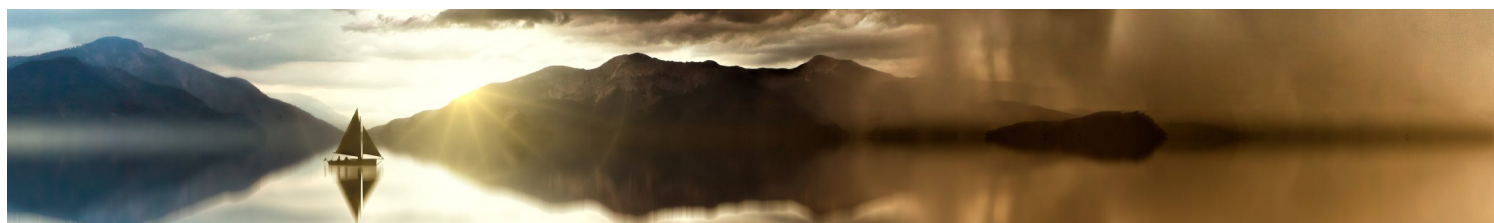
Your donation this winter will help us continue to create short-term and long-term change for many in Sunraysia experiencing poverty and hardship. Envelopes will be provided at all the Church entrances. Many thanks.

## FIFTH SUNDAY REMINDER

Next Sunday's 11am Mass in Werrimull impacts the Mass schedule in Merbein and Red Cliffs.

*Merbein:* Sunday's Mass is replaced by a **10:30am Lay-Led Assembly of the Word with Communion**.

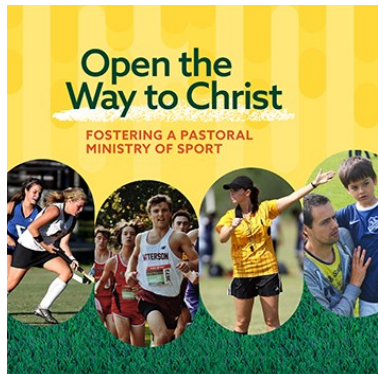
*Red Cliffs:* Note change of time to **10.30am Mass**.



# JUBILEE YEAR 2025 "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"



Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." In the lead-up to the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer, to promote the centrality of individual and community prayer. The Holy See has made some useful resources available to help people better understand and rediscover the value of prayer. In addition to the 38 catecheses on Prayer that Pope Francis himself presented, a series of booklets entitled, "Notes on Prayer" is being published. The eight titles are designed to put the need for a profound relationship with the Lord back at the centre of people's lives, through the many forms of prayer to be found in the rich Catholic tradition of prayer. In addition, a pastoral aid is available online, in a digital version, to help parish communities, families, priests, cloistered nuns and young people to become more aware of the need for daily prayer. To access resources and find out more about the Jubilee Year, go to [www.tinyurl.com/jubilee-2024](http://www.tinyurl.com/jubilee-2024)



## SPORT CAN LEAD THE WAY TO CHRIST

Like many other countries, Australia is passionate about sport. But how are the Church, faith and sport

connected and why should they be? Whether competing, supporting or encouraging play for health, sport is part of our family and social life. In sport we experience community and teamwork, sacrifice and dedication, the benefits of rules and fair play, the highs of success and the learnings that come with defeat. We learn from coaches, parents and friends as we put in the extra effort to train or to attend games. Sport forms us not only in the skills of play or competition, but in life experiences that form our personal human development. The Church and sport can learn from each other in many ways. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a new document that explains how sport is a gift that can draw people closer to Christ. More information is available from the diocesan website [www.tinyurl.com/sport-to-christ](http://www.tinyurl.com/sport-to-christ)



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## NEXT 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



## STEWARDSHIP

<b>Priest Support (Presbytery)</b> Cash (1 <sup>st</sup> Collection); Tap & Go	\$2056.45
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2050.65
<b>Mission, Admin &amp; Maintenance</b> Cash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 768.80

**This week's Counting Team:**  
No. 2 – R Tongue

**Next week's Counting Team:**  
No. 3 – P McDonald

# FIRST READING

Job 38:1. 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. (R.)

# SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in

Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

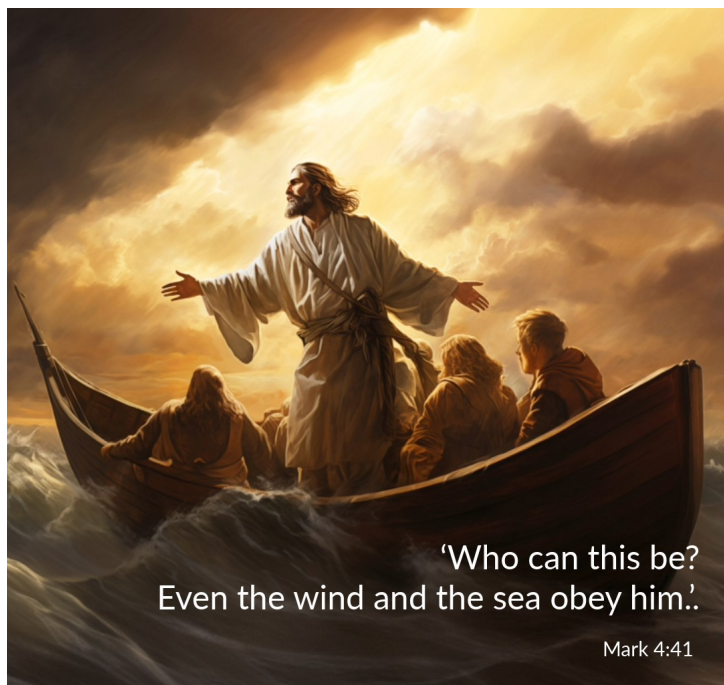
Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

# GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

**Psalm:** Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13

**Response:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

**Gospel:** 2 Timothy 1:10

## PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Matthew Thomas

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr John Corrigan

**Visiting Priest**  
Fr Shaiju Mathew

**Parish Secretary**  
Carmel Russo

## WE ARE A 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